

New Stork nest on the Rosenberger chimney

As early as 1988, a pair of storks tried on the approximately 30 meter high chimney to build a nest at the Rosenberger site in Fridolfing. A little sensation, at that time there were only 2 breeding pairs of storks in all of Upper Bavaria. Unfortunately storms blow away the nesting material, the storks gave up and disappeared.

Thereupon, on the initiative of the LBV (Landesbund für Vogelschutz in Bayern e.V), an 80 kg heavy nest aid had been placed to the chimney by a helicopter of the German military. Hans Rosenberger agreed with the implementation and promised any support.

In February 1989, the "Stork's Nest" project was successfully carried out as a training campaign for mountain troop battalion with a helicopter.

To the delight of the employees and the Rosenberger families, many stork pairs have been able to do so since successfully move into the nest and raise young birds.

Unfortunately there were also less successful, even tragic years in between. Both hailstorms in 2005 and 2009 killed adult birds and young animals, 1997, 2006 to 2008 the young birds freeze to death in unusual cold and rain. The storks stayed in between completely or could not find a partner stork.

After a long period of ten unsuccessful years, a stork couple breed luckily and raised a young cub. As usual, they flew to Africa in the late summertime.

In autumn 2019, after a safety check of the 30 years old nesting aid, the result was to renew and exchange them. In addition, the old nest was nearly composted and built with rubbish garbage. In consultation with the responsible higher nature conservation authority and the LBV, the renewal was approved and allowed.

Recently the new nesting aid was made, with a new willow nest braided by an employee, and with a 45 high mobile crane reattached to the historic fireplace.

The Rosenberger families and the staff hope that storks will return to the nest in spring 2020.

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