



A Message from Mayor Wax

October 9, 2017

Just a reminder that we will be sending out messages on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This is aligned with the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) meetings on the same days and is part of our ongoing efforts to return to normalcy.

We urge you to use these letters, and information posted on City/Town/County web sites, as an accurate source of information. As to be expected, some things may change because of new direction and input coming out of the EOC. We know this can be stressful, but we're getting valuable input from individuals and organizations, who are sharing their experience in successfully rebounding from a catastrophic event.

1. The CURFEW has been lifted. The Burn Ban is still in place.
2. Assistance Updates. Red Cross last day in Rockport is tomorrow, Tuesday October 10. Residents who were denied several weeks ago should reapply online or visit them in person at the old HEB parking lot. In talking to a representative today, we learned that a computer glitch resulted in thousands of applications being denied.

FEMA has extended the date for its Transitional Sheltering Assistance at hotels through the evening of October 23.

The first of the 29 housing units was delivered to a resident's property today. The program is under the direction of the Texas General Land Office (GLO). Recipients are selected through FEMA's validation program.

3. Vessel Removal. The Coast Guard and GLO are undertaking sunken vessel removal. There is a priority list based on potential immediate danger and location. Canals in neighborhoods will be included, but are not at the top of the priority list. For additional information, call 877-458-9377.
4. Damage Assessment Teams. Fourteen FEMA inspectors will be visiting structures that were previously identified as having major damage to verify and assess the properties. They will be easily distinguishable and have IDs.
5. School Resumes on Wednesday, October 11. Please be aware of school zones and crosswalks.

6. One Stop. The old HEB is now the consolidated site for drop-offs and distribution. The EOC asks that individuals and organizations refer to the requested donations list (<http://www.cityofrockport.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2571>) and building materials. For further information, call the Donation Hotline at 210-978-3479.

The air- conditioned tent for the multi-agency resource center, located in the old HEB parking lot, is operational. It's a consolidation of state, federal and relief organizations under a huge tent. FEMA and SBA are operating on the premises. TWIA will be relocating to the site.

It's getting better every day!!