



# Rosenberg Insider

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## Chloramine Conversion What does it mean for your water?

The City of Rosenberg is changing the disinfectant used in our drinking water from chlorine to chloramine in late January 2018. This change is intended to benefit our customers by reducing the levels of disinfection byproducts (DBPs) in the system, while still providing protection from waterborne diseases. A majority of public water systems in Texas that rely on surface water for their potable water supplies use chloramine disinfectant. Public water systems like City of Houston, City of Austin, and Dallas Water Utilities have been using chloramine disinfection for several decades.

**Chloramine disinfectant is safe; however, the change can potentially impact people that rely on dialysis machines.** Chloramine, like chlorine, must be removed from the water prior to being used in the dialysis machines. A condition known as hemolytic anemia can occur if the disinfectant is not completely removed from the water that is used for the dialysis. Consequently, the pretreatment scheme used for the dialysis machines must include some means, such as a charcoal filter, for removing the chloramine prior to January 2018. Medical facilities should also determine if additional precautions are required for other medical equipment. Dialysis patients should contact their medical facilities for guidance on modifications needed to their dialysis machines and procedures.

Chloramine, like chlorine, must also be removed from the water before it is added to aquariums or fish ponds, including fish and lobster tanks in restaurants and stores. The ammonia used to form chloramines is toxic to fish and other aquatic life as it enters the bloodstream directly through the gills. **If you have a fish tank, please make sure the water conditioning chemicals or filters that you are using are designed for use in water that has been treated with chloramine.** You may need to change the type of filter that you use for the fish tank. Leaving water to sit is not a reliable method for removing chloramine from the water.

For questions concerning this change, please contact the City of Rosenberg Customer Service Department at 832-595-3400.



## Water Conversion FAQs

**What is the current drinking water disinfection method?**  
The current method is chlorination.

**What is chloramination?**

Chloramination is the use of both ammonia and chlorine to disinfect water. Chloramines are safe in drinking water and serve as an effective method of disinfection. In the U.S., many water systems have used chloramination for several decades.

**How will chloramination affect water customers?**

For most customers, the only noticeable change will be that the chlorine smell and taste in our water will be less apparent.

**What precautions should kidney dialysis patients take?**

Both chlorine and chloramine must be removed from the water used in kidney dialysis machines. Medical and dialysis centers that perform dialysis are responsible for purifying water that enters the dialysis machines. Customers with home dialysis equipment should contact their physicians or dialysis centers regarding chloramination and how it will affect them. They should also check with the equipment manufacturer for information.

**What precautions should fish owners take?**

Chloramines should be removed from water in fish tanks. Contact your local pet supply store for details.

## 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.

## Mission Statement

To anticipate community needs and deliver exceptional service; and to cultivate an enhanced quality of life through leadership, innovation, and cooperative partnerships.

## City Council

- Mayor: William T. Benton
- At Large 1: Jacob Balderas
- At Large 2: Amanda J. Barta
- District 1: Jimmie J. Peña
- District 2: Susan Euton
- District 3: Alice Jozwiak
- District 4: Lynn Moses

## 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](http://www.rosenbergtx.gov/TV)

## 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



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[communications@rosenbergtx.gov](mailto:communications@rosenbergtx.gov)

# 2017 That's a Wrap!



Fire Chief  
Darrell Himly

2017 was a big year for the City of Rosenberg's Fire Department. They received recognition from Senator John Cornyn and US Congressman Pete Olson for outstanding service to the community during and after Hurricane Harvey. Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant awarded the department a Polaris Ranger and an agreement was signed to house an ambulance from Fort Bend County EMS at Fire Station #3. The fire department coordinated citywide radio and software upgrades as well as provided fire extinguisher and fire drill training at all City facilities. They responded to approximately 5,000 calls for service in 2017 and celebrated several promotions

within the department including: Fire Chief Darrell Himly, Captain Clint Leopold, Captain Brandon George, Engineer Cornelius Brooks, and Engineer Mario Erazo.

The police department has made huge advancements in 2017. They were re-recognized as an agency that embodies the high standards of excellence set forth by the Texas Police Chief's Best Practices Program. As part of these excellency standards, RPD formed the Community Resource Division-- a team of officers whose goals are to provide greater visibility, outreach, support, and communication between the department and the community.

RPD received a federal grant to launch the program. In addition, the police department has upgraded their technology, implementing Body Worn Cameras (BWC) on all uniformed officers. This was funded by a grant from the Governor's office. New ticket writers were installed in the field as well as a jail video recording system.

