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.

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

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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.

NUMBERS TO KNOW
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832.595.3490
Citizen Relations
832.595.3301
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832.595.3400
Police Dispatch - Non-Emergency
832.595.3700
Republic Services - Solid Waste
713.726.7300

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Publication comments are welcome email: communications@rosenbergtx.gov
Phone: 832.595.3301 (ask for Communications)

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

7/04/2018 Independence Day City Offices Closed

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

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

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