

# Rockport Transcript

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## Are you an Informed Resident?



Keeping citizens informed.

As a result of our short-lived “Boil Water” notification, the City learned that many of its residents were not aware of the emergency announcement. While the City ensures that alerts are shared with area media outlets, it also offers a number of services to ensure that citizens are informed of emergencies, streets closures and other public concerns.

The most immediate is CodeRED, an emergency system that will send a notification via text, email or phone call. Residents MUST register with the system in order

to receive messages from Code RED. If you signed up with our previous program, First Call, your information has already been transferred.

To register, please go to the City’s home page ([cityofrockport.com](http://cityofrockport.com)) and click on the CodeRED logo, which is located on the bottom left side of the page. You may enter up to five different phone numbers, either land line or cell phone, and email addresses.

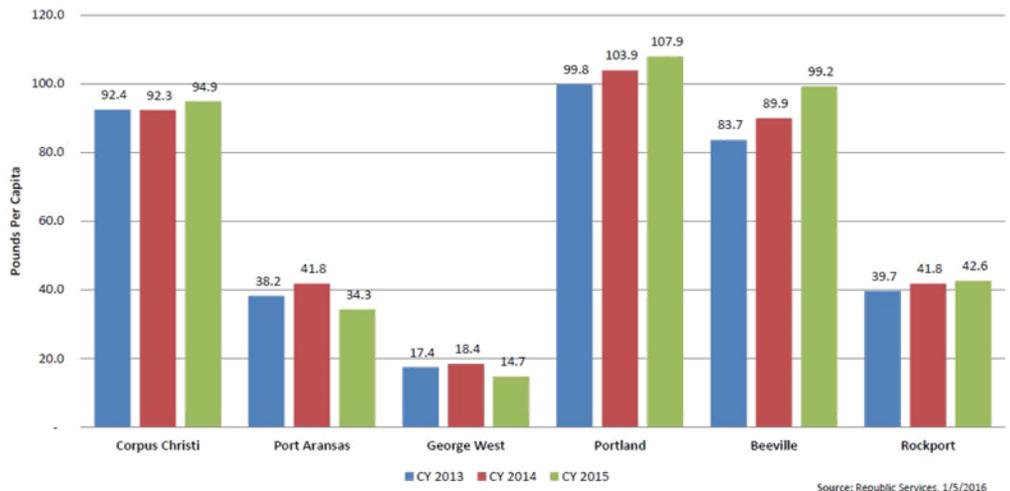
Another option, though not as timely, is the NOTIFY ME feature

through the City’s web site. To receive direct emails, simply visit the “Receive Notifications” section on the home page of the Web Site. You may sign up to receive a variety of notifications, including City Council agendas, Committee meeting notices, news releases, job postings, and requests for bids and proposals. All information is held in confidence and will not be sold, disclosed to others, or used for unsolicited mass mailings. Please remember to set your spam blocker to allow mail from [listserv@civicplus.com](mailto:listserv@civicplus.com).



The City Election scheduled for May 7 has been cancelled. There were no candidates opposing Mayor C.J. Wax and Council members J.D. Villa (Ward 2) and Barbara Gurtner (Ward 4).

Per Capita Recycling Volume Comparison 2013-2015



The City is seeing a positive effect with the growth in the total volume and pounds per capita recycled by residents. Above is a depiction, provided by Republic Services, that shows the growth and a comparison with other municipalities.

# 28th Annual Whooping Crane Strut Brings in Record Number of Participants

More than 200 participants and dozens of volunteers enjoyed a picture perfect day as they took part in the 28th Annual Whooping Crane Strut on Saturday, March 12. The event included a 2K walk, 5K run and 10K run.

Individuals ranged in age from toddlers to 70+ with 75 males and 127 females finishing the event. The Coastal Bend and Houston areas were well represented. Additionally, the event hosted athletes from as far away as Canada; Cheyenne, WY; Huntsville, AL and Annandale, VA.

Tom Staley presented a check for \$1075 to "Water for Wildlife Fund," to provide more fresh water areas for the whooping cranes. Five dollars from every registration was collected for this fund.

Top Overall Male and Female Winners in the three categories are:

## 2 Mile Walk

Richard Pifer and Marcia Rhone

## 5K Run

Jacob Krupa and Denis Miranda  
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## 10K Run

David Adkinson and Mary Lessor

Top finishers per category and age group include:

## 2 Mile Walk (Male):

Robert McMahon Masters  
Fred Krebs Grand Masters  
Samuel Williams Ages 1-9  
Jonnie Martell Ages 30-39  
John Moriarty Ages 50-59  
Bruce Faust Ages 60-69  
Doris Fuller Ages 70+

## 2 Mile Walk (Female)

Donna Fuhmann—Masters  
Sandy Richard Grand Masters  
Abigail Williams Ages 1-9  
Chloe Fuhmann Ages 10-19  
Bethany Jackson Ages 20-29  
Amanda Strachen Ages 30-39  
Laurie Garcia Ages 40-49  
Donna Gordon Ages 50-59  
Private Profile Ages 60-69  
Sue Weir Ages 70+

## 5K Run (Male)

Jesse Hastey Masters  
Gary Rhone Grand Masters  
Talon Kenfield Ages 1-9  
Cody Davila Ages 10-14  
Donald Isom Ages 15-19  
Shane Hale Ages 20-29  
David Ramirez Ages 30-39  
Jimmy Allen Ages 40-49  
Kirk Miller Ages 50-59  
Mike Anderson Ages 60-69  
Chuck Baldwin Ages 70+

## 5K Run (Female)

Cheryl Miller Masters  
Donna Holland Grand Masters  
Alyssa Wilson Ages 1-9  
Kaila Orines Ages 10-14  
Kayliegha Slaton Ages 15-19



