



# Rosenberg TEXAS Insider

★★★ SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019 ★★★



## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCT. 6-12

NOT EVERY HERO WEARS A CAPE – PLAN & PRACTICE YOUR ESCAPE!



National Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12, 2019. This year's Fire Prevention Week theme is, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan & Practice Your Escape!" which works to educate everyone about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves & those around them safe. National Fire Prevention Association statistics show that in 2017, U.S. fire departments responded to 357,000 house fires which caused 2,630 deaths & 10,600 fire-related injuries. On average, seven people died in a house fire per day from 2012 to 2016. In a typical house fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Escape planning & practice can help you make the most of the time you have, giving everyone enough time to get out. "Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go," said Rosenberg Fire Marshal Justin Jurek. "No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately."

### HERE ARE A FEW THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREPARE YOUR FAMILY IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE:

- 1. MAKE A FIRE ESCAPE PLAN:** Draw a map or layout of your home including exits from rooms & a path outside.
- 2. MEETING PLACE:** Pick a place outside of your home where everyone can meet upon exiting.
- 3. SMOKE ALARMS:** Mark the location of all smoke alarms in your home. There should be at least one on every level & one in each bedroom or sleeping area. Be sure to test the alarm monthly, replace the batteries once every year & replace the entire smoke alarm every 10 years. If you have a newborn baby, did you know the Rosenberg Fire Department will come out to your home & check your smoke alarm to make sure it is functioning properly through Operation Baby Safe? Call the Rosenberg Fire Department at 832-595-3600 for details.
- 4. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:** Have a fire extinguisher in your home & know how to properly use it. Did you know the Rosenberg Fire Department provides FREE fire extinguisher training to commercial businesses in Rosenberg? Taking advantage of this could save you thousands of dollars in fire damage. Call the Rosenberg Fire Department at 832-595-3600 for details.
- 5. DIAL 911:** Make sure everyone knows how to dial 911 & do so once you're safely out.



**TUESDAY, OCT. 1**  
See inside for details



## OUR GOVERNMENT

The city of Rosenberg operates in a Council-Manager form of government in which the City Council sets the policy and overall direction for the City, and appoints a professional City Manager and other key officials to oversee the City's daily operations.

## CITY COUNCIL

- Mayor: William T. Benton
- At-Large 1: Jacob E. Balderas
- At-Large 2: Kevin Raines (Mayor Pro Tem)
- District 1: Isaac Davila
- District 2: Steven M. DeGregorio
- District 3: Lisa M. Wallingford
- District 4: Richard Olson

## CITY MANAGER

John Maresh

## MEETINGS

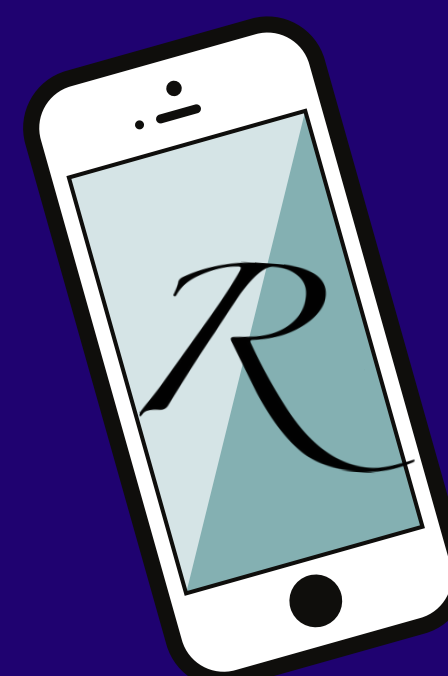
City Council meets regularly in public session the first, third and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The meeting agendas are available on the City's website. Council meetings may also be viewed live on Comcast 16 or at [rosenbergtx.gov/TV](http://rosenbergtx.gov/TV)

## MISSION STATEMENT

To anticipate community needs and deliver exceptional service, and to cultivate an enhanced quality of life through leadership, innovation and cooperative partnerships.

## NUMBERS TO KNOW

- Animal Control  
↪ 832-595-3490
- Citizen Relations  
↪ 832-595-3301
- Customer Service (Utilities)  
↪ 832-595-3400
- Police Dispatch (Non-Emergency)  
↪ 832-595-3700
- Republic Services (Solid Waste)  
↪ 713-726-7300



# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT SET FOR OCTOBER 1

The City's annual National Night Out event will be held Tuesday, Oct. 1 from 6-9 p.m. at the campus of Texas State Technical College (TSTC) located at 26706 Southwest Freeway. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes public safety partnerships & neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. This event is free & open to the public. Join us for meet & greets with the Rosenberg Police & Fire Departments, vendor booths, animal adoptions, police & fire vehicle displays, bounce houses & more! For event information, or to register your own neighborhood block party, visit: [rosenbergtx.gov/national-night-out](http://rosenbergtx.gov/national-night-out)

*What's with the smoke?*

## CITY TO BEGIN SMOKE TESTING SANITARY SEWER LINES

Crews from the Utilities Department will soon begin conducting smoke testing on the sanitary sewer lines as part of the implementation of an Inflow/Infiltration (I/I) Reduction Program. The program objective is to remove storm water sources from the sanitary sewer system, keep wastewater treatment costs and sanitary sewer rates low and protect the environment.

City staff have divided the city into testing zones. Prior to your zone being tested, you will receive a letter in the mail. 24-48 hours ahead of testing you will receive a reminder notice. Testing will be performed Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. You do not need to be home during the smoke testing field work.

For questions, call Utilities Customer Service at 832-595-3400.

