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Rosenberg TEXAS Insider

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THE VOTES ARE IN! Rosenberg swears in two new Council Members.

Some familiar faces return and a new face has joined Rosenberg City Council following the results of the November 3rd election. Residents turned out in record numbers to cast their votes for four District Councilor positions and nine City Propositions. *(See more on the propositions inside).*

- District One** incumbent **Isaac Davila** was re-elected over Keith Parker by a vote of 814 to 729.
- District Two** incumbent Steve DeGregorio lost his seat to **Susan Euton** by a vote of 1,174 to 827.
- District Three** incumbent **Timothy Anders** was re-elected over Alice Jozwiak by a vote of 965 to 759.
- District Four** incumbent Richard Olson lost his seat to **Marc Morales** by a vote of 2,382 to 1,906.



Pictured left to right: Councilors Davila, Euton, Anders and Morales are sworn in.

MEET DISTRICT 2 COUNCILOR SUSAN EUTON

Ms. Euton previously served on Rosenberg City Council from 2009-2011 and 2013-2018. She graduated from Lamar Consolidated High School in 1976. She earned a BA in Business and Economics from Rice University in 1980 and a Masters of Accounting from Rice University in 1981. Councilor Euton holds a Certified Public Accountant license. She has been the Financial Manager of Kroll's Marine for the past 33 years. She has served on the First Baptist Church Rosenberg's Stewardship Committee for the past 15 years. She is also an active member of the Houston Boating and Trade Association. Susan and her husband of 39 years, Charlie Euton, have three married sons and ten grandchildren.



MEET DISTRICT 4 COUNCILOR MARC MORALES

Mr. Morales is a Rosenberg native and a graduate of Lamar Consolidated High School. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the US Army, where he served from 1966-1974. Mr. Morales served in Germany and was deployed to South Vietnam three different times. He is a recipient of the Bronze Star for service in South Vietnam. After Mr. Morales' honorable discharge in 1974, he returned to Rosenberg and worked five years for the United States Postal Service in Houston, then as a certified paralegal for two years for an insurance defense firm, Hirsch, Glover, Robinson & Sheiness. Making a career change, he worked in retail management for over 20 years in the Houston, El Campo and Rosenberg markets. In his retirement, he worked as a volunteer on the Rosenberg Image Committee. Mr. Morales has been married for 33 years to his wife, Theresa "Teri" R. Morales. They have five children, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



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 Benton
- At-Large 1: Jacob Balderas
- At-Large 2: Kevin Raines (Mayor Pro Tem)
- District 1: Isaac Davila
- District 2: Susan Euton
- District 3: Timothy Anders
- District 4: Marc Morales

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



Elections, Continued:

All 9 City Propositions PASS

Proposition A: Eliminate Staggered Terms. After the 2021 election, Council will hold elections on even-numbered years. **For 64%; Against 36%**

Proposition B: Limit Terms. No elected official can serve for more than a combined total of five consecutive terms. **For 82%; Against 18%**

Proposition C: Increased Pay for Council. Council members will now receive a \$400/month stipend; the Mayor will receive \$500/month. **For 63%; Against 37%**

Proposition D: Police Personnel Oversight. The Chief of Police now has the power to appoint, discharge & remove department personnel without Council approval. **For 62%; Against 38%**

Proposition E: Election Amendments. Elections can now be held in either May or November. **For 57%; Against 43%**

Proposition F: Oath of Office. Council members & the Mayor can take their oaths of office immediately after the votes are canvassed. **For 86%; Against 14%**

Proposition G: Borrowing Cap. Council cannot issue certificates of obligation unless authorized by an ordinance with unanimous approval. **For 76%; Against 24%**

Proposition H: Splash Pad. Citizens approved construction & maintenance of a splash pad to be paid for by the Rosenberg Development Corporation in the amount of \$575,000 with \$62,000 in maintenance & operations costs paid from the City's general fund. **For 55%; Against 45%**

Proposition I: Seabourne Creek Nature Park Nature Center. Citizens approved construction & maintenance of a nature center not to exceed \$3 million including \$385,000 for a design study & \$125,000 in maintenance & operations costs paid from the City's general fund. **For 61%; Against 39%**

Holiday Decorating Safety Tips

FROM ROSENBERG FIRE DEPARTMENT



The Rosenberg Fire Department would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays! Often as Thanksgiving wraps up, we begin to decorate for Christmas. Decorations are taken out of the attic and the tree is put up. Decorations are fun and festive, but can be dangerous if you're not careful. Did you know common causes of Christmas fires include: electrical failures or malfunctions, heat sources located too close to the tree, decorative lights and candles? Be sure to choose decorations that are flame resistant. Connect no more than three strands of lights and use clips, not nails, to hang lights so cords aren't damaged. Keep candles at least 12" from anything flammable and be sure to water live trees daily. Don't overload power strips and check to see if decorations are for indoor or outdoor use only.

Happy Holidays!

Shop Safe this Season

A Message from Police Chief White

The holiday season is upon us which means it's time to go shopping! Below are a few helpful tips from Rosenberg PD to keep you safe both online and in person while you hunt for the perfect gift. Rosenberg PD is stepping up community presence, but we can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware.