Carla Comparini Ages 20-29  
Zoe Slaton Ages 30-39  
Nancy Ramirez Ages 40-49  
Nora Rodriguez Ages 50-59  
Becky Fox Ages 60-69  
Kay Duplichan Ages 70+

## 10K Run (Male)

James Stuart II Ages 20-29  
Marcus Hursey Ages 30-39  
Mark Morton Ages 40-49  
Thomas Schumacher Ages 50-59  
John Seip Ages 60-69  
Gene Stewart Ages 70+

## 10K Run (Female)

Ellen Machicek Ages 15-19  
Breanna Abbot Ages 20-29  
Amanda Gamewell Ages 30-39  
Tami Domasco Ages 40-49  
Pat Johnson Ages 50-59  
Cheeta Ramirez Ages 60-69



## City Receives National Award

For the 16th time, the City has been certified with the Tree City USA® designation, a national program sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, U.S. Forest Service, Urban and Community Forestry Division of USDA, and the National Association of State Foresters.

To qualify as a Tree City USA community, a city or town must meet four standards: 1) Someone must be legally responsible for the care of all trees on city- or town-owned property; 2) a tree care ordinance must be in place; 3) A Community Forestry Program with an annual



budget of at least \$2 per capita must exist; and 4) There must be an Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation.

A special thanks to our Parks Department for their hard work and for ensuring our qualification to receive this prestigious award.

## And, Speaking of Trees ....

Every year, the Street Department works in a different section of the City to trim trees or other vegetation along streets or public ways to ensure safety for pedestrians and clearance for emergency vehicles. There should be a 7 foot clearance between a tree and the walkway and a 14 foot clearance between a tree limb and driving surface.

These standards are set out in the Code of Ordinances. According to Chapter 106-Rockport Tree and Landscape Regulations:

- Property Owners must ensure that trees or vegetation will not obstruct or shade street lights, obstruct the passage of pedestrians, obstruct vision or traffic signs, obstruct flow of

vehicular traffic or obstruct view of any street or alley intersection.

- On any corner lot, no vegetation shall be more than three feet above ground level within a vision triangle of two intersection roads. This restriction does not apply to the trunks of trees as long as the trees are not clustered in a way so as to impede vision and are pruned so that all overhanging limbs will also not impede vision.

If you have a question about your property, or feel that another property is not in compliance, please call the Building and Development Department at 361-790-1125.

## It's Official



Mayor C.J. Wax signs the final papers for purchase of the iconic windswept oaks. Shortly thereafter, Councilman Rusty Day joined city staff and the real estate agent to adhere the "Sold" sign.

Funds for purchase of the land and the upgrades needed to convert it to a public park were made possible through a new Certificate of Obligation. Bidding is underway for protective fencing along Broadway. The Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Committee is working on a master plan.

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Keep your retail sales taxes  
working at home

# Rockport City Council

Mayor



C.J. Wax

Ward 1



Rusty Day

Ward 2



J.D. Villa

Ward 3



Pat Rios

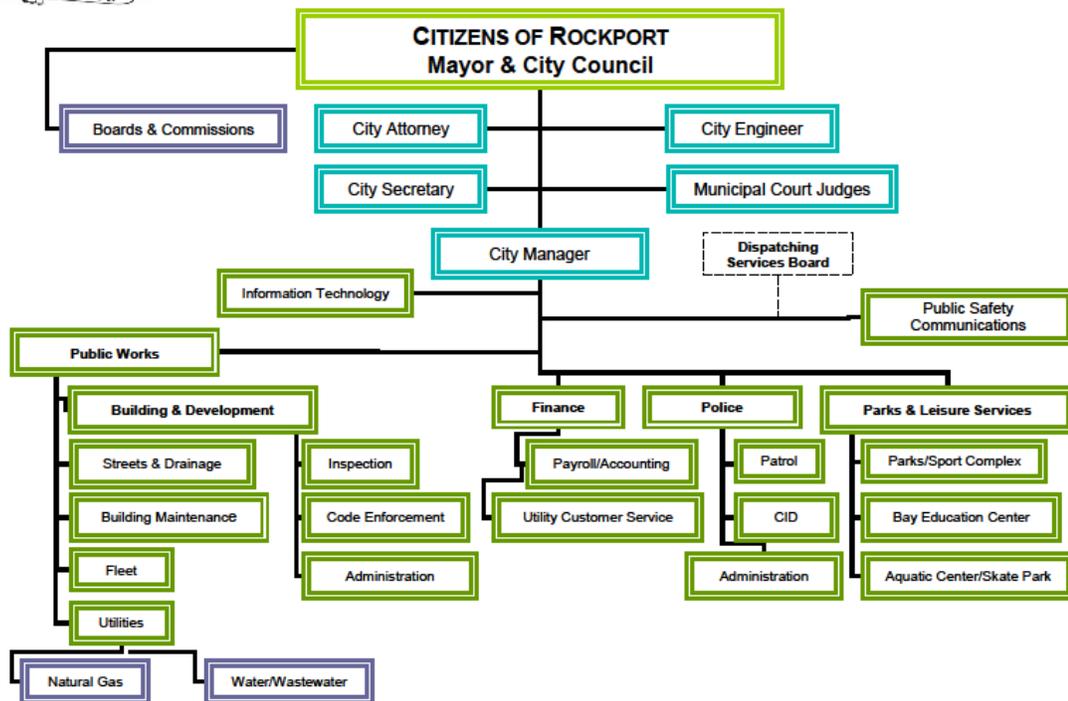
Ward 4



Barbara Gurtner



## City of Rockport Organization Chart



## 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](http://www.cityofrockport.com)) or call City Hall at 729-2213.



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