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Shop Safe This Holiday Season!

The holiday season is here which means it's time to shop for the perfect gifts! To help keep you safe while shopping, the Rosenberg Police Department and Information Technology Department have shared these important tips for both in-person and online shopping.

IN-PERSON SHOPPING:

Rosenberg PD is increasing community presence this season, but staying alert is key to staying safe. Theft, particularly from vehicles, is a common issue during the holidays. Here are some tips:

- Always lock your vehicle and keep valuables out of sight.
- Stay aware of your surroundings, especially in parking lots.
- When walking to your vehicle, avoid distractions like texting or talking on your phone which makes you an easy, distracted target.
- Limit the number of packages you carry at one time to also reduce the risk of being targeted.

ONLINE SHOPPING:

When shopping online, the Information Technology Department recommends these precautions to protect your personal information:

- Shop only on trusted, secure websites.
- Never share your credit card information via email.
- Avoid using public Wi-Fi for purchases; if needed, use a VPN for added security.
- Check for a lock icon in the URL bar and ensure the site begins with "https" for added safety.
- Be wary of pop-up ads or suspicious links that could lead to malicious websites.

Happy Holidays from the City of Rosenberg!

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: Richard Olson
- At-Large 2: Jessica Jaramillo-Moreno
- District 1: Felix Vargas, Jr.
- District 2: Steve DeGregorio
- District 3: Hector Trevino (Mayor Pro Tem)
- District 4: George A. 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 or on the City's website at: rosenbergtx.gov/TV.

MISSION STATEMENT

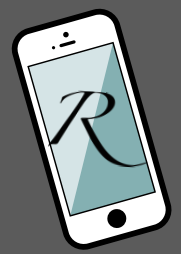
To provide exceptional services that create and sustain a safe, livable and vibrant community.

VISION STATEMENT

Building a better tomorrow together by cultivating a City that is financially strong, with a thriving economy, quality infrastructure and dynamic culture.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- 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



Christmas Tree Recycling

Did you know? Real Christmas Trees may be put out for pick-up on your green waste collection day! Tinsel, ornaments and lights must be removed. Christmas Trees and all other green waste are made into mulch or compost. DO NOT dump your Christmas Tree in the City's parks. This is illegal dumping and you could be fined.



Holiday Foster & Volunteer Help Needed!

Make your holidays a little warmer by fostering a fuzzy kitten or a cuddly pup this Holiday Season! Contact the shelter to see how you can become a foster or volunteer!



Rosenberg Animal Control & Shelter
 1207 Blume Rd.
 Rosenberg, Texas 77471
 832-595-3490

RESIDENTIAL HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS DAY - 12/25/2024
 No recycling on Wednesday, Dec. 25.
 Recycling will be picked up on Saturday, Dec. 28.
 No change to solid waste collection.

NEW YEARS DAY - 1/1/2025
 No recycling on Wednesday, Jan. 1.
 Recycling will be picked up on Saturday, Jan. 4.
 No change to solid waste collection.

Did you know that plain wrapping paper, tissue paper, gift boxes and greeting cards can all be recycled in your recycle bin? Bows, glittery items and ribbons should be discarded with your regular household waste. TIP: Save your gift bags and reuse them next year!



FIRE STATION 1 DEMOLITION UNDERWAY

Demolition of the City of Rosenberg's 73-year-old Fire Station No. 1 located at 1021 4th Street, is nearing completion making way for the construction of a new, state-of-the-art facility on the same site. Originally built in 1951, Fire Station No. 1 was initially slated for renovation. However, after thorough inspections, it was determined that reconstructing the building would be more cost-effective than repairing the aging structure.

The new facility will be approximately 9,596 square feet and feature modern upgrades, including three apparatus bays, bay support areas, administrative offices, and living quarters on the first floor. The second floor will include a mezzanine with a mechanical room. These enhancements will accommodate the City's larger, modern fire apparatus, which could no longer fit in the outdated station.

The project is being funded by a \$4.1 million Community Development Block Grant from the Texas General Land Office and the remaining \$2.9 million was allocated from the City's Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 budgets.

During construction, Fire Station No. 1's crews and engine have been temporarily relocated to the Fort Bend County EMS Station at 406 Houston Street.



Fire Station 1 Rendering



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ROSENBERG DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

TSTC TO EXPAND DIESEL EQUIPMENT PROGRAM OFFERINGS AT FORT BEND COUNTY CAMPUS

The construction of the new Transportation Center of Excellence at Texas State Technical College's Fort Bend County campus is progressing smoothly. On track to open by the fall 2025 semester, the building will house two new automotive programs in addition to an expanded Diesel Equipment Technology program.

While the diesel program is already on the campus, the expansion will introduce an associate degree and certificates of completion with an off-highway specialization. In addition to heavy-truck diesel engines that students are currently able to learn about, the opportunity to study and learn how to maintain other diesel-powered equipment like tractors and combines will soon be available. Jose Reyna, an instructor in the program, is looking forward to it. "Nothing is more invigorating to me as an instructor, and as a mentor, than to be a part of our graduate students' success," he said. "Their placement in a lucrative career in our industry allows them to not only provide for their families, but also help stimulate the growth of our economy domestically."

In line with TSTC's hands-on approach to teaching, the new building will have larger labs and bays that allow for new, modern equipment both for on- and off-highway specializations. Hardware and software used for diagnosing and troubleshooting is also planned. "It was imperative due to the demand for highly trained, skilled techs in our diesel industry that the amount of students allowed to participate per semester continues to grow," Reyna said. "With the new expansion, quality and quantity can now beautifully merge together." The program is one of nine Money-Back Guarantee programs in which tuition is refunded if the participating graduate has not found employment in their field of study within six months of graduation. For more information, visit tstc.edu/mbg.

The Rosenberg Development Corporation entered into a performance agreement in 2015, reimbursing TSTC a total of \$2,500,000 over a ten year period for the construction of the Industrial Technology Building. The facility is operational and houses multiple classrooms servicing a number of industries.



Students discuss repairs on a diesel engine at TSTC's Fort Bend County campus.

SAVE THE DATE

APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR ROSENBERG 101 CLASS OF 2025 JAN. 6

The City of Rosenberg will begin accepting applications for the Rosenberg 101 Class of 2025 on Monday, Jan. 6. During Rosenberg 101, participants will immerse themselves in the structure, function, and purpose of city government in classes taught by the City's top leadership. Classes will consist of nine (9) consecutive sessions on Monday evenings beginning on Feb. 3 and concluding on March 31, 2025 from 6-8 p.m.

Visit RosenbergTX.Gov for details or to apply!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Visit rosenbergtx.gov to confirm meetings and agendas, view public notices, see more information on events and more!

12/3/2024	City Council Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
12/7/2024	Hometown Holiday Festival (Historic Downtown) 12-8 p.m.
12/17/2024	City Council Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
12/24/2024	City Council Workshop Meeting - CANCELED
12/24/2024 12/25/2024	Christmas Holidays - City Offices Closed
1/1/2025	New Years Day - City Offices Closed
1/6/2025	Applications Open for Rosenberg 101
1/7/2025	City Council Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
1/16/2025	State of the City Rosenberg (Civic Center) 11 a.m.
1/20/2025	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - City Offices Closed
1/21/2025	City Council Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
1/28/2025	City Council Workshop Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.

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