

Rhome Record

March – 2024



Welcome to Early Spring in Rhome!

We are seeing early spring weather with green grasses, spring flowers, and rain showers. We hope you are enjoying this change and that you are looking forward to being outside and enjoying the community.

Rhome city business is also gearing up for our elections in May and projects that have been reviewed by Council that will be of benefit to the community. We will have many topics of discussion and information coming out over the next several months, so please stay tuned to our social media pages, newsletter, and website to have the latest facts and your questions answered.

Results of the Council's Capital Planning Workshop

The Council team met with Staff for an all-day discussion on Saturday, the 10th of February to review the needs of Rhome as it relates to projects that will allow us to make repairs or replace parts of the water and sewer system.

A current overview of the water system was given along with photos to show the repairs needed to our ground storage water tanks, the elevated water tower on the highway, the sewer plants, etc. The presentation can be accessed [here](#). We will be providing the community with an overview of the talking points from the meeting in the coming weeks. Council ultimately voted to place three (3) bonds on the May election ballot for the following:

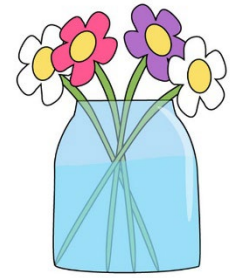
1. **Water Wells** – issue bonds up to \$3 million to drill water wells and purchase land or rights of way for the wells. This project would provide additional water for use in our system. The city currently gets the vast majority of our water from Walnut Creek Special Utility District (WCSUD). The wells would supplement what is received from WCSUD.
2. **West Wastewater (sewer) Treatment Plant** – issue bonds up to \$11 million to replace the West Wastewater Treatment Plant. The plant was originally built in 1998 and hasn't had any upgrades since the installation. It has also received violation notices from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the overflow of sewer.
3. **Replacement of Old Clay Pipes** – issue bonds up to \$3.5 million to replace the old clay sewer pipes that are in the city. These were likely installed 70 years ago in our Old Town area of Rhome. Old Town is generally the homes and business areas along BC Rhome and Main Street. We need to replace these with new line.

Many of these projects have been discussed by the community for several years. Addressing the projects is important to our current residents as we want to ensure that we have access to water and sewer systems. **Watch for the FAOs for the bonds that will come out soon!**

Planning for Today and Tomorrow!

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New 'news' resources coming soon!

During a recent Council meeting, Staff was directed to find better ways to connect and inform our residents. Council considered options like an electronic sign at city hall, stationary signs for boil water and water restriction notices, along with email options. Council decided to pursue the email options and the stationary signs for the next several months and then decide if these communication methods worked for our residents. Over the coming weeks, we will be updating the city's website and will implement a new email notification system for those interested in receiving updates in their inbox.

You may also find information through our city's Facebook page, and the existing website until our new options are put in place.

Important Dates to Remember:

- ✓ Easter Egg Hunt – March 23rd at the Rhome Family Park from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- ✓ City Offices Closed – Friday, March 29th to observe Good Friday

Meetings at the Marie Moore Educational Center (Community Center next to the Fire Dept.)

- ✓ Planning & Zoning – March 4th at 6:00 p.m.
 - ✓ Council Meeting(s) – March 14th and 28th at 6:00 p.m.
 - ✓ Citizen Police Academy – Tuesday evenings in March
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Water Conservation: Please see our Facebook page for ways to conserve water usage both inside and outside your home. We are publishing information from the Texas Water Development Board each Tuesday morning that will help you lower your usage and your bill!

Watch for our Motorcycle (and bicycle) Riding Friends: With warmer weather, many of our residents and surrounding community members will take to the roads on their favorite motorcycle or bicycle. Please be sure to check your surroundings and watch for those motorists so we can all be safe and 'share the road'.

Electronic Newsletter Option

If you would prefer an electronic version of the newsletter, please email us at cityadministrator@cityofrhome.com with the email address you would like us to send it to each time we publish.