



A Message from Mayor Wax

January 17, 2018

Happy New Year!

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.

1. Housing and Shelter.

- a. FEMA's Transitional Shelter Assistance has been extended to March 12. It was set to expire on Friday.
- b. GLO is reviewing FEMA's database to reevaluate eligibility for residents who may have been denied.
- c. The "Warming Center" at the Fulton Volunteer Fire Department will remain open until noon on Thursday.
- d. Toll free numbers for these organizations may be found on the City's web site in the "Rockport Rising" section and on the County's web site.

2. **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. There is also a web site: 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.

The LTR will host a Public Forum on Thursday, February 1 from 6 – 8 pm at the Aquarium's Education Center. The purpose is to provide an update on activities and answer any questions. The event will be livestreamed on Facebook through the Aransas County Pathway to Recovery Page.

3. Debris

- a. Crowder Gulf WILL NOT pick up tires or loose concrete. Tires may be taken to the Transfer Station for a small fee. Aaron's Concrete in Aransas Pass will accept concrete. There is no for drop off and they will pick up for charge. Their phone number is 512-618-1962.
- b. Last pass for curbside debris removal will begin on February 12. Remember to separate your piles into vegetation, building materials and appliances.

- c. Personal Property Debris Removal is available for homeowners who are unable to move their debris to the street. The deadline to register is February 12 in person at the Library or through the LTR web site – www.rockportfultondisasterrecovery.com. Waiting for the final word from FEMA when it will commence. There have been 159 registrations.
- d. Forestry Service will have six incinerators in place on Monday. Each dispose of 40-60 cubic yards an hour.

4. Funding and Assistance

- a. The Disaster Recovery Center, also known as the big white tent, at the old HEB parking lot will no longer be open on Sundays. Representatives from FEMA and SBA will be available to assist residents Monday – Saturday.
- b. 63 Aransas County businesses received checks today from the Chamber on Small Business Grants. The funds were raised at a Coastal Bend United event.
- c. Houses of worship are now eligible for state and federal funding. Information available through the Long Term Recovery Center.
- d. If you need assistance with property clean up, please contact the Volunteer Reception Center at First Baptist Church. They keep a master list of residents needing assistance and match them with incoming volunteer groups. Some volunteer groups are only capable of light work using donated tools and others bring major equipment with them.
- e. Last week 138 volunteers performed 43 jobs for homeowners in the County.
- f. Toll free and local numbers for these organizations may be found on the City's web site in the "Rockport Rising" section and on the County's web site.

5. Agri-Life.

- a. Last weekend, 31 arborists donated their time to visit 205 homes and provide advice and assessments.
- b. Well testing kits are available to check for nitrates, salinity and bacteria. Samples must be returned on January 29 for testing.
- c. The Aransas/San Patricio Master Gardeners has developed a guide of plants that do well in our area. Go to <http://aspmastergardeners.org/> and click on publications to view "In our Coastal Gardens". The publication is being reprinted and copies will be available from the office this spring.

- 6. Memorial Park Baseball Fields.** On Saturday, January 13, volunteers started to rebuild the ball fields at Memorial Park in time for season play. Visit the City's web site to view a video and read a story about the project.

It's getting better every day.