



## A Message from Mayor Wax

February 14, 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. Debris

- a. ***Last pass for curbside debris removal has been extended to March 14.***  
Remember to separate your piles into vegetation, building materials and appliances. Over 3.1 million cubic yards have been picked up.
- b. TxDOT is beginning to demobilize the furnaces they've been using on the Bypass median. The remaining building materials and major debris will be transported to landfills outside of the County.

### 2. Funding and Assistance

- a. 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. Last week, approximately 400 volunteers assisted with 58 jobs putting in more than 7,000 hours of volunteer labor.
- b. Owners of multi-family dwellings are encouraged to attend a special meeting with the General Land Office on Tuesday, February 20 from 3 – 6 pm at the Aquarium Education Center.
- c. Governor Abbott and State Representative Geanie Morrison visited the area this week. The Governor spoke at the February Chamber luncheon and announced that "a tidal wave of funding is headed in our direction." He also laid out the processes and funding opportunities available through numerous program. Rep Morrison spent most of today sitting in on meetings and introduced her district director, who will be working with us to accelerate the flow of recovery dollars to our community.

### 3. Recovery Updates.

- a. There are currently 499 businesses and 500 hotel rooms open in the area. A link to OPEN local businesses is available at [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12o\\_w39Sat5S-oNQ4UxHPQviKBYWZYKsoPIraes7pJLw/edit#gid=1725234370](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12o_w39Sat5S-oNQ4UxHPQviKBYWZYKsoPIraes7pJLw/edit#gid=1725234370)  
A link to available hotel rooms and rentals is available at <http://www.rockport-fulton.org/media/uploads/files/Hotel%20Motel%201A.pdf>
- b. **Community Clean Up Days** have been scheduled for 9 – 12 on Saturday (Downtown Fulton meeting at Sugar Shack) and Noon – 4 on Sunday (Downtown Rockport starting at Apple Dumpling Deli).
- c. **Long Term Recovery (LTR)** - LTR Team may be reached by phone Monday-Friday from 9 – 5 at 361-790-9496 or via email: [info@aransascountry.org](mailto:info@aransascountry.org). There is also a web site: [www.rockportfultondisasterrecovery.com](http://www.rockportfultondisasterrecovery.com), which may also be accessed through the County's web site. You'll find information and direct links on the CDRG's efforts, fundraising, resources, debris process and more.

### 4. Additional Information

- a. A 911 "Never Forget" Memorial exhibit will be on display Friday, February 16 – Sunday, February 18 at the Fairgrounds, adjacent to Rockport Beach Park. Thanks to benefactors, this very special event is available to residents and visitors at no charge.
- b. Every Spring we send out a reminder to residents to call 811 or visit Dig Toss online to have underground utility lines marked and identified – free of charge -- before any excavation or major plantings on individual properties. Unfortunately, a contractor wiped out a major fiber optic line which caused numerous citizens; the Appraisal District; and the City's Utility Billing, Customer Service and Parks Department to be without phones and computers on Monday. While it caused a major inconvenience for many, we're just thankful it wasn't something more serious like a gas line.
- c. The City of Rockport is upgrading the interior lighting systems within our operable buildings. We're giving away the former commercial grade systems to any non-profit groups, schools or houses of worship that may be in need during their rebuilding process. Please contact me or the City Secretary for additional information.

It's getting better every day.