



Rosenberg Insider

★★★ February/March 2019 ★★★

Seabourne Creek Nature Park Texas Master Naturalist Program Helps Keep Our Park Pristine!

Seabourne Creek Nature Park is a 164-acre nature park with walking, jogging, and biking trails, wetlands, a prairie restoration area, butterfly garden, and a four-acre lake stocked with fish. The R.W. Lindsey Gazebo, located at the park, is available for rentals and Seabourne Creek Nature Park is home to the July Family Fourth Celebration, nature walks, birding hikes, and more. Located at 3831 on TX-36 S in Rosenberg, Seabourne Creek Nature Park gets more than a little helping hand from the Texas Master Naturalists (TMNs) - Coastal Prairie Chapter.

The TMNs are trained volunteers with a passion for nature and a desire to share their knowledge with others. They have started the process of native prairie restoration projects that allow visitors to enjoy and explore nature that is native to the area.

In addition to their hard work building butterfly gardens and conducting wetlands demonstrations, the TMNs offer classes and programs to help nature lovers really take advantage of our amazing park.

“On Thursday, March 7, 2019, starting at 7:00 p.m., we are hosting a program at the Rosenberg Civic Center (located at

3825 TX-36 S) called Reducing Your Plastic Footprint: Straws ARE Optional,” Chapter Program Vice President Debby Wendt said. “The Houston Zoo, State Representative Andrea Morgentern, and I will talk about and demonstrate the serious impact plastic waste has on our land and ocean environments and what we can do to help out.”

This exciting program is just one of the ways that the TMNs enhance our parks. For more information, visit them at txmn.org/coastal or on facebook @TXMNCostal and be a part of keeping Seabourne Creek Nature Park clean and safe.



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



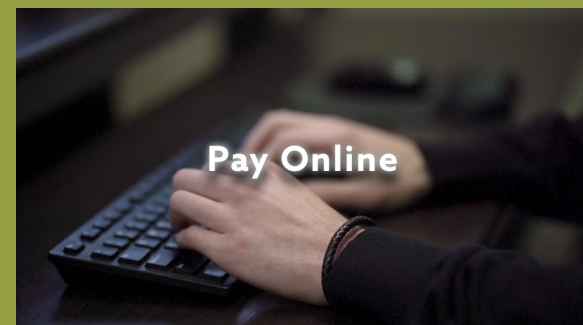
Convenience Fees Get More Convenient

Starting on January 1, 2019, convenience fees became more convenient! We are no longer charging \$1.25 fee for online and phone IVR Payments. Even the credit card convenience fees were reduced from 5% to 3% and you know what they say, "every little bit helps!" The City of Rosenberg Customer Service Department has several payment methods available for paying your utility bills so we can make it as convenient as possible for you. Check out these different options to decide which works best for your schedule. For more information, please visit rosenbergtx.gov and search "bill pay".



Enrolling in Autodraft

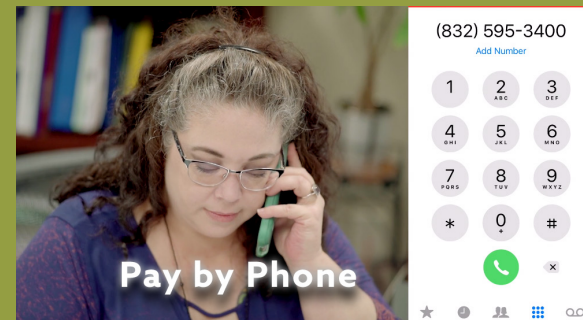
The bank draft forms are available at City Hall or on the City's website: rosenbergtx.gov and search "bill pay." There is no charge for this payment option. You will continue to receive a bill; however, it will be marked, "Bank Draft, Do Not Pay." The City automatically drafts your bank account on the due date each month for the amount owed.



Pay Online

You can pay your bill online, 24-hours a day, 7-days a week, at rosenbergtx.gov. On January 1st, the convenience fee for online payments was reduced from 5% to 3%. We accept Visa and MasterCard.

Register online to view your bill, account activity, and set up for eStatements.



Pay by Phone

To pay by phone, you will need your utility account number, found on your bill.

