



# Rosenberg TEXAS Insider

★★★ March/April 2020 ★★★

## General & Special Election Set for May 2, 2020

Mark your calendars & save the date! The City of Rosenberg will hold a General & Special Election on Saturday, May 2, 2020, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Rosenberg City Hall Council Chambers, located at 2110 4th Street, Rosenberg, Texas 77471.

Early voting will be held Monday, April 20 through Tuesday, April 28 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (excluding Sunday, April 26).

Please visit [rosenbergtx.gov/city-government/elections](http://rosenbergtx.gov/city-government/elections) for a list of all the early voting locations, election day polling locations, council district maps, sample ballots & other important election & voting information.

### ON THE BALLOT:

Rosenberg City Council is comprised of a Mayor, 2 At-Large Positions & 4 District Councilors who each serve two year terms. Up for election are the 4 District Councilor positions. Candidates are:

#### Councilor, District 1

- Keith Parker
- Isaac Davila

#### Councilor, District 2

- Susan Kroll Euton
- Steve DeGregorio

#### Councilor, District 3

- Timothy P. Anders
- Alice Stratman Jozwiak

#### Councilor, District 4

- Richard Olson
- Marc A. Morales

### PROPOSITIONS: To be voted upon with a YES or NO vote.

- **Proposition A - ELIMINATE STAGGERED TERMS:** Shall Section 3.01(c) of the City Charter be amended to eliminate staggered terms for the City Council?
- **Proposition B - LIMIT TERMS:** Shall Section 3.01(e) of the City Charter be amended to require that no elected official shall serve more than a combined total of five (5) consecutive terms on the City Council or in the position of Mayor?
- **Proposition C - INCREASE COUNCIL COMPENSATION:** Shall Section 3.04 of the City Charter be amended to change the maximum allowable compensation to \$400 per month for City Council members and \$500 per month for the position of Mayor? (Council members are currently \$200/month & the Mayor is \$300/month.)
- **Proposition D - POLICE CHIEF AUTHORITY REGARDING PERSONNEL:** Shall Section 4.02 of the City Charter be amended to add the words "or she" and give the Chief of Police the power to appoint, discharge and remove police department personnel without City Council approval?
- **Proposition E - EXPAND ELECTION DATES:** Shall Section 5.01 of the City Charter be amended to eliminate the requirement that all City elections be held in May? (If approved would allow elections in May and November.)
- **Proposition F - OATHS OF OFFICE:** Shall Sections 5.08 and 13.19 of the City Charter be amended to provide that elected officials shall take office upon completing the oath of office, and shall hold such position until his or her successor is elected and qualified?
- **Proposition G - BORROWING CAP:** Shall Section 10.01 of the City Charter be amended to provide that the City shall not issue Certificates of Obligation without the unanimous approval of City Council?
- **Proposition H - SPLASH PAD:** Shall the City of Rosenberg pass a resolution to approve construction and maintenance of a Splash pad with construction costs to be paid by the Rosenberg Development Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$575,000, with maintenance and operations costs of \$62,000 per year to be expended from the City's general fund?
- **Proposition I - SEABOURNE CREEK NATURE CENTER:** Shall the City of Rosenberg pass a resolution to approve construction and maintenance of a Nature Center with construction costs in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000, including up to \$385,000 to conduct an engineering plan, with maintenance and operations costs of \$125,000 per year to be expended from the City's general fund?



# 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: Timothy Anders
- 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 Channel 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



# SPRING means time to think about Water Conservation

Saving water saves you money & is easier than you think! In addition to saving money on your utility bill, you're also helping the environment. Here are some helpful tips on how you can save water both indoors & out:

Did you know turning off the water while you brush your teeth saves up to 8 gallons of water? That's about 500 gallons a month! The same is true when you wash dishes. Turn off the tap! Scrape your dirty dishes into the trash - then put them in the dishwasher.

Taking a shower uses much less water than filling up a bathtub. A shower only uses 10 - 25 gallons, while a bath takes up to 70 gallons! If you do take a bath, be sure to plug the drain right away & adjust the temperature as you fill the tub. To save even more water, keep your shower under 5 minutes long—try timing yourself with a clock next time you hop in!

Fixing a toilet leak is a great way to reduce household water use & boost water conservation. If your toilet has a leak, you could be wasting about 200 gallons of water every day. That would be like flushing your toilet more than 50 times for no reason! Try this experiment: test for leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak!

Watering your yard first thing in the morning is a great first step to water efficient landscaping. Avoid watering your yard in the middle of the day. Watering when it's hot & sunny is wasteful because most of the water evaporates before the plants have time to absorb it through their root system.

An easy way to save water is to use a bucket & sponge when washing vehicles. Washing your car with a bucket & sponge instead of a hose saves a lot of water. A hose can waste 6 gallons per minute if you leave it running, but using a bucket & sponge only uses a few gallons!

For more helpful information about water conservation visit:

[rosenbergtx.gov/water-conservation](http://rosenbergtx.gov/water-conservation)  
[epa.gov/watersense](http://epa.gov/watersense)

Or give us a call at 832-595-3400



At the February 18, 2020 City Council Meeting, Mayor Benton issued a proclamation recognizing February 2020 as Black History Month in the City of Rosenberg.

Members of the Black Cowboy Museum & Museum Owner Larry Callies were on hand to accept the proclamation.



# COUNCIL CORNER:

- Historic Downtown Rosenberg will once again be named a Texas Main Street Locally Designated Program for 2020 by the Texas Historical Commission

- Si Environmental, LLC was awarded a bid for 2020 Concrete Sidewalk Construction & Repair
- Council approved the installation of speed humps at Mulcahy St. between Walger Ave. & Southgate Dr.

- Council approved the installation of 56 street lights on Bryan Rd. from FM 2218 to Spacek Rd.
- Council approved the adoption of revised Lowest Floor Elevations for Residential & Nonresidential Construction from 12" above the 100-year base flood elevation to 24".

# EASTER

FREE

# EGG hunt



## Age Groups:

Babies | 4 & Younger | 5-8 Years | 9-12 Years

Hundreds of Colorful Eggs - Candy - Trinkets - Coupons for Local Sweet Treats - Easter Bunny - Chalk for Drawing - Raffle Prizes - Fun Music

Monday, APRIL 6 | 6 P.M.  
Seabourne Creek Nature Park  
3831 HWY 36 S, Rosenberg, TX 77471

For Questions:  
Call the Parks Dept. at 832.595.3520  
or email [RosenbergPARD@rosenbergtx.gov](mailto:RosenbergPARD@rosenbergtx.gov)



# ROSENBERG DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION UPDATE

## Projects Update

The Rosenberg Development Corporation has many current projects underway. For Fiscal Year 2020, the RDC approved \$1,050,000 in funding for infrastructure along US-59/I-69 to bring water & sewer services to the one million square foot Dollar Tree Distribution Center, which is currently under construction. The RDC approved \$400,000 for the construction of Railroad Quiet Zones & \$300,000 for the construction of sidewalks in areas that connect residents to commercial entities. The RDC is also currently working on a project to create way-finding signage throughout the City to help residents & visitors locate key destinations.

## Spring Beautification Contest

The Image Committee recently approved plans to host the 2nd annual Spring Beautification Contest. Winners of the contest will receive gift cards, yard signs recognizing their properties & recognition from the Mayor at an upcoming City Council Meeting. The 1st place winner will receive a \$500 gift card, 2nd place a \$250 gift card, 3rd place a \$100 gift card & 3 honorable mentions will each receive \$50 gift cards. Residential property owners within the City Limits can nominate their own property or the property of someone else. All nominations will be evaluated by & winners selected by members of the Image Committee at its regularly scheduled meeting April 20. The deadline for nominations is noon on Friday, April 17.



**To nominate a property: Email a photo, the address of the property & contact information of the property owner to Economic Development Director Jeremy Heath at [jheath@rosenbergtx.gov](mailto:jheath@rosenbergtx.gov)**



## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

3/24/2020 6:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Meeting [City Hall]
3/28/2020 10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Spring Artisan Market [Downtown Rosenberg]
4/7/2020 6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting [City Hall]
4/10/2020	City Offices Closed [Good Friday Holiday]
4/20/2020	First Day For Early Voting
4/21/2020 6:30 p.m.	City Council Meeting [City Hall]
4/28/2020 6:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Meeting [City Hall]
5/2/2020	Election Day

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