RPD expanded the traffic unit/commercial vehicle enforcement in 2017 to allow the department greater flexibility investigating major accidents and decreasing response time.

Officer J. Manriquez was selected as the newest K9 handler for the patrol division with his new K9 partner, Reo, a two-year old Malinois/German Shepherd Mali-herd from Hungary.



Ice-Skating in  
Rosenberg? #RCN17



Rosenberg Police Department  
Rosenberg Christmas Nights



Officer Jasmine Roberts,  
Community Resource Division

Many of the City departments worked together to accomplish goals for the entire community in 2017. The Parks Department started a kickball league on top of a successful year for all of our annual events. Rosenberg Christmas Nights introduced new winter activities like ice-skating, toboggan rides, and snow-globe selfie stations to record numbers of visitors. Our parks received awards from the Houston-

Galveston Area Council and worked with partners, volunteers, and students to add shade structures, handball courts, trails, and signage to our already impressive Seabourne Creek Nature Park. The Texas Master

Naturalists helped in the early stages of development for a Nature Center, as well. The Communications Department launched a Facebook page and started developing videos in-house, helping the City to connect with residents. They won the Award of Excellence at 3CMA's national competition for government communicators.

The Community Development Department helped residents and businesses to track down information by consolidating ordinance information into one Unified Development Code. They also tracked the increasing housing starts as the population grows for the entire City.

# December 2017 Christmas Lighting and Decorating Awards

Louis Bartos  
3041 Muegee Rd.

John Caron  
2400 Pelican Court

Jimmie Jackson  
4720 Greenwood Dr.

Celia Villagomez  
3424 Glenmeadow Dr.

Arnulfo and Maria Casarez  
2518 Avenue F

Juan Manuel and Sarah De La Torre  
1815 Jones St.

Ricky and Nancy Eben  
3802 Junker St.

Ronnie and Dorothy Maresh  
1307 Ellis Grove

Daizo Saito  
6402 Milam Branch

Adam Vargas  
5523 Banner Lane

Alfred Lujan  
3310 Grand Cane Lane

Jim and Mary Cantu  
1006 Avenue D

## PLACES TO VISIT:

City of Rosenberg website:  
[www.rosenbergtx.gov](http://www.rosenbergtx.gov)

Watch videos

Vimeo:

<https://vimeo.com/user21505831>

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# The Roads Most Traveled

## Street, sidewalk, sewer, and water improvements

The Streets and Utilities Department accomplished several projects in 2017 that will enhance the quality of life in Rosenberg. With the help of the Rosenberg Development Corporation (RDC) who funded several connective sidewalks, pedestrians will have safer ways to travel.

New sidewalks were added and older sidewalks repaired. Many of the streets in Rosenberg also received upgrades such as reconstruction, drainage and ditch improvements, and culvert replacements.

The Public Works Department was busy this year doing clean-up from Hurricane Harvey. They also installed traffic calming devices such as school zone flashers, speed humps, and radar signs.

The Utilities Department maintained Rosenberg's superior water system classification, working hard to maintain the system and working with customers to adjust chemicals to create better-tasting water.

Phase two of the sanitary sewer line pipe-bursting project, replacing old sewer lines in the wastewater treatment plant No. 1A service area was also completed.

The chloramine conversion projects at all water plants were completed and are ready for the 2018 upgrades to the water disinfection process.

In 2017, the Utilities Department continued working on the Brazosport Water Authority waterline project. The City continues to work toward the Fort Bend Subsidence District's mandates for groundwater withdrawal reduction by promoting surface water conversion and anticipating final completion by June 2018. A corrosion study to prepare for receiving surface water was also completed.

In addition, the construction of water plant #8, which will receive the treated surface water and pipe into the City's distribution system, was completed. Ten lift stations were added to the City's SCADA system to help automate operations. For more information on water subsidence and Texas mandates, visit [tceq.texas.gov](http://tceq.texas.gov).

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

<b>02/06/2018</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Regular City Council Meeting	Rosenberg City Hall 2110 4th Street
<b>02/17/2018</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	FISH-tastic	Seabourne Creek Nature Park
<b>02/20/2018</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Regular City Council Meeting	Rosenberg City Hall 2110 4th Street
<b>02/27/2018</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	City Council Workshop Meeting	Rosenberg City Hall 2110 4th St

