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Rockport is Going ... Greener

Allied Waste, the City's contracted garbage collector, has upgraded its Corpus Christi facilities to include a special recycling sorter. As a result, residents can now recycle more of their household waste.

In addition to newspapers; steel, tin and aluminum cans; and plastic containers; you may now include the following in your weekly recycling bin:

- Newspaper inserts
- Typing, writing and com-



- paper
- Discarded mail flyers
- Magazines and catalogues

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- Cardboard – cut down to 2'x2'
- Paperboard boxes (shoe and cereal boxes)

Non-acceptable items continue to be glass, paint, automotive fluid and hazardous materials, paper or cardboard products with food stains (i.e., pizza boxes), and plastic bags. HEB and Walmart both have receptacles at their front entrances for your clean, plastic bags.

Curbside recycling bins are available at City Hall.

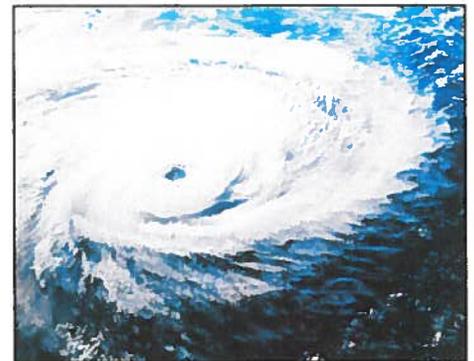
Hurricane Season is Here

Mother Nature has been wreaking havoc throughout the world and there's no guarantee that she's going to spare the Coastal Bend this season. With so many extreme occurrences taking place, it makes sense to start your hurricane planning ... if you haven't already done so.

The Emergency Operations Center has a new disaster plan that includes a revision to the timelines for voluntary and mandatory evacuations. This information is available on the City's web site by click-

ing "Emergency Information" on the home page. You'll also find recommendations for preparation, emergency kits, evacuation routes and more. If you do not have access to a computer, we will be happy to provide copies at City Hall.

And, don't forget that the City's Hurricane Response Plan includes a provision to turn off



water, sewer and natural gas service in the event of a disaster. We strongly urge you to review the materials and establish safety plans for you and your loved ones.



At a special ceremony on May 26 at City Hall, the Keep Rockport Beautiful citizen advisory committee announced the winners of its third annual "Rockport in Bloom" contest.

PARKS/GOVERNMENT

1. Zachary Taylor Arboretum and Park
2. Aransas/San Patricio County Master Gardeners Association

CHURCHES

1. Saint Peter's Episcopal
2. Sacred Heart Catholic

SCHOOLS

1. Fulton Learning Center
2. Little Bay Primary

RESIDENTIAL/CONTAINER

1. Sharon McCullough
2. Helen and Floyd Campbell

RESIDENTIAL

1. Ruth Davis
2. Kathy & Jerry Hunt

BUSINESSES/CONTAINER

1. New Beginnings
2. Merchants Square

BUSINESSES

1. Shop The World
2. AIM Hospice



The City of Rockport was one of 23 communities nationwide selected by the Environmental Protection Agency to benefit from its "Sustainable Communities" education program. City officials, community and civic leaders, and others took part in the full-day seminar, which was designed to establish a blueprint for future growth and economic development while preserving cultural and natural resources.



While residents and visitors were busy enjoying the long Fourth of July holiday weekend, City Utility employees Darrell Haynes, Marvin Clark and Jake Cross attend to a broken water main on Sunday, July 3.

The City received 200 storm drain markers from the Coastal Bend Council of Governments, which were obtained from a 604(b) water quality grant with the TCEQ and EPA. Public Works employees affixed these colorful markers next to the existing black and white markers that were placed on storm drains nearly 10 years ago. *Pictured at right are Reuben Garza and Environmental Specialist Kendra Baird.*



These markers are meant to remind residents and lawn care companies that grass clippings, leaves and other trash left on the street enter the storm sewer system, which ultimately ends up in our bays.

What are **HOT** Funds?

HOT is an acronym for the Hotel Occupancy Taxes paid by individuals who stay in local hotels or short-term rentals. These funds are collected by local government entities and are used to fund programs in the area. Each government entity has its own directive for the use of the money.

The City has chosen to utilize these funds to help promote Rockport in markets that are more than 70 miles away. As such, these funds help underwrite the activities of the Chamber's Tourism Development Council, as well as special events put on by local organizations, including the Fulton Mansion, Texas Maritime Museum, Rockport Center for the Arts, and the Council on Aging's annual Bountiful Bowl Pottery Expo.

The revenue generated by out-of-town visitors has a major impact on our city. The Governor's Office of Tourism and Economic Development reports that the Rockport-Fulton area generates travel spending in excess of \$99.9 million. Not only do visitors help sustain local businesses, but the sales tax they pay on their purchases (\$1.9 million) helps the City to finance additional programs and services not covered by local property taxes.

Who Is Knocking at Your Door?

City Ordinances prohibit door-to-door solicitation unless the vendor has received a permit from City Hall, which includes a photograph, that must be visible, and wearing an orange safety vest. They can only contact residents between 9am – 5 pm Monday through Saturday. While a City license IS NOT a certification or endorsement of the services offered, it does mean that a background investigation has been done and the City has records on the company or individual.

What's That Smell?

Nothing is more important to the City of Rockport than the safety of our customers and the community we serve.



Because natural gas is odorless, an odor that smells like rotten eggs is added from the distribution point to help detect even the smallest leaks should they ever occur.

If you even smell this odor in your home, a restaurant, store or even when you are outside, leave the area immediately and call us at 790-1160.

Be Water Smart

It's been a hot, dry year resulting in burn bans and yellowing yards. While we are not officially in a drought situation, we ask that you look for ways to voluntarily conserve water.

- Water your lawn before 10 am and after 6 pm.
- Check your sprinkler system for leaks and broken heads
- Use full loads when washing clothes
- Don't keep the water running when brushing your teeth
- Take shorter showers
- Check for leaking faucets and running toilets



Mayor Pro Tem Bill Fisher was elected president of the Region 11 division of the Texas Municipal League, which is comprised of 14 counties in the Coastal Bend area. Since its founding in 1913, the League exists solely to provide services to Texas cities, including advocacy, training, legislative updates, legal assistance and other resources.

Over 18,000 mayors, council members, and city department heads are members of the League. Additionally, City Secretary Irma Parker currently serves as the secretary for Region 11 and the past president of the entire organization was former Mayor Todd Pearson.

It was a hot and happening Fourth of July with almost 50,000 visitors at the Beach Park over the four-day holiday weekend. City employees and volunteers handed out more than a 1000 litter bags to individuals entering the beach park. According to Director of Parks and Leisure Services Tom Staley, the use of these litter bags cut the normal trash pick-up by Parks' staff in half each day. The holiday festivities ended with the spectacular, annual Wendell Family Fireworks Display.

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

For additional questions or concerns, visit the "Who Do I Call" or "Fix It" sections on the City's web site. www.cityoffrockport.com or call City Hall at 729-2213.

This newsletter is named in honor of the area's first newspaper—"The Transcript". It originated in 1868 and was discontinued in 1886.

Rockport City Council

Mayor



C.J. Wax

Ward 1



William Fisher

Ward 2



Leopoldo Villa

Ward 3



Paul Lippke

Ward 4



Adelaide Marlatt