

Happy Thanksgiving



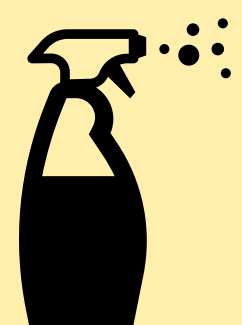
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Set the table for safety!

Whether testing out a new dish, whipping up a family classic, or frying that Thanksgiving turkey, there's one recipe that should always be included on the menu: SAFETY!

The kitchen is the heart of the home. It's where families gather to cook favorite recipes, share warm meals and reconnect with each other - especially during the holidays. The average number of cooking fires on Thanksgiving Day is **TRIPLE** that of a normal day. Rosenberg Fire Department has some tips for staying safe this holiday season:



CLEAN

Keep your cooking area clean & clutter free. Keep cooking areas clear of combustibles such as towels, napkins & pot holders.



STAY CLOSE

Don't leave cooking food unattended. Turn off burners & appliances as soon as you finish using them.



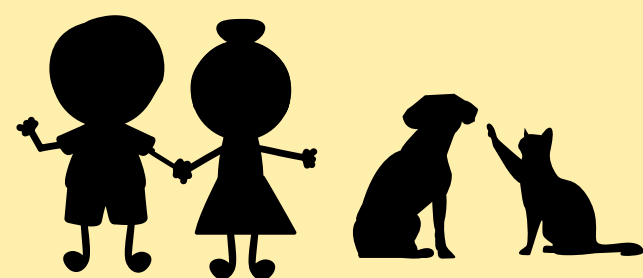
GREASE FIRE

In case of a small fire, slide the lid over the pan & turn off the burner. Leave the pan covered until cool. NEVER use water to extinguish a grease fire. Water will make the fire spread.



KITCHEN TIMER

It's easy to forget about something that's cooking especially when you're entertaining guests. Use a kitchen timer to make sure your dish doesn't become a fire hazard.



CHILDREN & PETS

Supervise children closely in the kitchen. Keep children & pets away from the cooking area by declaring a 3-foot "kid-free zone" around the cooking space. Children & pets are at a higher risk of being accidentally burned by hot foods & liquids.



For more helpful tips & videos, visit: rosenbergtx.gov/holiday-fire-safety

Deep frying a turkey?



- Watch your cooking oil. Even a small amount on a hot burner can cause a large fire.
- Don't overfill your pot! When the turkey is submerged, oil can spill out & a frozen turkey will cause oil to splatter when added to the pot.
- Fryers easily tip over. Make sure to place your fryer on a flat, safe surface.
- Deep fryers can quickly overheat oil to the point of causing a fire. Watch the oil temperature carefully.
- Always wear oven mitts or gloves. The sides, handles & even the lid of the pot become extremely hot.



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: Kevin Raines (Mayor Pro Tem)
District 1: Isaac Davila
District 2: Steven M. DeGregorio
District 3: Lisa M. Wallingford
District 4: Richard Olson

CITY MANAGER

John Maresh

MEETINGS

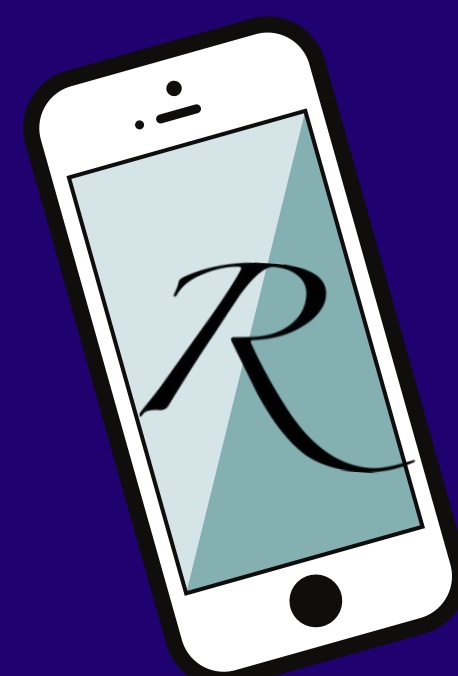
City Council meets regularly in public session the first, third and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The meeting agendas are available on the City's website. Council meetings may also be viewed live on Comcast 16, rosenbergtx.gov/TV or on YouTube @RosenbergTXGov

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
Republic Services (Solid Waste)
↪ 713-726-7300



Rosenberg Christmas Nights

in Historic Downtown Rosenberg

Friday, Dec. 6 Tree Lighting 6 p.m. Santa Selfies 6-8:30 p.m. Decorated Tree Voting Kettle Korn Snow Slide & Ice Skating Dinner Under the Stars*	Saturday, Dec. 7 Santa Selfies 6-8:30 p.m. Decorated Tree Voting Trackless Train Tanks Paintball Craft & Food Vendors Kettle Korn Snow Slide & Ice Skating Christmas Carolers
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*Dinner Under the Stars is a separate, ticketed event featuring a catered meal & performance by Cast Theatrical Company, Inc.