The biggest problem we see during the holidays is theft - especially in vehicles. Keep your doors locked and items out of view. Keep an eye on your surroundings! Don't talk or text on your phone or carry several packages at once while walking through a parking lot which leaves you vulnerable to the possibility of being an easy target for a robbery. When online shopping, be sure to shop trusted, secure websites only. Never give anyone your credit card information through email. If you find a good deal on Craigslist, LetGo, Facebook Marketplace or similar apps, don't forget to take advantage of the "Meetup Spot" at the Rosenberg Police Department at 2120 4th Street. This video-recorded area right in front of the police station provides you an area to exchange money and goods in a safe place.



The Rosenberg Police Department wishes you a safe, happy & peaceful holiday season!



REMINDER: Holiday Nights
December 3, 10 & 17 / 5-8 p.m.
Historic Downtown Rosenberg
HOLIDAY FUN SHOPPING FOOD GIVEAWAYS
City of Rosenberg Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 3

RESIDENTIAL HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

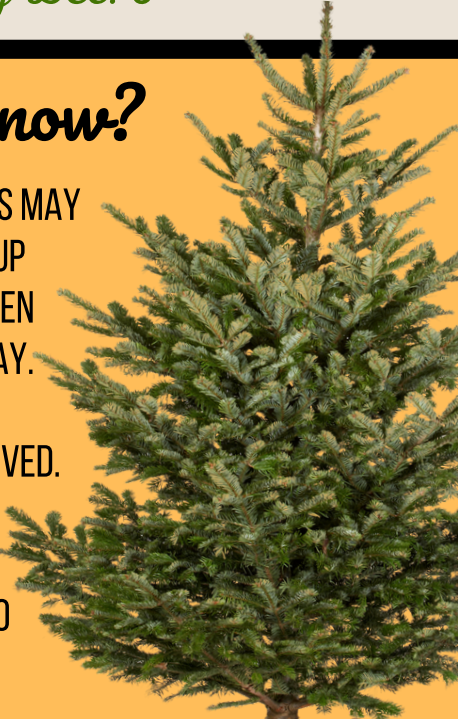
Christmas Week trash pick-up will be on normal schedule.

- Monday, Dec. 21 GREEN WASTE**
- Tuesday, Dec. 22 BULKY WASTE**
- Wednesday, Dec. 23 SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING**



Did you know?

LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES MAY BE PUT OUT FOR PICK-UP ON YOUR MONDAY GREEN WASTE COLLECTION DAY. TINSEL, ORNAMENTS & LIGHTS MUST BE REMOVED. CHRISTMAS TREES & ALL OTHER GREEN WASTE ARE MADE INTO MULCH OR COMPOST.





Applications now open for: BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The Rosenberg Development Corporation (RDC) has **\$80,000** in matching grant funds for its **Business Improvement Grant (BIG) Program**. The program is designed to enhance the economic vitality of the City by encouraging visually appealing exterior physical improvements to local businesses. Any business in the City limits is eligible to apply for grant funding for reimbursement on projects that improve the physical appearance of its business facility. Fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost, up to \$10,000 is available for qualifying projects. To date, \$20,000 has been distributed to two businesses: one was awarded \$10,000 for exterior paint, the other was awarded \$10,000 to pave a concrete driveway. *“Rosenberg is in the midst of unprecedented commercial growth, and that’s exciting to watch,”* said Rosenberg Economic Development Director Jeremy Heath. *“We want to try to maintain a balance between development of new commercial properties and redevelopment of existing ones. This program helps us spur the types of redevelopment projects that will have a positive visual impact on the entire City. A fresh coat of paint, a sharp-looking new sign or some professional landscaping improvements can go a long way in enhancing the appearance and value of a business and also the surrounding businesses.”*

Types of projects that qualify are:

- facade improvements: such as painting, reconstruction and remodeling
- sign improvements: including new signs or renovations to existing signs
- property improvements: such as landscaping, lighting, fencing, sidewalk and driveway improvements; parking lot improvements, and demolition of abandoned signs and structures

Applications will be evaluated by the RDC and City staff. Projects that meet the program guidelines will be presented to the RDC Board of Directors and City Council for approval. The grant application form may be obtained from the Economic Development Department located at the Rosenberg Civic Center (3825 Hwy 36 S) at Rosenberg City Hall (2110 4th Street) or on the City's website at rosenbergtx.gov. For more information about the program, contact Jeremy Heath via email jheath@rosenbergtx.gov or by phone at 832-595-3330.

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 to confirm meetings and events, as well as public notices and meeting agendas.

12/1/2020	City Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
12/3/2020	Holiday Nights [Historic Downtown Rosenberg] 5-8 p.m.
12/10/2020	Holiday Nights [Historic Downtown Rosenberg] 5-8 p.m.
12/15/2020	City Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
12/17/2020	Holiday Nights [Historic Downtown Rosenberg] 5-8 p.m.
12/22/2020	City Council Workshop Meeting [Canceled]
12/24/2020	Christmas Eve [City Offices Closed]
12/25/2020	Christmas Day [City Offices Closed]
1/1/2021	New Year's Day [City Offices Closed]
1/5/2021	City Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m.



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