

Rockport Transcript

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Water Conservation Continues

Despite the heavy spring rains, the City is continuing to enforce Stage 2 of the Drought Contingency and Emergency Water Plan. This limits watering to once a week between the hours of 6 pm and 10 am. Anyone utilizing city water and not following the mandatory guidelines for water restrictions will be issued a citation.

Rockport buys treated water from the San Patricio Municipal Water District (SPMWD) which, in turn, buys raw water from the City of Corpus Christi. SPMWD and the City of Corpus Christi implemented similar restrictions. Rockport's contract with SPMWD requires the City to follow SPMWD's plan.

The watering schedule for Stage 2 is:

Tuesday – Even numbered residences

Wednesday – Odd numbered residences

Thursday – Multifamily and commercial

Watering, any day, with a handheld hose (with a positive shutoff nozzle), faucet-filled bucket, watering can (<5 gal.), or drip irrigation with positive shutoff device, is allowed.

Property owners using water wells, wastewater treatment plant effluent, or gray water for irrigation are exempt from the restrictions; however, the ordinance does require those users to post a sign stating the water used for irri-



gation is from a private well, wastewater treatment plant effluent, gray water or source other than the city's water supply. It is a separate violation to display a sign falsely claiming the water used is from another source.

The City of Rockport will continue to monitor lake levels and adjust the plan's stage level as needed. Customers with questions are encouraged to contact the Public Works Department at (361) 790-1160.

Friends of the Pool Receive Grant for Pool Shades



Friends of the Pool Members EvaLee Von Villas, Mike Oakley and Lynn Baskind present Aquatic Manager Sally Harper (in white) with an enlarged rendition of the check received from the Ed Rachal Foundation.

The non-profit Friends of the Pool recently received an \$8,500 grant from the Ed Rachal Foundation to provide permanent shade canopies for Community Aquatic Park patrons.

One canopy is a 17' x 10'2" SunSetter brand installed on the exterior of the south wall of the locker room and the other two structures will be similar to the canopies already in use around the pool deck.

The Importance of Silt Fences

The purpose of a silt fence is to retain the soil on disturbed land, such as a construction site, until the activities are sufficiently completed to allow revegetation and permanent soil stabilization to begin. While a silt fence is a temporary barrier, a single 100 foot run may hold as much as 50 tons of sediment in place.

Keeping the soil on a construction site, rather than letting it be washed off, prevents the degra-



ation of aquatic habitats and siltation of the bays. Not letting soil wash off onto roads, which readily transports it to storm sewers,

avoids having sewers clogged with sediment.

The use of silt fencing in construction is a key component of the Best Management Practices that the City employs as part of its stormwater and floodplain ordinances. If you see a construction site within the City that is not employing a silt fence, please call 361-790-1160 to report the location.

Site Development Permit Requirement in Effect

The City is now requiring homeowners and businesses to acquire a site development permit for any changes made to the topography of improved or unimproved property. This includes, but is not limited to, buildings or other structures, major landscaping, lot clearing, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation, drilling or storage of equipment or materials.

As part of the permitting, a set of plans must be presented to the City's Building and Development Department prior to any work being started on the property. Once the review is complete, a permit will be issued.

In light of recent flooding woes of

our neighbors in Aransas Pass and Ingleside, it is important that the City stay proactive about how development or land modifications affects the community as a whole. The site development permit is an extension of the City's Floodplain Ordinance that was passed earlier this year and also ensures compliance as a participant of the National Flood Insurance Program.

Informational workshops for builders and contractors have been underway. The City will also be developing materials for HOAs, excavators, landscapers and realtors to assist with education and compliance.

Didja' Know?

The traffic light at the intersection of Enterprise and Stadium Drive is the only signal operated by the City. All other traffic lights are managed by the Texas Department of Transportation.



Hurricanes May Pose Additional Threats this Year

In every edition of the July newsletter, we share information about being prepared for the threat of a hurricane. Additional stories are also posted on the City's web site. While we've been very fortunate in the past, there are some factors that require us to be even more diligent this year.

