

## **Daryl Maretka Named Rosenberg's New Fire Chief** *Maretka is 11th Fire Chief to Serve Since Department's Creation in 1914*

The City of Rosenberg has named Daryl Maretka Rosenberg's new Fire Chief. Maretka was officially appointed to the position by Rosenberg City Manager John Maresh and confirmed by City Council at the Tuesday, June 6, 2023, Rosenberg City Council Meeting.

Daryl has served in various fire, EMS and law enforcement roles for the past 26 years. He began his fire career as a volunteer firefighter for the Wharton Volunteer Fire Department in 1997. In February of 2000, he began his full-time career as a firefighter with Missouri City Fire and Rescue and served as a firefighter, Lieutenant, and Assistant Fire Chief. He was the Program Director for Wharton County Junior College Fire Training Program for five years and has been a member of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection Curriculum and Testing Committee since 2011.

Daryl has extensive experience and knowledge of the Rosenberg Fire Department operations and administration as well. He began his employment with the department in October 2015, served as the Professional Standards Battalion Chief from October 2015 to January 2018 and as the Assistant Fire Chief since January 2018. Maretka was named interim Chief on May 1, 2023, following the retirement of Fire Chief Darrell Himly after 40 years of service with the City.

Maretka also holds several certifications. He's a Master Structure Firefighter, Master Instructor III, Master Arson Investigator, Master Fire Inspector, Master Aircraft Rescue Firefighter, Hazardous Materials Technician and Incident Commander, Driver Operator - Pumper and Aerial, Fire Officer IV, Incident Safety Officer, Basic Wildland Firefighter, Fire and Life Safety Educator 2, Incident Commander, Licensed Paramedic and a Master Peace Officer.

"Chief Maretka has proven himself to be a respected leader in our Fire Department," said City Manager John Maresh. "I have no doubt he will continue to serve the City well and we are very fortunate to have someone with his level of qualifications and experience continue the advancement of the department forward."

Maretka is the 11th Chief to lead the City of Rosenberg Fire Department. The department was established on September 10, 1914, with a two-wheel, hand-drawn hose reel with 500 feet of hose, which had to be pulled by 10 or 12 people. Now Maretka leads a department consisting of 63 positions.

For more information on the Rosenberg Fire Department, visit [rosenbergtx.gov/fire](http://rosenbergtx.gov/fire).



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# 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: Kevin Raines
- At-Large 1: Marc Morales
- At-Large 2: Alicia Casias
- District 1: Keith Parker
- District 2: Susan Euton (Mayor ProTem)
- District 3: Hector Trevino
- District 4: George Zepeda

# 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
- GFL Environmental (Solid Waste)  
↪ 832-271-5187  
↪ cityofrosenberg@gflenv.com



# CITY AWARDED \$4,121,300 GRANT FOR FIRE STATION #1 RENOVATION & EXPANSION

The City has been awarded \$4,121,300 in Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding for Fire Station #1 renovations and expansion. The grant was provided by the Texas General Land Office (GLO), who provides grants to states, cities, and counties to develop viable communities.

Seeking this grant is part of the City's ongoing dedication to funding infrastructure improvements and revitalizations across Rosenberg. By proactively researching grant opportunities, the City is able to fund these large improvements without raising taxes. The total estimated cost of the design and construction is about \$5.4 million and will include renovations to both the interior and exterior of the fire station as well as an expansion.

"Fire Station #1 was built in 1952, so as you can imagine, improvements are desperately needed," said Fire Chief Daryl Maretko. "Some of our modern-day apparatus will not fit in the current bays." City Manager John Maresh added, "These improvements will not only transform the fire station inside and out but will transform 4th Street as the station is located between the busy avenues of H and I. This will be a welcome visual update to our City's landscape. We are thankful to the GLO's support and for providing us the opportunity to renovate and expand our City's historic station."

For more information about the Fire Department or Capital Improvement Projects, please visit the website or call Citizens Relations at 832-595-3301.



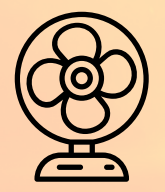
At left: Fire Station No. 1 in 1952. At right: Fire Station No. 1 today.