For more information:
rosenbergtx.gov/RCN
or 832-595-3520

★ COUNCIL CORNER ★

- ★ Resolution R-2858 was passed which allows the Animal Control & Shelter to implement a six month TNR (Trap/Neuter/Return) pilot program.
- ★ Resolution R-2846 was passed amending the Residential Building Permit Fee Schedules per House Bill 852. The Schedule of Fees can be found here: rosenbergtx.gov/schedule-of-fees
- ★ Hotel Occupancy Tax Grants were awarded to: the Rosenberg Railroad Museum, Art League of Fort Bend County, Cast Theatrical Company, Inc. & Fort Bend History Association for Texian Market Days.
- ★ REMINDER: There will be no City Council Workshop Meetings on November 24 & December 26 due to conflicts with City observed holiday closures.



The October Image Committee Award was presented to Oziel & Mary Lou Garza.

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a message from
Police Chief White



The holiday season is upon us which means it's time to go shopping! Below are a few helpful tips from Rosenberg PD to keep you safe both online and in person while you hunt for the perfect gift. Rosenberg PD is stepping up community presence, but we can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware.

The biggest problem we see during the holidays is theft - especially in vehicles. Keep your doors locked and items out of view. Keep an eye on your surroundings! Don't talk or text on your phone or carry several packages at once while walking through a parking lot which leaves you vulnerable to the possibility of being an easy target for a robbery. When online shopping, be sure to shop trusted, secure websites only. Never give anyone your credit card information through email. If you find a good deal on Craigslist, LetGo, Facebook Marketplace or similar apps, don't forget to take advantage of the "Meetup Spot" at the Rosenberg Police Department located at 2120 4th Street. This video-recorded area right in front of the police station is where you can exchange money and goods in a safe place.

The Rosenberg Police Department wishes you a safe, happy and peaceful holiday season!

RESIDENTIAL HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP



THANKSGIVING WEEK: Regular Pick-Up
CHRISTMAS - Dec. 25: Pick-Up Thursday, Dec. 26
NEW YEAR'S DAY - Jan. 1: Pick-Up Thursday, Jan. 2

Holiday Decorating Safety Tips

FROM ROSENBERG FIRE MARSHAL JUSTIN JUREK

The Rosenberg Fire Department would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving! Often as Thanksgiving wraps up, we begin to decorate for Christmas. Decorations are fun & festive, but can be dangerous if you're not careful. Did you know common causes of Christmas fires include: electrical failures or malfunctions, heat sources located too close to the tree, decorative lights & candles? Be sure to choose decorations that are flame resistant. Connect no more than 3 strands of lights and use clips, not nails, to hang lights so cords aren't damaged. Keep candles at least 12" from anything that burns and be sure to water live trees daily. Don't overload power strips and check to see if decorations are for indoor or outdoor use only.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



ROSENBERG DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION UPDATE:

RDC Business Improvement Grant Program Accepting Applications

The Rosenberg Development Corporation (RDC) has \$80,000 in matching grant funds for its Business Improvement Grant (BIG) Program. The program is designed to enhance the economic vitality of the City by encouraging visually appealing exterior physical improvements to local businesses. Any new or existing business in the City limits is eligible to apply for grant funding for reimbursement on projects that improve the physical appearance of its business facility. Up to 50 percent of the total project cost, up to \$10,000 is available to qualifying projects.

The program started with \$100,000 which was approved in September 2018. Two businesses have been awarded \$10,000 each in matching funds. The property owner for tenant **Fort Bend Boxing Club** at 1619 4th Street was awarded \$10,000 for exterior paint. **Gingerbread House Day Care Center** at 2417 4th Street was awarded \$10,000 to pave a concrete driveway.

"Rosenberg is in the midst of unprecedented commercial growth, and that's exciting to watch," said Rosenberg Interim Economic Development Director Jeremy Heath. *"We want to try to maintain a balance between development of new commercial properties and redevelopment of existing ones. This program helps us spur the types of redevelopment projects that will have a positive visual impact on the entire City. A fresh coat of paint, a sharp-looking new sign or some professional landscaping improvements can go a long way in enhancing the appearance and value of a business and also the surrounding businesses."*

Types of projects that qualify are: facade improvements, such as painting, reconstruction and remodeling; sign improvements, including new signs or renovations to existing signs; property improvements, such as landscaping, lighting, fencing, sidewalk and driveway improvements, parking lot improvements, and demolition of abandoned signs and structures. Applications will be evaluated by RDC and City staff. Projects that meet the program guidelines will be presented to the RDC Board of Directors and City Council for approval.

Applications must be made on a form provided by the RDC, and may be obtained via the Economic Development Department at the Rosenberg Civic Center, 3825 Hwy 36 S, Rosenberg City Hall, 2110 4th Street, or on the City website at www.rosenbergtx.gov.

For more information about the program, contact Jeremy Heath at jheath@rosenbergtx.gov or 832-595-3330.



Fort Bend Boxing Exterior Paint Improvements



Gingerbread House Day Care Parking Lot Improvements



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Publication comments or topic ideas are welcome.
CONTACT US:
communications@rosenbergtx.gov
832-595-3301 *ask for Communications.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

11/26/2019	City Council Workshop Meeting Canceled
11/28/2019	Thanksgiving - City Offices Closed
11/29/2019	City Offices Closed
12/3/2019 6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting [City Hall]
12/17/2019 6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting [City Hall]
12/24/2019	City Offices Closed City Council Workshop Meeting Canceled
12/25/2019	Christmas - City Offices Closed
1/1/2020	New Year's Day - City Offices Closed
1/7/2020 6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting [City Hall]