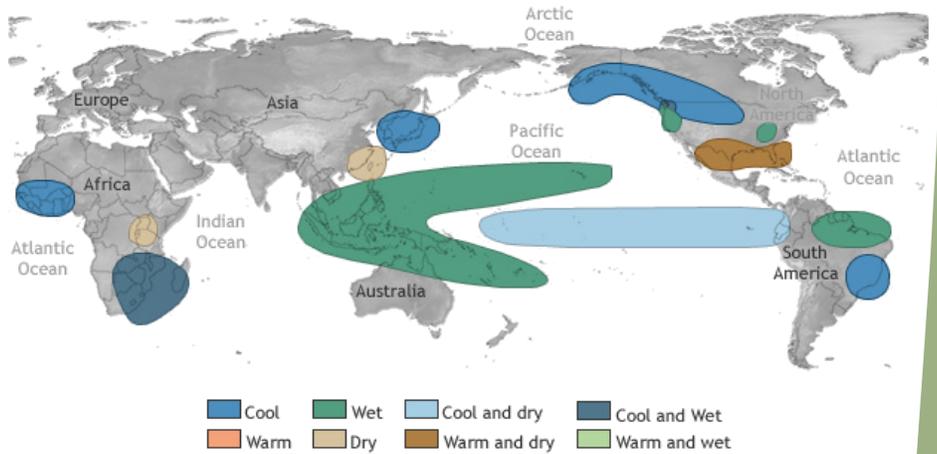
The first is the threat of rain ... regardless of the strength of the hurricane. We saw the effects of flooding and road closures earlier this year. There are too many factors (speed, shear, size) to provide exact estimates on the amount of rain a hurricane will produce. Typically, a region can expect 5 – 12+ inches depending upon the movement.

Another concern is the condition of the bays at the time. If we're experiencing heavy rainfall during a high tide event, there is nowhere for the water to run off. It will either rise in low lying areas or expand to adjacent areas that had not previously been affected.

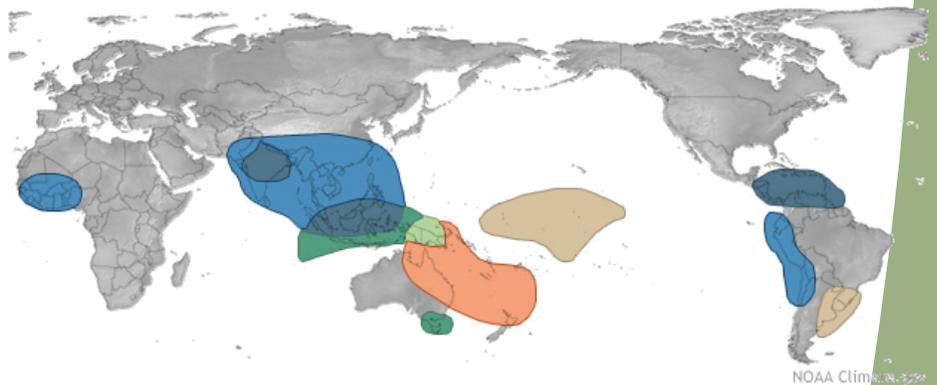
Finally, there is the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) cycle. The ENSO cycle is a scientific term that describes the fluctuations in temperature between the ocean and atmosphere in the east-central Equatorial Pacific (approximately between the International Date Line and 120 degrees west). El Niño and La Niña are opposite phases of this cycle.

LA NIÑA CLIMATE IMPACTS

December-February



June-August



El Niño and La Niña episodes typically last nine to 12 months, but some prolonged events may last for years. While their frequency can be quite irregular, El Niño and La Niña events occur on average every two to seven years. According to government and meteorological sites, La Niña, which is now in effect, presents more favorable conditions for hurricanes.

We urge you to make a plan, be prepared and stay abreast of news and information should a hurricane watch be announced through the coming months.

2016 Tropical Storm / Hurricane Names

Alex	Lisa
Bonnie	Matthew
Colin	Nicole
Danielle	Otto
Earl	Paula
Fiona	Richard
Gaston	Shary
Hermine	Tobias
Ian	Virginie
Julia	Walter

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Ward 4



Barbara Gurtner

Sharks Swim Team Enjoys Winning Season



The Rockport Sharks Summer Swim Team won four of the five meets they participated in this season. Sponsored by the City of Rockport's Parks & Leisure Services Department and the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF), the Sharks Swim Team is open to school age children residing in Aransas County. The Sharks were in TAAF Region 16, which consists of teams from nine area counties.

Swimmers took part in Saturday morning dual swim meetings in June and July leading up to the City Championship meet July 23 & 24 in Corpus Christi for those qualifying. Thirty-eight of the 48 members of the Sharks swim team qualified for Regionals.

Clip and Save

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.



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