

Grand Opening Held for CNG Station

The City of Rockport introduced its new CNG facilities with a Grand Opening celebration on June 2. The Stadium Drive facility, adjacent to the Community Aquatic and Skate Park, is a stand-alone fueling station for both commercial and personal-use CNG vehicles. It offers 24/7 accessibility and a point-of-sale program that accepts credit card payments.

There is a second facility on ACISD property exclusively for the use of their two CNG buses. Additional buses have been ordered and will be delivered in 2016.

The timing couldn't have been any better as the City had just received its first CNG vehicle—a heavy duty, dual cab truck.

The City and ACISD entered into a mutual agreement for a compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station in 2014. The school district provided the land, via a lease agreement, for the stand-alone station and the ACISD facility. Funding for the project was made possible through a Certificate of Obligation, which was issued in July 2014. Both entities will slowly be converting their vehicle fleets to CNG, which provides sig-



nificant fuel savings, lower emissions, and lower maintenance costs.

Zeit Energy served as the City's construction manager at risk. Design for the project was provided by TRC, a national engineering, consulting and construction management firm providing integrated services to the energy, environmental and infrastructure markets. Palacios Marine and Industrial was awarded the con-

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Didja' Know?

Even though offices may be closed, the City operates 24/7.

Dispatch is available after 5 pm and on weekends to receive calls for suspicious activity and water, sewer, gas or street problems. These concerns will be sent to on-duty employees to address the situation immediately.

The after hours phone number is 361-729-1111. In case of an emergency, please dial 911.

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struction contract following the request for bids procedure. Total cost of the project was \$1.8 million.

Since the event, the City has received national exposure on many alternative fuel, government and fleet websites. A special story will be featured in the August issue of *Texas Town & City* magazine.

Tree City USA Recognition



The Parks Department was recognized at the May 26th City Council meeting for its exceptional efforts in maintaining the City's parks AND for the presentation of the "Tree City USA" award by Texas State Forester Mark Kroeze. The City of Rockport has won the award 16 times.

The four standards for Tree City USA recognition are 1) a tree board or committee, 2) a tree care ordinance, 3) a community forestry budget and 4) an annual Arbor Day observance and Proclamation.

Be Prepared — Hurricane Season is Underway

When a hurricane threatens, evacuating is the smartest move. Make your evacuation plan now and discuss it with family, friends and relatives. Put an emergency supply kit together now. Make sure your vehicle is in good repair. Make a checklist of what you need to do before you leave.

FirstCall Emergency Notification System

During an emergency, the City of Rockport and Aransas County will implement the FirstCall Emergency Notification System. Residents must register with the system in order to receive messages from FirstCall. You may register online

or by telephone at 866-484-3264 or <https://alertregistration.com/AransasCoTx/>.

Residents can choose to enter up to a combined total of five different phone numbers or email addresses.

Residents can contact Commander Larry Sinclair at 361-790-1110 if they have questions or need assistance with FirstCall.

Special Needs

If you will need additional assistance with activities of daily living in the event of a disaster or emergency and you have no other

means to evacuate if a hurricane threatens, call 211 and register your name, address, and special need. This information will be given to the Aransas County Emergency Operations Center so your needs can be addressed in the event of an evacuation.

City of Rockport Website

In the event of a mandatory evacuation, the information will be displayed on the site. Selected City staff will relocate to the Austin area and update the website with information from the Emergency Operations Center.

Visit us on the Web
@ www.cityofrockport.com

Special Thanks to Keep Rockport Beautiful

Established in 2003 by the Rockport City Council as a city-affiliate board of citizen volunteers, Keep Rockport Beautiful (KRB) identified, planned, and accomplished projects and programs designed to enhance the beauty of the city.

Standing out as the most notable and publicly recognized KRB achievements are:



Pride Park – Continuing south along the turn of Hwy 35 toward Market Street, there’s a small area of city-owned green space on the right. Spanning a period of several years, plantings were incorporated along the outside border of the area, including esperanza, crape myrtle, plumbago, Knock-out Roses, butterfly weed, firecracker shrubs, assorted salvia and other native and adapted plants.

Recently, the project was completed with the addition of three wind sculptures, titled “Trancer,” “Kinetic DNA” and “Jellyfish.” The sculptures were picked not only



for their unique design, but for their ability to withstand Rockport’s salt air.

Compass Rose Park & Labyrinth – Compass Rose Park & Labyrinth, on Hwy 35 North across from Little Bay, was dedicated in 2009. A labyrinth is an ancient symbol that relates to wholeness. It combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful path. This internationally registered Compass Rose Labyrinth incorporates a nautical theme displaying compass orientation points.

Welcome Sign – The south “Welcome to Rockport-Fulton” sign located at the intersection of Hwy 35 and SR 70 (Church Street)



was totally renovated with fresh paint, international maritime signal flags spelling out “welcome,” along with a sail.

Knock-Out Rose Beds – To the south of Compass Rose Park, on the east side of Bus. Hwy. 35 N., Knock-Out Rose beds are located at the intersection of Austin St. and Hwy 35. Knock-Out roses and purple fountain grass were planted and later wild flowers were added.

Code Enforcement – More recently KRB has assisted the City’s Code Enforcement Officers by identifying properties suspected of being in violation of city codes.

Since its inception, 30 people have served on KRB. With the retirement of longtime Chairperson Barbara Long and other members, City Council decided to suspend the group temporarily rather than eliminate the KRB altogether. At an undetermined time in the future, Council will evaluate KRB, its mission, and the possibility of reviving the group.

If you would be interested in becoming more involved with the City via participation in KRB or one of the City’s other citizen advisory committees, please contact the City Secretary at 361-729-2213 x 225

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The Sharks are Making Waves

Approximately 64 local children ranging in age from 5 to 18 participated in the Rockport Sharks' competitive swim team this summer.

Operated by the Community Aquatic and Skate Park, Friends of the Pool and other volunteers, the swim team unveiled new swimsuits, caps and mock tattoos of their new logo.



The Sharks are part of the 2015 Corpus Christi Swim League Division and compete with other teams located within the Coastal Bend. The team is under the leadership of Brittany Moody, a certified lifeguard instructor, coach and the aquatics coordinator of the YMCA of the Coastal Bend.

Who Do I Call If ...

Emergency	911
Non-Emergency Public Safety	729-1111
Utility Bill Questions/Concerns	729-2213 x 234
Street Issues and Repairs	790-1160
Sewer, Water and Gas Issues	790-1160
Trash Pick-Up	729-2213 x 234
City Administrative Offices	729-2213 x 221
Building and Development Dept.	790-1125
County Mosquito Hotline	727- 0606 x 29

For additional questions or concerns, visit the "FAQs" or "Fix It" sections on the City's web site (www.cityofrockport.com) or call City Hall at 729-2213.

Reminder

- Each customer is limited to approximately 180 gallons of trash per pickup.
- All trash must be bagged.
- Trash bags can be no larger than 30 gallons and must be securely tied.
- Garbage cans and other trash containers must be 33 gallons or smaller and have two handles.
- No more than six, 30 gallon bags per pickup.

When customers exceed their limit neighbors near the end of the route may have their pickup delayed by a day because the garbage truck fills up before it can complete the route.

Questions? Call Utility Billing at 729-2213, ext. 234.



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