To connect to the IVR (phone) Payment System, 24-hours a day, 7-days a week, please dial, "832-595-3400" and select "Option 1". We accept Visa or MasterCard; however, there will be a 3% convenience fee for credit card payments.



Mail or Dropbox

Use the return envelope in your bill to pay by check, money order, or cashier's check. This form of payment can be mailed with the United States Postal Service, or dropped off in the drop box outside the City Hall building, located at 2110 4th Street.

Please do not send cash.



Pay in Person

In addition to these options, customers are also invited to pay in person at City Hall (located at 2110 4th Street). Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. The 5% convenience fee for credit card payments has been reduced to 3% as of January 1, 2019.

Mon - Thurs: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Cadets Learn from the Best

Cadets from China Visit Rosenberg to Train with RPD Officers

The Rosenberg Police Department (RPD) kicked off 2019 by hosting 3 cadets from the Zhejiang Police College in China. The program offers the chance to share ideas on police practices.

Cadets are U.S. exchange students through Sam Houston State University and spend part of their Christmas vacation with RPD. The program was initiated eight years ago through Sam Houston State University's College of Criminal Justice. Only 1,000 of the applicants (around 5,000 total) are selected to participate in the program, which will afford them dual degrees from both the Zhejiang Police College and Sam Houston State University.

Cadets stay with a host family from the police department and experience American culture for five days during their visit. Sergeant Erik Marmol, Lieutenant Steven Hart, and Officer Wade Wehring hosted exchange student cadets.

While in Rosenberg, cadets experienced training with the Rosenberg Police Department and SWAT team. Cadets take part in ride-alongs with patrol officers, watch K9 and SWAT demonstrations, and accompany RPD on trips to the gun range and County jail.

"Having a cadet spend time with my family and I was enlightening," said Lietenant Hart. "It was amazing to learn about differences in each other's culture and profession. What was more refreshing was to realize, even though we are half-a-world apart, we have more similarities than differences."



2019 Elections

Filing period ends on February 15

Three positions will be on the May 4, 2019 City of Rosenberg ballot. They are the Mayor, the City Council Member At Large No. 1 position, and the City Council Member At Large No. 2 position.

The period to file for one of the three positions will begin January 16, 2019 and end on February 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

To qualify for office is you must be: a resident of the City of Rosenberg for twelve (12) months and have resided in the State of Texas for twelve (12) months; be a United States citizen; be at least 21 years of age or older on the first day of the term of office that the candidate is seeking; and not have been previously determined mentally incompetent by a judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction; and not finally convicted of a felony for which a pardon has not been given.

If interested in running for office, please contact the City Secretary's office at 832.595.3340.



2019 State of the City Announced Tickets Now Available for Annual Luncheon

On March 7th, Mayor William T. "Bill" Benton will host a luncheon at the Rosenberg Civic Center (located at 3825 TX-36 S) to discuss the future goals and recent achievements of the City of Rosenberg.

Tickets and sponsorship information are available through the Central Fort Bend Chamber Association (CFBCA) at their website, cfbca.org. Space is limited so tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

City staff are working with Texas State Technical College to stream the event live on Comcast channel 16 and the City website (rosenbergtx.gov/tv) on the day of the event.

The Mayor plans to discuss important topics that impact our citizens such as the budget and he also plans to take a look at our community and what makes Rosenberg a unique place to live and to work.

The Mayor will discuss many of the Capital Improvement Projects that the City completed in 2018 and plans to complete in the years ahead, including TXDoT and infrastructure projects.

For more information on the Rosenberg State of the City luncheon, email JPavlovich@rosenbergtx.gov or contact the CFBCA at 281-342-5464.

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
02/16/2019 8:00 a.m.	FISH-tastic	Seabourne Creek Nature Park 3831 TX-36 S
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
03/02/2019 9:00 a.m.	Rosenberg Home and Garden Show	Rosenberg Civic Center 3825 TX-36 S
03/05/2019 6:30 p.m.	Regular City Council 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
03/19/2019 6:30 p.m.	Regular City Council Meeting	Rosenberg City Hall 2110 4th Street
03/26/2019 6:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Meeting	Rosenberg City Hall 2110 4th Street

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