## RESIDENTS SHOULD DO THE FOLLOWING TO ENSURE SMOKE DOES NOT ENTER YOUR HOME:

Make sure all drain traps & plumbing fixtures have water in them. Fill seldom used drains (such as floor drains, garage sinks, etc.) with water by running the faucet for 30 to 60 seconds or filling the drain with about 2 gallons of water. Prepare drains as soon as you receive the smoke testing reminder notice - this only needs to be done once before testing begins. Smoke should not enter your home; however, if it does, it could be an indication of a defect in your plumbing system.

This defect could allow sewer gases to enter inside your home, which is a potential health hazard. Corrections of such defects on private property are the responsibility of the property owner, & a licensed plumber should be consulted to ensure the proper corrections are made. If smoke does enter your home or building, please notify the field technicians who are conducting the test, or call Utilities Customer Service at 832-595-3400.



## GARBAGE & SUBSIDENCE RATE INCREASE

Effective October 1, 2019, residential & commercial garbage rates will increase. The new residential rates will be \$17.34 for residents under 65 & \$16.61 for residents 65 & over. Commercial rates will increase by 3%. The subsidence fee will increase \$0.20/per 1,000 gallons. This fee is necessary to build capital for expenditures related to alternative water conservation mandated by the Fort Bend Subsidence District. There is no increase to the water & wastewater rate.

For more information, call Customer Service at 832-595-3400.

## GLENMEADOW RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY



The storm drainage project to improve storm water runoff conditions within the Glenmeadow area is now complete. Pictured are members of the community along with Mayor Benton, Commissioner Morales, Councilor Wallingford & Mayor Pro Tem Raines at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony held August 23, 2019.

## COUNCIL CORNER:

- Firehouse Subs was honored at the Aug. 20 City Council meeting for their generous donation which provided Rosenberg Fire Department with a Polaris Ranger & rescue boat.
- Ordinance No. 2019-46 was passed allowing leashed dogs in Seabourne Creek Nature Park & dogs offleash at Riverbend Dog Park. Reminder: please be a responsible pet owner & dispose of pet waste properly.
- The FY2019-2020 budget is scheduled to be formally adopted by City Council Sept. 3, 2019. Read more about the budget by visiting: [rosenbergtx.gov/budget](http://rosenbergtx.gov/budget)
- Engineering design for Phase 2 of the Ave F Downtown Parking Lot was approved. Construction is scheduled for 2020.
- Bid No. 2019-36 was awarded for construction of the Avenue G connector road to Frost Street.
- Resolution No. R-2817 was approved for the replacement of the bridge on Ricefield Road at Dry Creek through a partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation.
- The October 1, 2019 City Council Meeting was canceled to accommodate National Night Out activities.



Members of the Rosenberg Fire Department pictured with Raj Patel (center) of Firehouse Subs in Brazos Town Center.

# What is the RDC?



The Rosenberg Development Corporation (RDC) was created by election in 1995. It is a Type-B economic development corporation funded by a one-half cent sales tax. State law authorizes the RDC to engage in projects related to primary job creation. Primary jobs are jobs that infuse new dollars into the local economy by creating or selling a product or service that is ultimately exported to regional, state, national or international markets.

The RDC is comprised of a seven director board in which four of the members, including all officers, are appointed by the Rosenberg City Council, & the remaining three members are City Councilors. The RDC Board of Directors are: Ted Garcia, Chairperson; Herb Phelan, Vice Chairperson; John Herne, Treasurer; Teresa Bailey, Secretary; & City Councilors Kevin Raines, Richard Olson & Lisa Wallingford.

The RDC has many current projects that continue the City's positive trend of economic growth. In 2019, the RDC recruited & incentivized Dollar Tree to construct a one million square foot warehouse & distribution center. Dollar Tree committed to invest between \$130 & \$150 million dollars in capital costs & to create between 300 & 400 full-time jobs. Also in 2019, Bearden Investments continued the construction of three buildings in the Rosenberg Business Park. The first of those three will house Century AC's new warehouse & distribution center. Near the intersection of I-69 & FM 2218, the deed-restricted business park is a partnership with Fuller Realty, the City & the RDC, which the City & RDC jointly extended water, sanitary sewer & electricity to the site in 2015. The RDC has also funded several completed & ongoing sidewalk projects that improve accessibility to commercial developments & help generate increased sales tax revenue. In 2020, the RDC has committed \$400,000 to the construction of Railroad Quiet Zones & \$300,000 to additional new sidewalk construction. In 2016, the RDC completed the first phase of a parking lot in Historic Downtown Rosenberg. The second phase is scheduled for completion in 2020. In 2015, the RDC committed \$2.5 million over the course of ten years to facilitate construction of a 5,000 student Texas State Technical College campus in Rosenberg, a project that will strengthen the local workforce significantly. In 2013, the RDC recruited ALDI, Inc. to build their headquarters & distribution center in Rosenberg which invested more than \$60 million into the local economy & created more than 150 jobs.

To learn more about the RDC visit: [www.rosenbergdc.com](http://www.rosenbergdc.com).



## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



@ROSENBERGTXGOV

Publication comments or topic ideas are welcome.

### CONTACT US:

[communications@rosenbergtx.gov](mailto:communications@rosenbergtx.gov)  
832-595-3301 \*ask for Communications

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Visit [rosenbergtx.gov](http://rosenbergtx.gov) to confirm meetings and events, as well as public notices and meeting agendas.

9/24/2019 6:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Meeting	City Hall
9/27/2019	Fort Bend County Fair Day <i>City Offices Closed</i>	
10/1/2019	National Night Out <i>No City Council Meeting</i>	
10/12/2019 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Rosenberg Artisan Market	Downtown Rosenberg
10/15/2019 6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting	City Hall
10/22/2019 6:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Meeting	City Hall



# BOO-BERG

Seabourne Creek Park

Saturday, Oct. 26 🕷️ 10 a.m. - Noon

