



A Message from Mayor Wax

February 28, 2018

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) and other government and disaster recovery-related meetings.

1. Debris

- a. ***Last pass for curbside debris removal has been extended to March 14.***
Remember to separate your piles into vegetation, building materials and appliances. As mentioned before, the sweep will begin in the north end of the county and move southward. To date, more than 3.3 million cubic yards of debris have been collected by Crowder Gulf and TxDOT. And, more than 2,000 cubic yard of debris are being taken out of the county daily.
- b. Currently, Crowder Gulf is sweeping ***demolition piles***. Please call the Long Term Recovery Center at 361-790-9496 if you're planning a full demolition to schedule a pick-up.

2. Funding and Assistance

- a. If you need assistance with property clean up, repairs, and moving mobile/manufactured housing, please contact the Volunteer Reception Center at First Baptist Church. They keep a master list of residents needing assistance and match them with incoming volunteer groups. All Hands & Hearts, a volunteer group that had been working in Portland, will now be helping here.
- b. The Volunteer Reception Center announced that dozens of volunteer groups across the country have made reservations to come to Rockport during Spring Break and through the summer.

3. Recovery Updates.

- a. **Long Term Recovery (LTR)** - LTR Team may be reached by phone Monday-Friday from 9 – 5 at 361-790-9496 or via email: info@aransascounty.org. There is also a web site: www.rockportfultondisasterrecovery.com, which may also be accessed through the County's web site. You'll find information and direct links on the CBDRG's efforts, fundraising, resources, debris process and more.

- b. **Development.** Approximately 20 different development teams have shown interest in investing in our community. They are working closely with the LTR and elected officials.
- c. **Economic Development Plan.** A draft version of the county-wide Economic Development Plan is available for viewing on the LTR web site. Residents are encouraged to read through the document and submit input to the LTR.
- d. **Texas Recovery Information.** The Rebuild Texas Commission has developed an online recovery trackers that allows the public to see how funds are being used throughout the state. www.rebuildtexas.today/recovery-tracker/
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- f. **Open for Business.** The Chamber has an updated list of **businesses** (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12o_w39Sat5S-oNQ4UxHPQviKBYWZYKsoPIraes7pJLw/edit#gid=1725234370) and **hotels** (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10FH2W2Pjh_lqj30RRIX1ApPv6WiqXUiWjkBa_DkZRuk/edit#gid=759838201) that are currently open or have shared projected opening dates.

4. Additional Information

- a. WOAI TV, an NBC-affiliate from San Antonio, is currently streaming a live feed to San Antonio residents from special interviews being held at the Rockport Service Center. Among the speakers are Governor Abbott, Senator Cornyn, Mayor Wax, FEMA representatives, and the mayor of Port Aransas, Port Arthur and Houston. The link is <http://news4sanantonio.com/news/nation-world/town-hall-harvey-six-months-later>. The program started (now) 6:30 pm
- b. **Enjoy Oysterfest**, sponsored by the Fulton Volunteer Fire Department, March 1 – 4. Don't forget the fireworks on Thursday night – for viewing and for children or animals that may be afraid of loud noises.

It's getting better every day.