



## A Message from Mayor Wax

April 11, 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.

- **Debris. *Debris Removal is Officially Complete!!!*** Right of ways are clear and TxDot is in its final efforts to clear the median on the Bypass.
  - a) Any materials placed or dumped on the streets and highways are in violation of local ordinances. If you see someone illegally dumping, call the Public Safety Center at 729-1111 or 729-2222
  - b) Please call the Long Term Recovery Center at 361-790-9496 if you have special needs.
  
- **Recovery and Relief Information**
  - a) FEMA is in town this week of April 9 to discuss the Community Development Loan program with each of the government entities.
  - b) Hazard Mitigation meetings are scheduled for next week. Local government entities have submitted a request for \$98 million to implement 16 hazard mitigation programs throughout the County. The list was developed in cooperation with the Coastal Resiliency Group and the Long Term Recovery team.
  - c) The Long Term Recovery Team will be meeting with Governor Abbott on the 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss Aransas County needs. As such, there will be no Wednesday meeting or Mayor's Message.
  - d) The Long Term Recovery Updated Economic Development Plan is available for review and public comments. <https://goo.gl/VkXpnp>
  - e) The Texas General Land Office is accepting public comments through April 26 for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's \$5.024 billion in Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery funds to the State of Texas for Hurricane Harvey Recovery. <https://goo.gl/y27uMU>
  
- **Special Notices from the City.**
  - a) Contractor Complaints. The number of complaint calls to the Building Department have increased. Sadly, the majority were never registered as part of the Contractor Verification program. If you hire a contractor that doesn't have a verified sticker and is not on the list, please be cautious.
  - b) **Memorial Park is OPEN.**

- c) Yard Debris. Hand pick up of bagged yard debris has begun. Because Republic Services will not be using its traditional zone, residents will need to **place their bags curbside on the Sunday evenings** of April 15 and April 22. Although a resident might have a regular Monday pick up date, it's possible that the yard debris may not be picked up until later in the week OR a regular Tuesday pick up date may see yard waste removed as early as Monday. Please note:
- Each household may put out up to 12 bags
  - Waste bags should be no greater than 35 gallons
  - Trash cans will not be serviced
  - Regular weekly trash and bi-weekly recyclables will continue on schedule.

- **Special Announcements**

- Rockport Beach was named the #1 Beach in *USA Today's* "10 Best" poll
- Counseling services are available to Aransas County residents on Tuesday evenings from 5 – 7 pm at the Aransas County Library. There is no charge to residents. The program is underwritten by Rebuild Texas and other foundations.
- Mike Koerner of the LTR represented Aransas County at a special IBM Blockchain meeting to discuss responsiveness and customer aid in emergencies. Aransas County was the ONLY Texas County invited to participate. Blockchain is a growing digital technology.
- Agri-Life is co-sponsoring a tree and plant giveaway with Texas Roots. More than 3000 trees and plants will be given away on April 17 from 2 – 7 pm at the Festival Fairground.

- **Upcoming Events:**

- a) Corpus Christi Hooks. Opening night, Thursday, April 12 will be dedicated to Harvey Heroes. Reserved seats are on sale at the Chamber, as well as a sign up for transportation to the game.
- b) April 15 Downtown Rockport clean up. Meet at Apple Dumpling at noon.
- c) Aransas County Courthouse Open House – Wednesday, April 18 starting at 5:30 in the former Ace location in the shopping center complex.
- d) **Rebuilding After the Storm workshops.** Free workshops for Aransas County residents focusing on:
  - Mitigation Reconstruction
  - Understanding Building Codes and Ordinances
  - Making Structures More Resilient
  - Reduce Flooding Losses
  - FEMA Grant Information—matching 75%

**Residential properties** – Wednesday, April 18, 6:00 p.m.

City of Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass

**Non-residential properties** – Thursday, April 19, 8:30 a.m.

Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce, 319 Broadway

For additional information, please contact Amanda Torres, the City of Rockport's Community Planner, at [communityplanner@cityofrockport.com](mailto:communityplanner@cityofrockport.com) or (361) 790-1125, ext. 226.

e) Chamber of Commerce Business Expo on April 26. 4 – 7 pm at the Fairgrounds.

And, don't forget these ongoing resources --

### **Funding and Assistance**

If you need assistance with property clean up, repairs, and moving mobile/manufactured housing, please sign up at the Volunteer Reception Center at First Baptist Church. They keep a master list of residents needing assistance and match them with incoming volunteer groups.

### **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](mailto:info@aransascounty.org). There is also a web site: [www.rockportfultondisasterrecovery.com](http://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.

It's getting better every day.