



## A Message from Mayor Wax

October 16, 2017

**Today, the Emergency Operations Center transitioned its focus to Long-Range Recovery.** The group will meet on Monday and Wednesday and we'll continue to report information of interest. However, if there is important news to share outside of these meetings, it will be disseminated immediately.

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 meetings. 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. TxDOT. If wind conditions and humidity permit, TxDOT will begin its vegetative burn early tomorrow morning. There are two, smokeless, concrete incinerators in place, which will burn between 600-800 cubic yards per day. An additional six incinerators have been ordered. TxDOT anticipates its efforts to clean roadways and remove/destroy debris to be complete by the end of November.
3. Assistance for Residents. The Tu Bi Foundation, a philanthropic, humanitarian Buddhist organization based in Viet Nam, will be providing financial assistance to 150 Aransas County residents. The property owners were randomly selected by the organization from the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid association's damaged structure assessment list. Individuals on the list should bring ID and proof of residency to the Public Safety Center, located at 714 E. Concho, on Saturday October 21 between 9 am and 10:30 am. The list is available on the City's web site or by copying this address into your browser: <https://tx-rockport2.civicplus.com/Archive.aspx?ADID=2590>
4. Workshop on Coastal Bend Construction Guidelines. The Texas Department of Insurance is offering a Contractors' Workshop on Friday, October 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rockport Service Center Training Room. Doug Klopfenstein of TDI will inform participants about proper roofing techniques and installation of windows, doors, siding, air conditioning and more. This workshop is very important for individuals, residents

and contractors who may be unaware of TDI regulations associated with coastal counties. It is free, open to the public and includes breakfast and lunch.

5. FEMA. Aransas County has received approval for the removal of solid waste on private roads. This clean-up effort will begin AFTER the public roads have been cleared.

More than \$22 million has been distributed to Aransas County residents under the Individuals and Household Assistance Program. Additional information on this program may be accessed at [https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1461689021638-cfcfd7f6c263635802fa7a76a19e00ea/FS001\\_What\\_is\\_Individual\\_Assistance\\_508.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1461689021638-cfcfd7f6c263635802fa7a76a19e00ea/FS001_What_is_Individual_Assistance_508.pdf)

6. SBA. Approximately 2,276 claims have been processed for a total of \$3.6 million.
7. Aransas County Appraisal District. It was announced that the valuation of businesses and residences decreased by \$486,861,740 because of the hurricane.
8. Debris Removal. To date, Crowder Gulf has removed 674,616 cubic yards and TxDOT estimates it's cleared an additional 145,000 cubic yards. Approximately 120,000+ cubic yards of mulch were generated.
9. Vessel Removal. ACND and the Coast Guard announced that all sunken vessels have been removed from Rockport Harbor. They are now moving to other areas. There is a priority list based on potential immediate danger to public health and the environment. For additional information, call 877-458-9377.
10. Home Clean-up Assistance. The Volunteer Reception Center is matching residents in need of assistance with volunteer groups. If you haven't signed up for help, please call 361-727-9011.

It's getting better every day!!