



A Message from Mayor Rios

November 7, 2018

With the midterm elections behind us and cooler weather in the forecast, there's a lot to look forward to in the weeks ahead:

Rockport Fulton High School District Champs

Congratulations of the Rockport-Fulton Pirates Football Team on clinching the district championship, the first time in almost two decades. Let's root them on as they continue their journey next week against Progresso.

Yard Debris Pickup by Republic

Republic Services, the sanitation service for Rockport residents, will pick up bagged yard debris on Wednesdays through the month of November. The service began today. Residents may put out up to 12 waste bags no greater than 35 gallons. Regular weekly trash and bi-weekly recyclable pickup continue on schedule.

Free Trees for Aransas County Residents- Friday, November 9 from 2 – 6 pm at the Festival Grounds, across from the beach entrance. Sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, Texas A&M Forest Service and the City's Parks Department. Offerings include a variety of live oaks, Mexican sycamores, bald cypress, palms and other trees suitable for our zone.



Veterans Day – City offices will be closed on November 12. There will be a community-wide event on Monday, November 12 at 11 am at Veterans Park to honor those who have served our country.

Well Disinfectant and Water Quality - Texas AgriLife is holding a special workshop on Wednesday, November 14 from 6:30 pm – 8 pm at their office on Airport.

Comprehensive Plan Update Committee – This appointed, citizen advisory committee has met twice in conjunction with the Texas Target Communities Program, Texas Rural Leadership Program and Texas Sea Grant to lay the foundation of a program that will guide our City's future growth and development. The next meeting – Thursday, November 15 at 6 pm at the Rockport Fulton High School Commons – will be a special workshop with members of these organizations and graduate students from Texas A&M University. This special event is open to the public for participation or viewing the process. If you are unable to attend and would like to be part of a survey, please click on [this link](#) for the English version. Spanish and Vietnamese-language versions will be posted on the City's web site next week.

Tropical Christmas – SAVE THE DATE – DECEMBER 1. It's going to be bigger and better than ever thanks to Reliant Energy, our corporate sponsor, who will help us "light up Rockport". This year's event will start at noon and end with a live concert following the fireworks display. Live entertainment includes The Groove, Scott Taylor Band and Cast in Bronze, among others. Lots of vendors and food trucks, children's entertainment and more. Did I mention snow?!?!?! There are plenty of opportunities for involvement from volunteering to tree decorating to hosting a booth or participating in the illuminated night parade. For more information, visit the City's web site or contact the Parks Department at 727-2158.

Boards and Commissions. We still have some openings on some of the Citizen Advisory Committees. If you're interested in participating, please fill out an application and return it to the City Secretary. <https://www.cityofrockport.com/DocumentCenter/View/13847/Application-for-Boards-and-Committees---October-2018>

Remember, we are here to serve you. Please call with questions/concerns or utilize the Fix-it Form available on the City's web site - <https://goo.gl/p9DCrH>. Be sure to bookmark the City's web site to stay informed of meetings, special events and news - www.cityofrockport.com

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