



Rosenberg Insider

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Let it Snow!

There may not be snow in Rosenberg, Texas, but that doesn't mean we won't be having winter-time fun at Rosenberg Christmas Nights, a FREE event put on by the Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Rosenberg Main Street Program, the Cultural Arts District, and thanks to our many local sponsors.

This year, the two-day event is kicking off at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, December 7th, with the lighting of the Christmas tree in downtown. Visitors will get to experience brand new activities as well as traditional favorites. One of the new features

will be a snow slide, making dreams of a white Christmas possible. Back by popular demand is an ice-skating rink, trackless train rides, and paint-ball.

In addition to the rides and attractions, downtown will be full of fun activities at many of the local stores, craft vendors, food vendors, and photos with Santa!

2018 will be a Christmas to remember in Rosenberg. The event has something for the whole family, and most importantly it's FREE! We hope to see everyone come out to downtown Rosenberg on Friday, December 7th and Saturday, December 8th. For questions or sponsorship details, contact Carrie Kmiec at (832) 595-3520.

Deck the Downtown

Calling all artists! Downtown Rosenberg is decking the halls with hand-decorated wood ornaments. The large-scale ornaments are available free of charge for those individuals or groups interested in entering the ornament decorating competition*. Limited ornaments are available, so hurry to register with Carrie Kmiec, our Civic Center and Event Manager, by calling (832) 595-3520 or emailing Ckmiec@rosenbergtx.gov.

Prizes for the winners will be announced on Facebook and the City website (see back page for details on following City news and events socially).

**Ornaments must be appropriately designed for an audience made up of all ages.*

Christmas Nights Schedule

Friday, December 7th

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

- Tree Lighting (6:00 p.m.)
- Santa Pictures (After tree lighting until 8:30 p.m.)
- Ice skating
- Dinner Under the Stars (6:00 pm., ticketed event)
- Kettle Korn
- Decorated Ornament Voting
- Snow Slide

Saturday, December 8th

3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

- Santa Pictures (6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)
- Downtown Merchant Activities
- Decorated Ornament Voting
- Ice Skating
- Trackless Train
- Tanks Paint-ball
- Craft Vendors
- Food Vendors
- Snow Slide



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: Amanda J. Barta
 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. Check the website for times, agendas, etc. Council meetings may also be viewed live on Comcast 16 or at: www.rosenbergtx.gov/TV

City 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



RPD Offers Safe Exchange Location

The holidays are just around the corner and everyone is looking for the perfect gift, that special item you can't find anywhere else. The last thing you might be thinking about is personal safety.

With online shopping at an all-time high and apps designed to encourage local purchases in the form of a digital garage sale, RPD isn't just doling out advice this holiday season. They are taking action. In addition to increased community presence, the police department has designated a safe Meetup Spot at the Rosenberg Police Station located at 2120 4th Street.

This is a video-recorded area, right there at the police station where you can meet up to exchange money and goods on purchases made online or using local resale apps. RPD partnered with OfferUp, a way to buy and shop locally, to set up the meeting location.

"Sometimes you find great deals on Facebook Marketplace, the LetGo app, or even Craigslist," Sergeant Joseph Rogers said. "The problem is that then you have to go meet a stranger with a pocketful of cash. The Rosenberg Police Department wanted to give our citizens a safe place to make that exchange."

To learn more, visit OfferUp.com or follow the Rosenberg Police Department on Facebook at facebook.com/RosenbergPoliceDepartment.



Holiday Safety Tips from RPD

You've got gifts to buy and meals to cook; it's easy to lose focus on your surroundings. The Rosenberg Police Department has a few tips to make safety a priority this holiday season.

"The biggest problem we see during the holidays is theft, especially items inside vehicles," Police Chief Jonathan White said. "Always lock your doors and keep your important or expensive items out of view. Don't invite a break-in by leaving valuables out in the open."

In addition to keeping your car secure, be sure to carefully observe your surroundings. Don't talk or text on your phone while walking through a parking lot or shopping because it leaves you vulnerable to the possibility of being robbed. It is also a good idea not to carry several large packages at once for the same reason.

