



A Message from Mayor Wax

January 31, 2018

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. 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 Team 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.

2. 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. This does not include marine debris or the personal property debris removal program listed below.
- 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.
- d. More than 2.9 million cubic yards of debris have been picked up.

3. Funding and Assistance

- a. **The Disaster Recovery Center is moving** to 3136 Hwy 35 N on Friday. This is the location of the former AC Motorsports and is next to Sears. SBA will be operating out of the Library on Thursday.

- b. If you need assistance with property clean up, repairs, and moving mobile/manufactured housing, 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, including the Mennonites, Amish, Umcor, San Antonio Rebuilds, Samaritan's Purse and others. There are approximately 40 volunteer "jobs" taking place throughout the county this week.
- c. CITGO and Habitat for Humanity will be announcing their plans in Aransas County on Saturday, February 3 at 10 am at 320 E. Concho.
- d. Volunteer Cleaning Groups. Please contact the Long Term Recovery Team or the Volunteer Resource Center if you are thinking about doing some hands-on clean up. There are scheduled activities for certain areas. It's important that these efforts are coordinated and that arrangements made for the disposal of accumulated debris, which must follow certain guidelines and should not be placed in public trash containers.
- e. The Texas General Land Office has released a report for the distribution of \$57.8 million in Disaster Recovery Funds through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Currently, HUD is considering allocating 80% to Harris County. It's possible that HUD may reconsider based on public comments. A link to the site and comment section is below. Please read the State Action Plan, which is available in both English and Spanish and easily downloadable. If you are inclined to comment after reviewing the information, you may do so directly through the link until February 13. <http://www.glo.texas.gov/the-glo/public-information/notices/notices/opportunity-to-comment-harvey-cdbg-dr-funds.html>

4. Important Information.

- a. Before hiring an attorney to challenge any proposed insurance settlements, please make use of the **free** ombudsmen available to you.
Manuel Villarreal - TWIA Ombudsman
Texas Department of Insurance
(512) 676-6279
manuel.villarreal@tdi.texas.gov
If it's with another insurance company, please contact the Texas Department of Insurance at 800-252-3439 or visit
<http://www.tdi.texas.gov/consumer/storms/helpafterharvey.html>
- b. A link to OPEN local businesses is available at
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12o_w39Sat5S-oNQ4UxHPQviKBYWZYKsoPIraes7pJLw/edit#gid=1725234370

- c. . If you scroll to the end, you will find a list with proposed opening dates for other businesses.
- d. A link to available hotel rooms and rentals is available at <http://www.rockport-fulton.org/media/uploads/files/Hotel%20Motel%201A.pdf>

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