



Rosenberg Insider

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Surface Water Conversion begins June 1st
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SURFACE WATER CONVERSION BEGINS



Water is in the news a lot these days. Figuring out what everything means and how it all fits together can be confusing. Many of the changes taking place in the City of Rosenberg came about due to subsidence, sinking of the ground caused by the pumping of groundwater.

In order to reduce the amount of subsidence, the Fort Bend Subsidence District (FBSD) was created to regulate groundwater usage. By the year 2025, the FBSD will require a 60% reduction of groundwater usage. The City of Rosenberg is currently under mandates for a 30% groundwater reduction. That means, that as of June 1st, Rosenberg water is a mixture of surface water and groundwater.

The treated surface water is supplied by the Brazosport Water Authority (BWA) and pumped from the Brazos River. BWA will initially supply approximately three million gallons of surface water a day to the City of Rosenberg.

WHAT'S IN YOUR WATER?

When you pour yourself a glass of Rosenberg water straight from the tap, you are getting a combination of treated surface water and groundwater. The water is disinfected using chloramines, the same disinfection agent used by larger cities such as Houston. Water is sampled and tested regularly to assure that it is clean, tasty, and of the highest quality.

Based on the samples taken and tested by the State of Texas, Rosenberg's water has been rated "Superior" by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). This is more than just an opinion; the "Superior" water designation means that Rosenberg water has been given the highest possible rating in terms of safe, reliable water. The rating also takes into account the number of licensed operators who are working on quality checks, as well as the readiness and preparedness levels in case of an emergency that could damage treatment facilities or pumps.

What Does it Mean?

Subsidence: Subsidence occurs when groundwater withdrawal causes the ground to sink. Each year that the City pumps groundwater, land subsidence increases; therefore, the Fort Bend Subsidence District has put mandates in place to reduce groundwater usage.

Groundwater: Groundwater is pumped from underground aquifers. It comes from precipitation that has seeped through layers of soil and mixed with water already below the Earth's surface.

Surface water: Surface water is pumped from above-ground sources such as lakes, rivers, and streams.

Chloramines: There are many different ways to treat and disinfect water. Rosenberg has converted to chloramine disinfectants.

TCEQ: The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality protects the state of Texas' health and natural resources.

BWA: Rosenberg's treated surface water is received from the Brazosport Water Authority (BWA). Approximately three million gallons per day is currently needed to meet the Fort Bend Subsidence District's mandates.

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.

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

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Mission Statement

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

COME WORK WITH US



It's time for Park Weather

Don't waste your summer vacation sitting at home in front of the TV! Rosenberg parks have everything you need to stay active, enjoy nature, and have a blast!

Brazos Park: 11.26 acres of tree-shaded green space with picnic tables, barbecue grills, basketball court, and playground equipment, located at 320 Houston Street.

Harwood Park: Located at 1005 Frances Drive, this park has a covered picnic shelter and playground.

Marcario Garcia Park: A lighted basketball court, covered pavilions, and barbecue grills at 716 Blume Road.

Riverbend Park: Grab a bat and head to the baseball field at 2601 Avenue A.

Seabourne Creek Nature Park: 164 acres with walking, jogging, and bike trails. Wetlands, a butterfly garden, and stocked lake bring you closer to nature. Located at 3831 Highway 36 South near the Civic Center.

Seabourne Creek Sports Complex: Boasting baseball fields, soccer/football fields, and a large playground at 3701 Fountains Drive.

Sunset Park: Located at 2017 Mulcahy Street, large pavilions, sand volleyball, trails, two tennis courts, a basketball court, softball fields, grills, and playground equipment means there's something for everyone.

Tony Becerra Park: at 2000 Avenue A, five acres of park with a basketball court, picnic tables, grills, playground, and pavilion.

Travis Park: Two basketball courts, softball fields, playground equipment, grills, pavilions, and walking/jogging trails are located at 3004 Avenue N.

Want to know more?
Call Us!
(832) 595-3520

What to Bring!

1. Proper footwear for exploring nature trails or running the bases on our baseball fields.
2. Sunglasses to protect your eyes from the sun.
3. And while you're at it... bring some sunscreen or a hat, and bug spray!
4. Stay hydrated! You can bring non-alcoholic beverages to the park!
5. Bring your brand of fun but leave the pets and drones at home!



