



# Rosenberg TEXAS Insider

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## Summer in #Rtown!

*With the right precautions, summer can be a FUN time. Below are some tips to help you and your family stay safe and cool!*

### HEAT SAFETY

BEAT THE HEAT! Everyone is at risk for heat-related illnesses, but children and adults over 65 are especially prone to heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Always wear sunscreen and a hat, wear loose fitting, light-colored clothing. Drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated and avoid strenuous activities during the hottest part of the day. NEVER leave people or pets alone in a closed car.

### WATER SAFETY

Swimming is a great recreational sport that can be enjoyed by people of all ages, but it's important to know how to be safe while you're in and around the water. Sadly, drowning is among the leading causes of accidental death in children. NEVER leave a young child unattended near water, maintain constant supervision and avoid distractions when supervising children. Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards and keep young children within arm's reach of an adult. Never swim alone. Empty all tubs, buckets, containers and kiddie pools immediately after use. Know what to do in an emergency. Learning CPR and basic water safety skills may help you save a life.

### COVID-19 & TRAVEL SAFETY

Summer usually means traveling and vacation season! However, with the COVID-19 pandemic, things are certainly different this year. Because travel increases your chances of getting infected, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends avoiding nonessential travel to protect yourself and others. Airports, bus stations, train stations and rest stops are all places travelers can be exposed to the virus in the air and on surfaces. These are also places where it can be hard to social distance. If you are traveling outside your community, the CDC offers these tips.

ASK: is COVID-19 spreading where you're going? Will you or those you are traveling with be within 6 feet of others during your trip? Are you traveling with those more likely to get very ill from COVID-19? Does the place you're going or returning to require you to quarantine for 14 days after traveling? If you must travel, PACK: hand sanitizer, any medicine needs and a cloth face covering. See more information on travel and travel restrictions at [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

### MOSQUITO SAFETY

FIGHT THE BITE! Summer means mosquitoes are back! The City has started spraying within City limits on Wednesdays as an attempt to help control the mosquito population, but it takes everyone doing their part to keep the pests (and potential deadly diseases they can carry) under control. Remember the 4 "Ds" to protect yourself: DRAIN any standing water, DRESS in long sleeves and pants, DUSK/DAWN when mosquitoes are most active and DEET an ingredient to look for in your insect repellent. Visit [rosenbergtx.gov/mosquitoes](https://www.rosenbergtx.gov/mosquitoes) for more information on how to protect yourself.



# 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: Timothy Anders
- 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 Channel 16, rosenbergtx.gov/TV or on YouTube @RosenbergTXGov

# 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



# TAX EXEMPTIONS

At the June 2 Meeting, City Council voted to increase exemptions for the 2020 tax year. The **Homestead Exemption** is increasing from 1% of the value or \$5,000 to **10% of the value or \$5,000** (whichever is higher). The **Over 65 Exemption** is increasing from \$60,000 to **\$75,000**. The **Disabled Persons Exemption** is increasing from \$45,000 to **\$60,000**.

# OUTDOOR WATER CONSERVATION

The summer heat can take a toll on your yard & increase your outdoor water usage. Follow these tips to save water & money on your utility bill:

- **Water lawns only when needed;** then water in early morning or late at night to avoid evaporation.
- **Never water on windy days;** this causes water to evaporate more quickly.
- **Use mulch** around trees, plants & gardens to help retain moisture.
- **Save rain water for plants.** A rain barrel is a great option.
- **Use a timer** when watering lawns to prevent over-watering & run-off.
- When using a sprinkler, be sure to **adjust the spray** to only water vegetation & not sidewalks or paving.
- **Use a trigger nozzle** on your water hose.
- **Use a drip irrigation system** for shrubs & flower beds.
- Instead of hosing down sidewalks & driveways, **sweep or use a leaf blower.**

It's now even easier to adopt with Rosenberg Animal Control & Shelter's **NEW** hours:

**Monday - Friday** 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
**Saturdays** 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
(Closed on Sundays)

Shelter pets come spayed/neutered, vaccinated & microchipped! Visit the shelter at **1207 Blume Rd.** or call them at **832-595-3490**.

**Your FURever friend is waiting!**



At the June 2 City Council Meeting Ethel Arrington was honored by Mayor Benton with a landscaping award for her yard. Pictured left to right are Image Committee Members Carolyn Seiler and Delia Villareal, Ms. Arrington & Mayor Benton.

**HAVE A QUESTION?**

# CITIZEN RELATIONS

Have an issue, need to report a concern or have a question about the City? **Citizen Relations is here to help!** Responding to our citizens is a vital part of our everyday activities at the City. Citizen Relations was created as a **"one stop" point of contact** for non-emergency city information. The Citizen Relations coordinator receives citizen inquiries, questions or concerns and routes them to the correct City Department where they will be responded to and handled in a timely manner. If you have question about City services or need more information about #Rtown, we encourage you to contact us at **832-595-3301**, or send us an email at **info@rosenbergtx.gov**. For after hour non-emergencies, you may leave a voicemail at 832-595-3301. As always for emergencies, please dial 911.

# REMINDER COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Get plenty of sleep; Stay active; Drink plenty of fluids; Eat healthy.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Continue practicing social distancing. Keep 6 feet between you and others when possible.
- Cover coughs and sneezes. Wear a mask when possible.
- Clean and disinfect objects and sanitize touched surfaces frequently.



# 2019 WATER QUALITY REPORT

Each year the City's Water Utilities Department publishes a **Water Quality Report** known as a **Consumer Confidence Report** or **CCR**. You can find the results and other important information about your drinking water at [rosenbergtx.gov/water](http://rosenbergtx.gov/water)



# ROSENBERG DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION UPDATE

Shop Local  
... Safely ...  
Treasures await in #Rdowntown. One-of-a-kind shops. Eclectic finds. Unique antiques.



## Downtown Happenings

- At the June 2 Meeting, City Council awarded a bid which begins construction on a new parking lot in downtown. The new lot will be conveniently located along Ave. F from 4th Street to 6th Street next to the existing parking lot.
- At the June 16 Meeting, City Council approved a Rosenberg Main Street Facade Grant to Video Sol located at 916 3rd Street for a new awning at the building entrance.



**Rosenberg Main Street was recently named a Main Street America® Accredited program for 2020!**



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communications@rosenbergtx.gov  
832-595-3301 \*ask for Communications

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Due to the rapidly changing situation regarding COVID-19, the meetings listed below are subject to change or be conducted via video conference. Please visit [rosenbergtx.gov](http://rosenbergtx.gov) to confirm meetings and events, as well as public notices and meeting agendas.

7/7/2020 6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting
7/21/2020 6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting
7/28/2020 6:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Meeting
8/1/2020	FY20-21 Budget Workshop Meeting
8/4/2020 6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting
8/18/2020 6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting

