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Carruth Named City Manager

After an extensive search, resume review and interviewing process, Kevin Carruth was hired to replace Tom Blazek, who retired at the end of January. "As sad as I am to lose Tom", said Mayor C.J. Wax, "I could not be more proud of the work that he has done in Rockport and look forward to working with Kevin, who has the experience and skill set to bring our city services to an even higher level. I look forward to what he will bring to this already impressive employee base". Carruth has worked in local government since 1990 and has 15 years experience as a city manager in Texas, working for the

cities of Daingerfield, Hillsboro, Brownwood, Prosper and, most recently, the City of Paris. He received an undergraduate degree in Political Science and English from Texas Tech University and a Master of Arts, Public Administration from the University of Houston. He is also one of 65 International City/County Management Association Credentialed Managers in Texas.

Carruth and his wife, Shawn, have two children. Outside of work, he enjoys the arts, birding, family time, photography, traveling, and looks forward to improving his fishing skills.



Whooping Crane Strut

Lace up your running or walking shoes and join us on Saturday, March 10th for the 24th Annual Whooping Crane Strut. This "chip-timed" event, which starts at ends at the Beachfront Pavilion at Rockport Beach, offers a 5K and 10K Run, as well as a 2 Mile Walk.

Open to the public, entry fees are \$20 before February 24, \$25 between February 25—March 9, and

\$30 on Race Day. All participants receive a custom T-shirt. Packet Pick Up and Registration on the day of the race is from 6:15 am—7:15 am.

Additional information and registration forms are available on the City's web site.

WATER RATE INCREASE

The City received notice from our water supplier, San Patricio Municipal Water District, of an increase in rates effective January 1, 2012. A pass-through rate increase of \$0.05 per 1,000 gallons of water was approved by City Council on January 10. Customers will see the increase on their March 1, 2012 utility bill. Based on an average usage of 7,000 gallons of water, it is estimated that a customer would realize an increase of \$0.35 on the water portion of their utility bill.



Members of the Parks and Leisure Services Advisory Board meet with a consultant to discuss long-term plans for Memorial Park, including a location for a dog park. Leadership Aransas County Class XVI and Friends of the Bark Park are currently raising funds for the construction of the dog park, which will be completed by June.



Kendra Baird, the City's environmental specialist, developed a special water conservation and environmental awareness program for over 600 students in grades 3 – 5. The students were encouraged to create an environmental theme using rain barrels that were specially constructed and primed for their use. Students in Rheanna Ormand's 4th Grade class at Fulton Learning Center received the "Best Overall" design with the theme "Do Your Part, Think Smart! Help Conserve Water."

The winners of the 3rd Grade Category were the students in Judy Samuels' class at Live Oak Learning Center. Their entry shows a garden with grass, flowers, butterflies and signs that say "Don't Pollute," "Recycle," "Go Green!" and "Don't Litter." And, the 5th Grade winners were in Angela Martin's class at Fulton Learning Center. Their entry uses bold green and orange colors and urges the reader to "Go Green Reduce, Reuse, Recycle."



Several residents have asked for reprints of the approved recycling list published in an earlier newsletter. This information can be found on the Keep Report Beautiful Advisory Committee web site:
www.keeprockportbeautiful.com/recycleKRB.html

In the News

- ▶ The Parks & Leisure Services Department, in partnership with John Huckabee and the Aransas County Navigational District, was a winner of the "Coastal Community Award" presented by the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation for farsighted public stewardship resources, leaders in enhancing Coastal Bend environments, and efforts to preserve the region's heritage, protect the natural environment, and nurture the prosperity of the Coastal Bend.
- ▶ Mayor C.J. Wax was elected to the Texas Municipal League Board of Directors representing Region 11
- ▶ The City received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 11th straight year from the Government Finance Officers Association.