Celebrate July 4th

Family-style!

Wednesday, July 4 from
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Seabourne Creek Nature Park
3831 Highway 36 South, Rosenberg

Food! Fireworks! Music!



19th Annual Family 4th Comes to Rosenberg!

Celebrate Independence Day with the City of Rosenberg at Seabourne Creek Nature Park on Wednesday, July 4th.

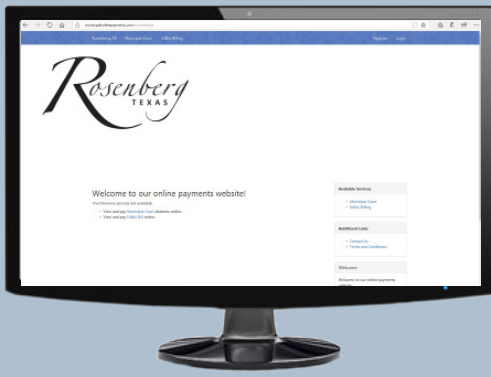
From 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., Rosenberg's Family 4th Celebration will include a children's carnival with inflatables, live music by Horizon, food vendors, nature talks from the Texas Master Naturalists, a stilt-walker, and, of course, a patriotic fireworks show.

"Family 4th is quickly approaching, the excitement is building, and the fun will be endless!" Parks and Recreation Programs Coordinator, Carrie Kmiec said. "It has been a lot of fun planning the event and I can't wait for the big day to be here."

Seabourne Creek Nature Park is located at 3831 State Highway 36 in Rosenberg with general parking located just south of the park entrance. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets; however, tents are prohibited at this event. Please bring your family and friends but leave your pets at home. Alcohol and tobacco are banned in the City of Rosenberg's parks. Drone use is prohibited by City Ordinance. Seabourne Creek Park will be closed to the public during event set-up and tear-down. All are invited to attend this free event.

Family 4th Celebration is made possible through the generous support of our sponsors such as Finnegan Auto Group, who is a Platinum Sponsor year after year. To be a sponsor, contact Carrie at (832) 595-3520 or email CKmiec@rosenbergtx.gov.





Online Bill Pay

Did you know you can pay your utility bill online? The City of Rosenberg has recently upgraded their billing software and now offers enhanced features through a program called InCode.

If you haven't already signed up for online bill pay, you can do so by visiting: municipalonlinepayments.com/rosenbergtx

Types of payments you can make online include:

- Water Utility Bills
- Municipal Court

For additional information, visit: rosenbergtx.gov

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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832.595.3301 (ask for Communications)



Left to right: Fire Inspector, Dustin Toll - People's Choice Award; Event Coordinator, Isabel Carranza; Fire Chief, Darrel Himly - Judge's Choice, Best Chili

AND THE WINNER IS... RDC Hosts First Annual Chili Cook-off

What better way to come together than with chili? Rosenberg Development Corporation (RDC) president, Bret Gardella, found the perfect way to bring City employees together from each department by hosting a chili cook-off. The winners of the cook-off, held on April 25, 2018, were Fire Chief Darrel Himly and Fire Inspector Dustin Toll.

Chief Himly's was voted best tasting chili by judges: Councilors Lynn Moses, Alice Jozwiak, and Jimmie Peña.

Dustin Toll's won the People's Choice Award by being the favorite overall as voted on by those who attended the event.

Nine (9) teams participated throughout the City, and around 100 employees enjoyed a meal complete with cornbread, chips, and hotdogs. The City did not spend any money on this event. Teams supplied their own chili ingredients and the extras, and condiments were purchased by Gardella who said, "It was nice just to have everyone come out and enjoy lunch together."

Gardella, who started with the City Economic Development Office in January of 2018 enjoyed the opportunity to meet many of the co-workers he likely wouldn't get a chance to come across on a regular business day.

Due to the success of the event, staff is already considering a BBQ competition for late summer/early fall and hopes to make the chili cook-off an annual event.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

7/03/2018 City Council Meeting Rosenberg City Hall
7:00 p.m.

7/04/2018 Independence Day City Offices Closed

7/04/2018 Family Fourth Seabourne Creek Nature Park
6:00 p.m. Celebration

7/17/2018 City Council Meeting Rosenberg City Hall
7:00 p.m.

7/24/2018 City Council Workshop Rosenberg City Hall
6:00 p.m.

