

Mayor's Message

"With a small town ambience and big city convenience, Sweeny Texas is perhaps one of the best kept secrets in Brazoria County. Situated slightly off the beaten path, near the San Bernard River in the Western most reaches of Brazoria County, Sweeny enjoys the natural beauty and rural atmosphere prized by so many, yet is only 1 ½ hours from the heart of Houston, the largest city in Texas, and less than 1 hour's drive from the beaches of Galveston, Surfside, and Matagorda.

There are excellent employment opportunities offered by nearby major corporations and their supporting business partners. Five of the major plant complexes (ranging in distance from three to 22 miles) have announced major expansions, creating hundreds of new employment opportunities. A new employer, Tenaris Steel has announced plans to build a plant roughly 20 miles from Sweeny. This new facility will also create many new jobs. Sweeny in anticipation of these new opportunities has the only Public shovel-ready Industrial Park in Brazoria County. Strategically located Sweeny has ready access to rail, water and roadway transportation. Major rail runs through town, San Bernard River (Approximately 3 miles) leading to the Inter Coastal Canal and Port Freeport, and State Highway 35 (4 miles), with four lanes of divided roadway.

Unlike communities of comparable size we have an outstanding Community Hospital. The Hospital is a 24-hour operational medical center both inpatient and outpatient healthcare services to include a dedicated surgical suite. It is licensed for 20 inpatient beds. The emergency room has 24-hour physician staffing, and is a level four rated trauma center. Recent additions include: state-of-the-art assisted living facility, cutting edge digital mammography system, and a wound treatment and hyperbaric center.

Our Independent School District has a long history of outstanding academic achievement and athletic prowess. The High School campus has recently completed a major renovation, greatly expanding student capacity. The elementary and intermediate campuses are less than 15 years old, and are in excellent condition with respect to both student capacity and overall condition. Our student/teacher ratio (17/1) is one of the best in the area.

There are three junior colleges in close proximity to Sweeny which offer Associate Degrees in various academic fields and Certificates in occupational-technical fields, providing a well-rounded workforce. One, Brazosport Community College offers a 4-year degree program which confers the degree of "Bachelor of Applied Technology, with an Industrial Management Major." In 2013 & 2014, out of 1200 Community Colleges nationwide, Brazosport Community Colleges was rated, by the Aspen Institute, as one of the "Top 10" colleges, based on the level of success of its graduating students.

Cultural events/activities are hosted by The Brazosport Center for the Arts & Sciences (www.bcfas.org) located on the Brazosport Community College campus. The Center Stages Theater has between 5 and 7 productions per season, both musicals and plays. These are staged in state of the art facilities: either a 191 seat arena or 391 seat proscenium style theater. The Art League, as part of its mission, conducts showings on a continuing basis, changing material every 4-6 weeks. They will display approximately 1300 paintings of different medium annually. In the sciences they provide different programs exploring the Cosmos, and have an extensive exhibit of significant paleontological artifacts relating to historic specimens.

We have churches of many denominations, and our residential areas offer both moderate and upscale housing. Lastly, our City Government is responsive to the needs of our citizens. In short, Sweeny is a great community in which to live, work and raise a family.

So, if you are contemplating a change, check us out.

*Mayor
City of Sweeny Texas*