Texas Land Commissioner Dr. Dawn Buckingham presents the City of Rosenberg with the grant award check at the June 20, 2023 Houston-Galveston Area Council Board Meeting. From left, Melissa Pena (Project Director), John Maresh (City Manager), Kevin Raines (Mayor) and Buckingham.



**HOT CARS**  
Don't leave children or pets in cars. The heat can rise dangerously high and fast. Call 911 if you see a child or pet locked in a hot car.



**STAY COOL**  
Try to stay in the air conditioning if at all possible. Check for local cooling centers.



**HEAT ILLNESS**  
Watch for high body temperature, vomiting, confusion and pale or clammy skin. Call 911 if you experience heat illness.

**SUMMER HEAT SAFETY**



**SUMMER CLOTHES**  
Wear lightweight and light-colored clothing. Try to keep your skin covered as much as possible. Wear a hat.



**HYDRATION**  
Stay hydrated! Fill a reusable water bottle and take it with you. Be sure to get electrolytes as well.



**SHADE**  
Bring a hat or umbrella with you when you are out. If you must be outdoors, try to stay in the shade.



# COUNCIL PASSES UTILITY RATE INCREASES EFFECTIVE OCT. 1, 2023

At the June 20, 2023, City Council Meeting, City Council approved utility rate increases which will be effective October 1, 2023. Residents can expect to see the rate changes on bills issued after that date. This is the City's first increase in water and wastewater rates since 2016, and the first increase in subsidence rate since 2020.

Based on the rates approved by City Council, residential customers with an average household usage of 8,000 gallons of water will now pay \$83.80 per month for water and wastewater services compared to \$79.68 per month for an increase of \$4.12. Of that \$4.12, \$2.32 is for water, \$.60 is for wastewater and \$1.20 is for subsidence fees – which is the Fort Bend County Subsidence District mandate that by the year 2027, 60% of water must be from a source other than groundwater. The City is currently meeting the 30% groundwater reduction mandate.

The city is committed to continuing to provide a high level of service while planning and preparing to meet future needs and expectations. The City maintains a Superior Water System and strives to maintain the City's aging infrastructure without issuing debt. The rate increase will be used to help fund upcoming capital improvement projects that are vital to maintain the water and sewer system reliability. Additional revenue is also needed to cover increased operating expenses that have occurred as a result of historic inflation. The cost of chemicals, water meters, technology, transaction fees, and personnel have also all increased. City management and staff have done an excellent job of keeping the water rates the same for many years while still maintaining a dependable and reliable system for the citizens of Rosenberg.

"Putting our City's basic needs such as water and sewer first has always been a priority of the City," said City Manager John Maresh. "In fact, the City placed over \$9 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding back into critical water and sewer infrastructure projects, without issuing debt or raising rates, versus using the funding on other projects or social programs."

For more information about Water Utilities visit the website or call Citizens Relations at 832-595-3301.

**2022 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



#Rtown is buzzing with new development!

## WHAT'S BEING BUILT THERE?



### Locks Mini Storage

2331 4th Street  
(Near intersection of Brooks and 4th Streets)



### Brazos Valley Schools Credit Union

3805 Avenue I  
(Next to Lamar CISD Administration Building)



### Fort Bend Dental

28151 Southwest Freeway  
(Behind Whataburger next to Arby's)



### Fort Bend County EpiCenter

28505 Southwest Freeway  
(Between W. Fairgrounds and Bamore Roads)



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Visit [rosenbergtx.gov](http://rosenbergtx.gov) to confirm meetings and agendas, view public notices, see more information on events and more!

- 7/7/2023 Music in Water Tower Square (Historic Downtown) 5-9 p.m. featuring: *Horizon Band*
- 7/18/2023 City Council Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
- 7/25/2023 City Council Workshop Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
- 8/1/2023 City Council Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
- 8/4/2023 Music in Water Tower Square (Historic Downtown) 4-8 p.m. featuring: *The Jam Band*
- 8/8/2023 Proposed City Council Budget Workshop/Special Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
- 8/15/2023 City Council Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
- 8/22/2023 City Council Workshop Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
- 9/4/2023 Labor Day Holiday - City Offices Closed
- 9/5/2023 City Council Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.

