

# Rosenberg Insider

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## Full-Steam Ahead! Rosenberg's Year in Review

The City of Rosenberg has experienced tremendous growth and vitality in 2015, reaching milestones, making improvements, and solidifying a vision for the future.

In November, City Council approved a Comprehensive Plan outlining several areas of focus for City expansion and improvement now and through the year 2035. This living document will act as a guideline to maintain momentum for City achievements with the flexibility to prioritize and refocus when

necessary to keep the City progressing smoothly and efficiently. A link to the Comprehensive Plan is located on the website: [www.cityofrosenberg.com](http://www.cityofrosenberg.com). In addition to sculpting a vision of the future of Rosenberg, the Main Street Program reached several milestones in the renovation and rejuvenation of downtown. Celebrating its one year anniversary in January 2016, the Main Street Program played host to Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott in October.

In September, City Council voted to reduce

the property tax rate another two cents. This represents a two-cent drop from the previous rate of 49 cents and a four-cent decrease, overall, in the last three years.

"That's unheard of," Councilor William Benton remarked when the rate was approved. "No other tax entity in Fort Bend has ever done that!"

Benton challenged City staff to continue to look for ways to keep the budget lean and costs conservative in order to preserve the trend of tax savings for its citizens.

Another factor contributing to the lowered property tax rate is the increase in population contributing to greater sales tax revenue in local spending. There have been a total of 857 new housing starts in Rosenberg and its Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) from October 2014 through September 2015.

As of October 1, 2015, the City's total population was conservatively estimated to be 36,633. This represents an increase of over 6,000 residents since the 2010 decennial Census.



*Bonbrook Plantation, with 238 housing starts, is the fastest growing development, followed by Summer Lakes*



## Carton Recycling

Rosenberg now accepts cartons for recycling! The last drop of milk, juice, or soup does not mark the end of a carton's useful life. Cartons are easy to recycle and in high demand.

Simply by placing your empty cartons in the recycling bin (without the caps), you reduce the amount of trash headed to landfills and allow these waste products to be re-used to form new goods such as tissues, wall boards, or office paper.

The waxy coating on many of the cartons above is actually a thin layer of polyethylene (plastic) and is not difficult to recycle. After cartons are collected curbside, they are taken to a materials recycling facility to be sorted and baled. The bales are then shipped to paper mills where cartons are mixed with water in a large blender to extract all the paper fiber from the plastic and aluminum. The paper fiber is then ready to be used in making new products.

For more information, please visit [www.RecycleCartons.com](http://www.RecycleCartons.com).

## 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 operations.

### City Council

Mayor: Cynthia A. McConathy  
At Large 1: William T. Benton  
At Large 2: Amanda J. Barta  
District 1: Jimmie J. Peña  
District 2: Susan Euton  
District 3: Lisa M. Wallingford  
District 4: Lynn Moses

### Interim 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.CityofRosenberg.com/TV](http://www.CityofRosenberg.com/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.

### Rosenberg Citizen Survey

 Don't forget to watch the mail starting **January 8, 2016**, to find out if your household was randomly selected to take part in the Citizen Survey. Answers to survey questions will be analyzed and broken down into statistical data that will be used to prioritize City improvements and renovations. For more information visit the City website at [www.cityofrosenberg.com](http://www.cityofrosenberg.com).

