



Rosenberg Insider

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Let's Get Digital!

Digital Billboard Agreement Eliminates 14 Sign-faces

On Tuesday, October 16, 2018, Rosenberg City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2018-39, which allows for the placement of a second, double-faced, 14'x48' digital billboard. An agreement between the City and Clear Channel Outdoor will allow for the installation of a sign at 28150 Southwest Freeway, removing 14 sign faces along State Highway 36 and U.S. Highway 90A, respectively.

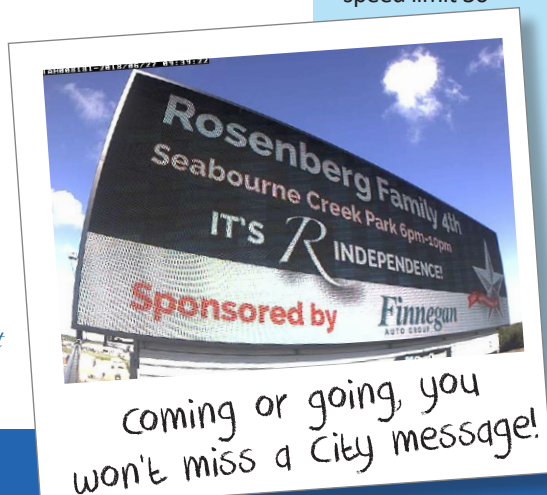
The placement of an additional digital billboard will allow space for the City to advertise public events or emergency notices as well as reduce sign blight. On top of combining multiple signs into an 8-spot rotation, the agreement also calls for an attractive masonry pole structure made of either brick or stone to set the tone for more aesthetic development along roadsides.

Additionally, the ordinance and agreement with Clear Channel provides for an annual permit fee to the City of \$1,000 per digital display face.

The original agreement with Clear Channel allowed for the first digital billboard, located at 26205 Southwest Freeway, to eliminate 21 signs throughout the City. Both allow for removal of traditional billboard signage at a 3:1 ratio, reducing visual clutter.

City Council approved the new sign agreement on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, allowing Clear Channel 180 days to remove the 14 sign faces prior to the start of construction.

Existing Digital Billboard at 26205 Southwest Freeway



Slow Down!

Radar signs and speed humps have been installed in several areas to mitigate safety concerns. Drive carefully, Rosenberg!

Speed Humps

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| Seabourne Meadows Dr. Ave. G | Lori St. | Sally Anne Dr. |
| Bernard St. | Longhorn St. | Vera Cruz Dr. |
| Calendar St. | Rawson St. | Walenta St. |
| Grunwald Heights | Rice St. | Wilburn St. |
| | Reinhard St. | 1st St. |

Radar Signs:

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| Mahlmann St (1400 block): speed limit 30 | Avenue N (5300 block): speed limit 30 |
| Mahlmann St (1300 block): speed limit 30 | Avenue N (3300 block): speed limit 30 |
| Jones St: speed limit 20 | Avenue N (3400 block): speed limit 30 |
| Avenue N (5500 block): speed limit 30 | Avenue N (2700 block): speed limit 30 |
| | Bamore Rd: speed limit 30 |
| | Brooks Ave: speed limit 30 |
| | Lane Dr: speed limit 30 |
| | Mons Ave: speed limit 30 |
| | Sally Anne Dr: speed limit 25 |
| | Frances Dr: speed limit 30 |
| | Louise St: speed limit 30 |
| | Damon: speed limit 30 |
| | Old Richmond Rd: speed limit 30 |
| | 4th St: speed limit 30 |
| | Walger Ave: speed limit 30 |

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: Amanda J. Barta
District 1: Isaac Davila
District 2: Steven M. DeGregorio
District 3: Lisa M. Wallingford
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. Check the website for times, agendas, etc. Council meetings may also be viewed live on Comcast 16 or at: www.rosenbergtx.gov/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.

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



2018 That's a Wrap!

It's been another big year for the City of Rosenberg. Remaining one of the fastest growing cities in Fort Bend County, Rosenberg has been working hard to build and maintain infrastructure to support and enhance the quality of life in our great City. Each department has worked together and with City Council to accomplish many of the goals that are part of strategic plans updated and refined each year. Each department has done their part to help our City grow.

Police Department: New Police Chief, Jonathan White stepped up to lead the department with a brand new vision. White and new Assistant Chief of Police, Jarret Nethery aim to put "service before self" and are instilling the servant leadership spirit into a new administrative staff that features two new patrol lieutenants and a dispatch director. The Department also increased the School Resource Division, opening positions for six additional officers and one Sergeant to increase police presence at the LCISD schools.

Fire Department: In 2018, the Fire Department was awarded the SAFER grant which will fund six additional fire personnel positions. They also purchased a Polaris Ranger with grant money awarded by Firehouse Subs Foundation. The fully-staffed department has put a new Fire Engine into service, created a Water Rescue Team, and initiated an Explorer program through the Boy Scouts of America. They teamed up with the Communications Department and developed a recruitment video that received both State and National awards, established a Department Honor Guard, and implemented a new Phase Training Program. The Fire Department continues to host training events, partner with Red Cross, and apply for grants to make the best use of resources.

Public Works Department: Literally paving the way to better infrastructure, the

Public Works Department has laid 63,252 tons of asphalt in street reconstruction and overlay projects, built or repaired 11,508 linear feet of sidewalks, and swept 104 miles of streets each month. They have repaired potholes, done pavement markings, and installed or repaired a number of street signs, speed humps, and flashers.