When you're paying for items at any store, keep your debit card close to you. People can easily use their phone to snap a picture of the card without you ever knowing. Don't flash large amounts of cash when paying for your items and be sure to keep your purse or bag closed using the fastener or zipper.

"If you see anything suspicious, or if you feel uncomfortable in a situation, contact the police or store security guard," White said. "There's safety in numbers so consider shopping with a friend— and stay safe this holiday!"



Holiday Trash Pick-Up

Republic Services is closed Thursday, November 22, 2018, for Thanksgiving Day, but residential garbage service (Wednesday pick-up) will not be affected. (See chart below for commercial accounts.)

Looking ahead, Republic Services will close for both Christmas on Tuesday, December 25, 2018, and New Year's Day on Tuesday, January 1, 2019. That means trash services will move to the following day. Tuesday Bulky Item Pickup will move to Wednesday; Wednesday Residential Garbage Pickup will move to Thursday. Commercial account services will also move to the following day. See the schedule below to determine your trash pick-up date during the holiday service window.

CLOSED	HOLIDAY SERVICE DATES:
THANKSGIVING DAY Thursday, Nov. 22nd	11/22 moved to 11/23 11/23 moved to 11/24
CHRISTMAS DAY Tuesday, Dec. 25th	12/25 moved to 12/26 12/26 moved to 12/27 12/27 moved to 12/28 12/28 moved to 12/29
NEW YEAR'S DAY Tuesday, Jan. 1st	1/01 moved to 1/02 1/02 moved to 1/03 1/03 moved to 1/04 1/04 moved to 1/05



Impact Fees: Ordinance Amended

City council voted to enact an amendment to the water-wastewater impact fee ordinance on September 18, 2018. The amendment provides for an exemption to the water-wastewater impact fees for individual single-family dwellings which are using private water wells and septic systems and desire to connect to the City's water and sanitary sewer utilities. The Living Unit Equivalents (LUEs) for such single-family structures would be defined as zero, having no impact on the system capacity, and impact fees would not be collected. The amendment only applies to single-family structures that were in existence prior to January 1, 2008. The required public hearing was held on September 18, 2018 and council unanimously approved the amendment.

Normal tap fees are not exempt and must still be paid. For more information, please contact Director of Public Services Rigo Calzoncin at rcalzoncin@rosenbergtx.gov or call (832) 595- 3590.

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832.595.3301 (ask for Communications)



Why Buy Local? Shopping Local Keeps Tax Dollars at Home

When you shop and dine in Rosenberg, you help your community by keeping your tax dollars local, allowing them to be recirculated and reinvested into projects benefiting you, your neighbors, and local businesses. Sales tax generated throughout the City helps fund infrastructure improvements, enhances the quality of life for residents, and improves surroundings in which businesses and residents prosper. Economic development initiatives contribute to a cycle through which locally-spent dollars are collected and reallocated toward projects that

improve the community as a whole, thereby improving the likelihood that more dollars will be generated, which could then be reinvested. This cycle of reinvestment means that your purchases made in town are working twice as hard to benefit you!

According to American Independent Business Alliance, an average of 48% of local purchases are recirculated locally, compared to less than 14% of purchases at chain stores.

We know you've already got a holiday list and you're checking it twice, but consider keeping it local!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Visit www.rosenbergtx.gov to confirm meetings, events, public notices and agendas.

12/04/2018 7:00pm	City Council regular meeting	Rosenberg City Hall 2110 4th Street
12/07/2018 6:00pm	Rosenberg Christmas Nights	Downtown Rosenberg
12/08/2018 3:00pm	Rosenberg Christmas Nights	Downtown Rosenberg
12/18/2018 7:00pm	City Council regular meeting	Rosenberg City Hall 2110 4th Street
12/24/2018	Christmas Eve	City offices closed
12/25/2018	Christmas Day	City offices closed Council meeting canceled
01/01/2019	New Year's Day	City offices closed Council meeting canceled