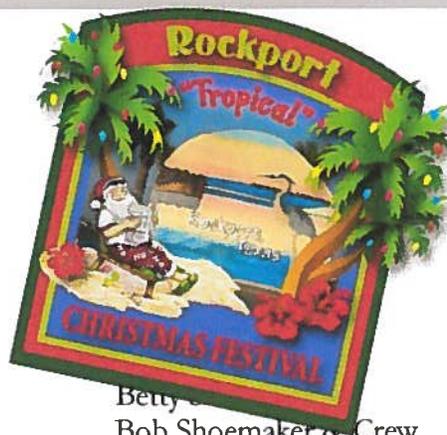
2011 Tropical Christmas

The City of Rockport would like to extend its thanks to the residents and employees (*noted in italics*), who volunteered their invaluable assistance to ensure the success of the Rockport “Tropical” Christmas Festival.

Steve Arocha
 Rebecca Bagby
 Michele Belila
Tom Blazek
 Alice Bradberry
Pat Brown
 Carolyn Cauley
 Tom Chandler
Laura Clark
Steve Clark
 Lois Cole
Mark Cory
 Pat Davis
Chuck Day
 Angalee DeForest
 Cassie Dieterich
 Melodee Field
Andrew Ford
Lauro Garcia
Reuben Garza
Terry Goldsby
Gary Gornbein

Matt Grimes
 Steve Hale
 Kay Harvey
Jackie Hattenbach
Gloria Helms
 Penny Hong
 Gary Howard
Drew & Brian Jacobs
Mike James
 Sandy & Randy Jumper
 Ray Kirkwood
Diana Leonard
 Diane Loyd
 Clint & Hank Madill
Lindy Madill
Rick Martinez
 Jeanne McDonald
 Kerri Mitchell
Jesse Montemayor
 Karen Ernst Mize
 Carolyn Morris
 Louis & Tomi Newhouse
 Tonya Nix
 Kathy Noble
Irma Parker

Ryan Picarazzi
Eleu Ramos
 Carolyn Rose
Joe Samora



Betty
 Bob Shoemaker & Crew
Larry Sinclair
Tom Staley
Jeremy Stewart
 Shelly Stuart
 Janet Taylor
 Kathy Travis
Mario Trevino
 Heather & Alex Wade
Janice Watkins
Angie West
James Wilson
 Dano Wright

This month Voter Registration Certificates are being mailed by the County Clerk’s office. As a result of federally mandated redistricting, many residents will find themselves in different wards. To determine in which ward you reside, look for the number (between 1 – 4) in the box marked “CTY”.

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14	18	32	3	2
CITY	SCHOOL	CTY	SBE	
R	AC	4	2	

Free Admission

Community Aquatic & Skate Park
 2001 Stadium Drive
 Open Tuesday – Saturday

Bring in this Newsletter
 for a FREE Admission
Expires 4/6/12



A ceremonial groundbreaking of the Tule Hike & Bike Trail was held in December. This special trail, which has been in the planning, development and funding phase for 11+ years, began construction in late January with estimated completion by July. This northern portion of the Rockport Trail Loop System is a mile-long, 10-foot-wide concrete trail, which will wind through 1/2 mile of live oaks before turning south along Tule Creek, passing behind the Community Aquatic & Skate Park as it continues south to Enterprise Boulevard. When completed, the Rockport Trail Loop System will connect the northern business district to the southern Rockport Historical District. Funding for the project was made possible through the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). Pictured are (front row l-r) County Judge Burt Mills; Glenda Burdick, former

mayor; Jane Gimler, chairman of the Parks & Leisure Services Advisory Board; and Mayor C.J. Wax. (back row l-r) William Reitman, TXDOT; Jason Alvarez, TXDOT; and Ronnie Becker, O'Malley Engineering.

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

If you have an interest in serving on one of the City's many committees or advisory boards, please pick up an application in the City Secretary's office.

For additional questions or concerns, visit the "Who Do I Call" or "Fix It" sections on the City's web site. www.cityofrockport.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