

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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**Abstract: Charles Kalkomey, Sr.**

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Charles Kalkomey has deep roots in Rosenberg, Texas. He spent his childhood there, was educated in its schools, and worked as a surveyor with his father while a student. For most of his professional career, the City of Rosenberg has employed him in its engineering and planning departments, giving him a unique and well-informed view of the town's rapid development.

Charles has played an important role in delivering the municipal services that most Rosenberg residents take for granted until a disruption or failure occurs. He addresses issues like utilities, subsidence, traffic, and transportation, including planning for these elements of local life. Effective planning is naturally difficult in extraordinary boom times. Charles gives the perspective from the city's side of the fence, as opposed to the resident's.

This interview should appeal to anyone interested in the development of Rosenberg.

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# Interview Summary

## People

### Family

Charlie Kalkomey, Jr., father  
 Lanelle Djuka Kalkomey, mother  
 Carol Kalkomey, sister  
 Chris Kalkomey, brother  
 Beatrice Kalkomey, wife  
 Allen Kalkomey, son  
 Craig Kalkomey, son

### City of Rosenberg

#### Mayors

Ben Babovec  
 Dorothy Ryan  
 Joe Gurecky  
 Vincent Morales  
 Lupe Uresti  
 Kevin Raines

#### City Managers

John Maresh  
 David Neely  
 Sonny Pochyla

#### Department heads

Robert Garcia, Chief of Police  
 Don Meyer, Director of Public Works  
 Fritz Oberhoff, city streets & drainage manager  
 Pete Pavlovsky, Fire Marshal  
 Clarence Wolfe, city water & sewer manager

#### City Council member

Carl Hopkins

#### Planning Commission member

James Urbish

### Others

Henry Wertheimer, owner of Schaeffer's Pharmacy and LCISD school board member

## Activities / Projects

### Surveying

Road expansion along I-69 and Hwy. 36

## Places / Businesses

Brazos Country, Texas, Frydek Road Sealy, Texas  
 Brazosport Water Authority  
 Brookshire Katy Drainage District  
 Fort Bend Subsidence District  
 North Fort Bend Water Authority

### City of Rosenberg

Planning Commission  
 Engineering Department

Jones and Carter, civil engineering company  
 Langford Engineering, civil engineering company  
 SA Russell and Associates, surveying and engineering company

Robert E. Lee Elementary School  
 Bowie Elementary School  
 Lamar High School  
 Texas A&M University  
 Seabourne Creek Nature Park