



A Message from Mayor Wax

March 21, 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.

- **Debris.** Crowder Gulf and TxDOT have cleared almost 60% of the roadways. To date, more than 3.6 million cubic yards have been picked up.
 - a) Any materials placed or dumped on the streets and highways are in violation of local ordinances. If you see someone illegally dumping, call the Public Safety Center at 729-1111 or 729-2222
 - b) A list of cleared roads is available on the Long Term Recovery and City web sites.
 - c) Household Hazardous Waste is no longer being accepted at the Transfer Station. There are centers in Corpus Christi and Robstown. Please visit the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's web site for additional information as the offices were closed after 5 pm, when we called to get the information.
 - d) Please call the Long Term Recovery Center at 361-790-9496 if you have special needs.
- **Volunteer Reception Center.** Last week, over 400 volunteers completed 104 jobs for residents. If you need assistance with property clean up, repairs, tree removal, etc., please sign up at the Volunteer Reception Center at First Baptist Church, which is located at Enterprise and Live Oak or call 727-9011. They keep a master list of residents needing assistance and match them with volunteer groups. Our Amish and Mennonite friends will be leaving the area to attend to planting at their homes and will return in October.
- **Open for business.** 683 businesses and 763 hotel rooms. The Chamber has an updated list of **businesses** (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12o_w39Sat5S-oNQ4UxHPQviKBYWZYKsoPIraes7pJLw/edit#gid=1725234370) and **hotels** (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10FH2W2Pjh_lqj30RRIX1ApPv6WiqXUiWjkBa_DkZRuk/edit#gid=759838201) that are currently open or have shared projected opening dates
- **Special Notices from the City.**
 - a) Contractor Complaints. The number of complaint calls to the Building Department have increased. Sadly, the majority were never registered as part of the Contractor Verification program. If you hire a contractor that doesn't have a verified sticker and is not on the list, please be cautious.

- b) Memorial Park. Walking trails, playground and other park amenities will open on Thursday, March 29. Several of the back trails and the dog park remain closed.
 - c) Trees. Last week, the Texas A&M Forest Service presented an informative program on the proper selection and care of trees for our area. The presentation is now available on the City's web site via the "Spotlight" or "I Want To" sections.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - a) Hazard Mitigation Assistance. Local officials will be meeting in Austin to present 11 projects for Aransas County totaling \$38 million.
 - b) Housing and Job Fair. Tuesday, April 3 from 1 – 7 pm at St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Enterprise. For homeowners, renters and job seekers. Representatives from HUD, FEMA, SBA, Legal Aid, Crisis Counseling, local employers and more. Sponsored by the Aransas County Long Term Recovery. For more information, call 790-9496.
 - c) Town Hall Meeting, sponsored by the Long Term Recovery Team. Thursday, April 5 at the City's Service Center, located at 2751 State Hwy 35 Bypass.
 - d) Corpus Christi Hooks. Opening night, Thursday, April 12 will be dedicated to Harvey Heroes. Reserved seats are on sale at the Chamber, as well as a sign up for transportation to the game.

And, don't forget these ongoing resources --

Funding and Assistance

If you need assistance with property clean up, repairs, and moving mobile/manufactured housing, please sign up at the Volunteer Reception Center at First Baptist Church. They keep a master list of residents needing assistance and match them with incoming volunteer groups.

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 CDRG's efforts, fundraising, resources, debris process and more.

It's getting better every day.