



A Message from Mayor Wax

November 27, 2017

We urge you to use these letters, and information posted on City/Town/County web sites, as an accurate source of information coming from the Long-Term Recovery (LTR) meetings.

1. The Burn Ban is still in place.
2. Assistance.
 - a. SBA. Over \$68.8 million has been extended to Aransas County residents and businesses. We are seeking an extension to their **November 30th deadline**. There was no mention of it at today's meeting.
 - b. FEMA. Over \$25.6 million has been distributed. The Federal Coordinator Officer was in town today to meet with the entities and see what help we need.
 - c. Housing. Aransas County now has 103 temporary housing units. A special, strike force meeting with FEMA, GLO, the Governor's Office and the Long-Term Recovery Group will be meeting in early December.
 - d. Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group. The case managers hired for Aransas County are undergoing training and will set up an office at Charter Bank. There are two active case managers in Aransas Pass at this time. They may be reached at 361-857-3164.
 - e. Long Term Recovery Group now has a local number for residents to call with questions about the recovery plans. It is open 9 am – 5 pm Monday-Friday. To contact them by email: info@aransascounty.org
3. Rebuilding Rockport-Fulton Community Workshops will be held December 11 – 15. The first two days will focus on local attractions, hospitality, economic development and the downtown business districts. The remaining days on Housing. The workshops serve both as informational sessions and focus groups. We are seeking all those interested to sign up for first come, first served slots by going to www.rockport-fulton.org and clicking on the calendar for your date and time preference. The workshops will be held at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the Public Safety Center located at 714 Concho St. in Rockport. An overview may be found at <http://cocpresidentsblog.blogspot.com/>.
4. Debris. Phase 1 is 86% complete. Over 2 million cubic yards off debris have been picked up. Three incinerators are in operation on the Bypass. A request as been made of TxDOT to run a second pass.

5. Aransas County Navigation District announced today that more than 800 dump trucks worth of sand were lost as a result of the hurricane.
6. Volunteers. More than 200 volunteers lent their time and efforts on 23 jobs last week.
7. Transfer Station. This morning at Commissioner's Court, it was decided to extend free drop offs for residents through January 1, 2018. Contractors will soon be able to use the transfer station for a fee.
8. REMINDER – As we get closer to the holidays, our community tends to have an increase in crime. This weekend we had way too many calls about thefts from unlocked vehicles in parking lots and neighborhoods. Please remember to lock your vehicle at all times.
9. Save the Date!! **Tropical Christmas will be held on Saturday, December 2.** Applications for vendors, tree decoration contest, and participation in the illuminated night parade are available online or emailing parks3@cityofrockport.com.
<http://www.cityofrockport.com/515/Tropical-Christmas>

It's getting better every day!!