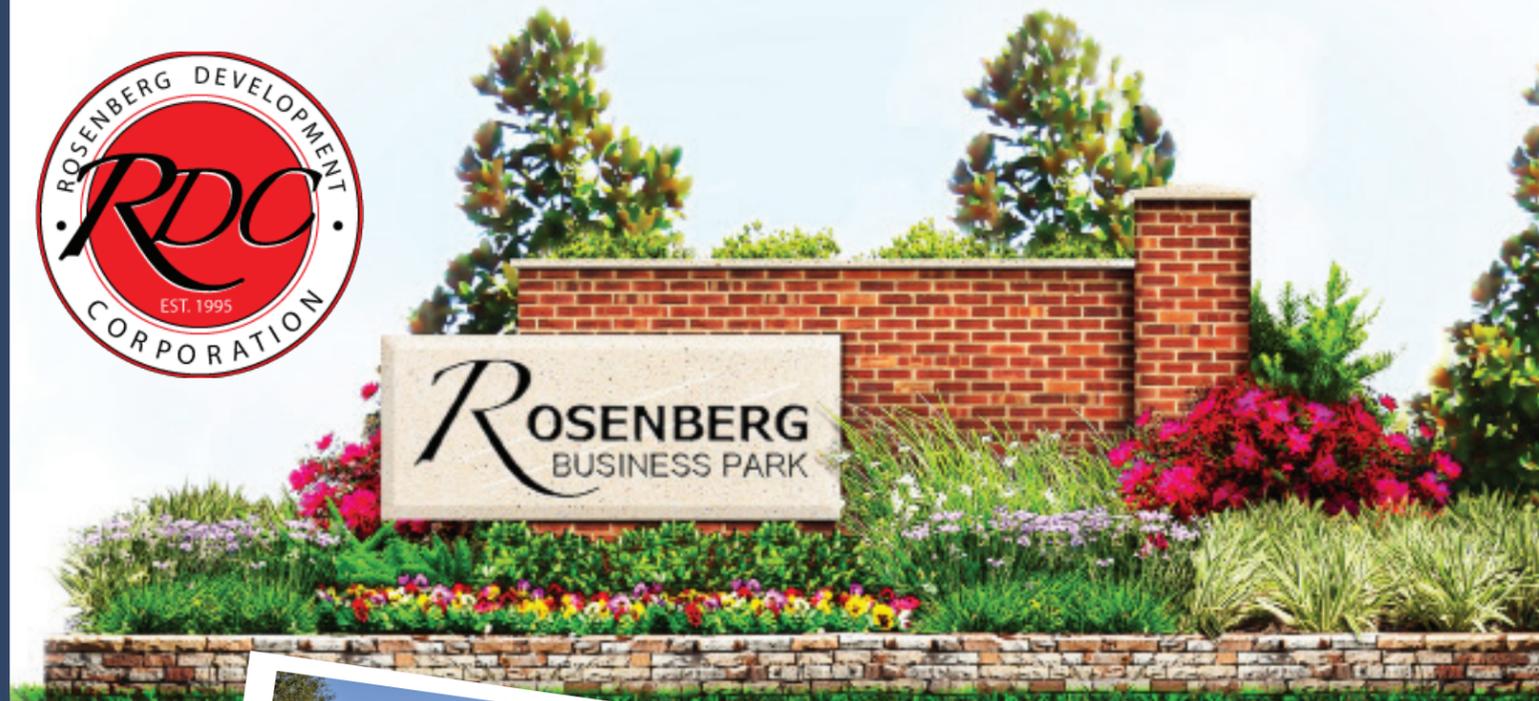


# First Lady of Texas Helps Launch Main Street Program

**Last October,** Last October, Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott visited Rosenberg to formally initiate Rosenberg's Main Street Program and to Welcome Rosenberg to the family of Texas Main Street Cities. The Main Street Program is a downtown improvement program being undertaken in partnership between Rosenberg and the Texas Historical Commission.

Mrs. Abbott launched the new Program during an open air ceremony at the new 3rd Street Art Park. Main Street Stakeholders, including merchants, property owners, and the City of

Rosenberg, have been doing their part by getting the program organized. They formed a Main Street Advisory Board and standing committees, hired a Main Street Manager, and established several new projects and programs designed to support downtown revitalization. It is clear that downtown Rosenberg is well on its way toward a future of steady and consistent improvement."



## Under Construction

With the initial phase of construction complete, Rosenberg's first large-scale business park is recruiting tenants.

The Rosenberg Business Park is a 184-acre, deed restricted business park located on FM 2218, less than a half mile from Interstate 69. It is the product of a public/private partnership between the Rosenberg Development Corporation (RDC), the City of Rosenberg, and Fuller Realty Partners.

Phase One of the development includes the construction of roads, water lines, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, gas, electric improvements, and drainage enhancements. Completed in November, the phase one infrastructure provides access to nearly 100 acres of property in the Rosenberg Business Park

Fuller Realty Partners recently facilitated the closing for the first tenant in the Rosenberg Business Park, Croft Production Systems. The company purchased 5.5 acres in the Business Park where they will build a facility that specializes in the manufacturing of natural gas processing equipment. Croft Production Systems was named one of the Greater Houston's fastest growing companies by the Houston Business Journal in 2014.

Future plans for the Rosenberg Business Park include the extension of utilities to serve phase two of the project. Phase two will begin once a minimum of fifty percent of development has occurred in the park.

Fuller Realty Partners is a privately owned, full service commercial real estate firm headquartered in Houston.

For more information, contact Randall Malik, Director of Economic Development for the City of Rosenberg, at (832) 595-3339, or Bill Smith, President of Fuller Realty Partners at (713) 850-8400.

## Rosenberg Christmas Nights Rewind

Thanks to everyone for coming out and making Rosenberg Christmas Nights 2015 an event to remember!



*Lieutenant Cody Dailey and Investigator Tim Kraus meet the Big Guy!*

## CHECK IT OUT...

Visit [www.cityofrosenberg.com](http://www.cityofrosenberg.com) for a gallery of pictures from recent events. Go to "Connect" on the homepage.

## 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



## LET'S BE FRIENDS!



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email:

[communications@ci.rosenberg.tx.us](mailto:communications@ci.rosenberg.tx.us)

phone:

832.595.3301 (ask for Communications)



# Rosenberg Wants You!

## Apply for a place on the May 7th ballot

Rosenberg City Council Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be on the ballot for the Saturday, May 7, 2016 election. Qualified residents that live in one of those districts can file an application for a place on the ballot between January 20, 2016, and February 19, 2016, with the City Secretary. The form to file for office will be on the City of Rosenberg's website at: [www.ci.rosenberg.tx.us](http://www.ci.rosenberg.tx.us).

The qualifications to file a District position are:

- Be a United States citizen
- Be a resident of the State of Texas for the previous twelve (12) months
- Be a resident of the City of Rosenberg for six (6) months
- Live currently, and for at least six months, in the Council District you are applying
- Be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term of office
- You must not have been previously determined mentally incompetent by judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction
- You must not be convicted of a felony for which a pardon has not been given
- You must not be in arrears for any City taxes or money owed to the City

The Rosenberg Regular City Council Meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Workshop meetings are held monthly on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. This is a two year term of office beginning in June 2016.

## December Image Awards

Landscaping  
Excellence:

Marcus and Rebecca Gracia  
923 Gulf Court

Carlos Leon and Cynthia Rincon  
1531 Kent Valley Lane

Frank and Grace Salinas  
1406 Brooks Avenue

Tom Herfort  
2419 Chestnut Drive



## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

1/19/2016 City Council Meeting Rosenberg City Hall  
7:00 p.m.

1/26/2016 City Council Workshop Rosenberg City Hall  
6:00 p.m.

2/2/2016 City Council Meeting Rosenberg City Hall  
7:00 p.m.