Capital Improvement Projects: Some of the biggest projects in the City included the completion of Water Plant #8, which takes in surface water from Brazosport Water Authority (BWA) and distributes it to the City, the US90-A waterline relocation, the Bryan/Spacek Road reconstruction project, and realignment of Bamore Road with I-69. The City rehabilitated the 6th Street Waterline, and constructed the Big League Baseball Field at Seabourne Creek Regional Sports Complex.

Utilities: Rosenberg water maintained the rating "superior" again in 2018 and completed construction on lift station #19, located on Bryan Road. The City began distributing treated surface water, and updated the Public Water System Monitoring Plan in accordance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The City successfully converted the water disinfection system from free chlorine to chloramine and was determined to be in full compliance with TCEQ regulations. Utilities began construction of water and sewer connections to Park Place Southwest subdivision, and continued a sewer-line pipe-bursting project to replace aging infrastructure.

Customer Service: In addition to waiving the convenience fee for online and phone payments, credit card fees have been reduced from 5% to 3% as of January 1, 2019. The Customer Service Department lives up to their name and

strives to make paying your water bill as easy as possible. In 2018, the department integrated Interactive Voice Response (IVR) Technology that allows customers real-time account information and payment processing. They also launched a notification software that provides a courtesy call to alert customers of a delinquent balance, or water outage.

Human Resources: Recognizing the importance of staff development, HR implemented a new training program to track and schedule courses for employees. They also established a wellness committee and every member on the HR staff received the International Public Management Association Certification.

Community Development: With a City growing as fast as Rosenberg, Community Development has their hands full. They facilitated major new residential development plans consisting of more than 2,000 future lots. They carefully mapped out all of the City's infrastructure in GIS, reinstated the Dangerous Buildings Abatement Program, and implemented the Hurricane Harvey Flood Repair grant program.

Many successful City events such as Rosenberg Christmas Nights drew thousands to the downtown to join in the free festivities. As the City continues to grow, we are excited to have bigger and better celebrations and enjoy the chance to get to know all of our Rosenberg neighbors.

CenterPoint Energy Funds Extension

The North side of Rosenberg is no stranger to flooding, cutting off access to homes and critical infrastructure during major Brazos River flooding events. CenterPoint Energy intends to fund the installation of a culvert and asphalt road to improve access and drainage, extending Avenue D connecting 7th and 8th Street. Currently, roads in this area are overtaken by floodwaters during major rain events that affect the Brazos River. In addition to several residential properties, critical infrastructure such as the City Wastewater Treatment Plant, Utilities Department headquarters, and a CenterPoint Energy electric substation become inaccessible when water goes over the road. On Tuesday, December 4, 2018, Rosenberg City Council voted to give support to the project.



Still No-Kill!

In July, 2018, the City of Rosenberg Animal Control and Shelter committed to the goal of becoming a no-kill facility by October, 2020.

This is a big goal and will take an extraordinary amount of effort and support. To learn more about the Animal Control and Shelter, how to volunteer, or how to foster or adopt one of our furry friends, visit our website at:

rosenbergtx.gov/animal-control

Adoption events are held at Tractor Supply Company (TSC) the third Saturday of every month and you can look up the Rosenberg Shelter on Petfinder.com to see available pals.

We know it takes an entire community to reach a goal this big. Help us share our available pets on social media, visit our adoption booths, donate, or volunteer today. We need YOU!



Registration is open for Little League baseball/softball visit: rosenbergndnacionallittleleague.net

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Watch Where You Leave Your Leaves

Are Lawn-Maintenance Leave-Behinds Violating City and State Codes?

It may not seem like a big deal to blow or rake leaves and grass clippings to the end of the yard, only to be washed down the street and into the drainage system, but it's actually against both State Code *and* City Ordinance.

The ordinance states that any filth, carrion, rubbish, junk, trash, waste products, brush, and refuse may not be thrown, deposited, or swept into or along any drain, gutter, alley, sidewalk, street, parkway, right-of-way, or vacant lot in the limits of the City.

It may not seem like a big deal, but when leaves, trash, grass clippings, and more aren't bagged up properly, they can make their way into a storm drain and cause it to clog or overflow. This can result in problems ranging from street flooding to killing wildlife and plants.

Even if you don't have a storm drain in front of your property, leaving grass clippings, leaves, and trash in the street or along ditches has the potential to create larger scale problems.

Monday is "Green Waste" pick-up day in Rosenberg, for citizens wishing to get rid of bagged lawn cuttings or trimmings from trees and bushes.

For more information on the City Ordinance, visit library.municode.com and search for section 14.274 in Rosenberg.

State Code states: "Sweeping grass, leaves, grass clippings, yard waste, etc., into a storm drain is cited as a civil solid-waste violation of State Municipal Solid Waste rules, Chapter 330.15(a)(1). This includes civil penalties ranging from \$50 - \$25,000, and criminal penalties from \$500 to up to \$100,000 per day.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Visit www.rosenbergtx.gov to confirm meetings and events, as well as public notices and meeting agendas.

02/05/2019 6:30 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting	Rosenberg City Hall 2110 4th Street
02/09/2019	Downtown Chocolate Walk	Historic Downtown Rosenberg
02/16/2019 8:00 a.m.	FISH-tastic!	Seabourne Creek Nature Park 3825 TX-36 South
02/19/2019 6:30 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting	Rosenberg City Hall 2110 4th Street
02/26/2019 6:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Meeting	Rosenberg City Hall 2110 4th Street
03/07/2019 11:30 a.m.	State of the City of Rosenberg	Rosenberg Civic Center 3825 TX-36 S