



A Message from Mayor Wax

October 1, 2017

Although these letters come through the City, please know that it is a multi-jurisdictional effort that includes Aransas County and the Town of Fulton. Our level of cooperation is unmatched. We are truly One Voice --working together to rebuild.

We can all give in some way to not only help our family, friends and neighbors, but the entire recovery process, too. Did you know that your "donation" can count as a contribution to the city/county/town's rebuilding effort and FEMA match? FEMA has a "program" that puts a dollar value against each volunteer effort. You can fill out a "time sheet" and it will record and show your "contribution" - <https://olympus.soc.texas.gov/services/volunteerhours/>

New News:

1. We remain in a BURN BAN and Curfew – 11 pm – 6 am. These are safety measures as there are few working streetlights, not to mention stoplights, AND we want to prevent the risk of fires in our tinder house of a community.
2. Debris Removal. Please continue to be patient.
3. Recycling. **Regular recycling resumes this week.** Please check your calendars for the appropriate pickup day for your household. If you've misplaced your guide as to what's recyclable, here is a direct link to the information on the City's web site:
<http://www.cityofrockport.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1445>.
4. Hurricane Harvey Disaster Declaration. In accordance with the *Texas Government Code §418.108*, the City has extended the period through November 1, 2017.
5. Mosquito Spraying. Tonight.
6. Final Damage Assessment that was undertaken by TIFMAS, Red Cross and the BOAT organization inspection of 9228 businesses/homes
 - a. 1002 Destroyed
 - b. 2261 Major Damage
 - c. 3000 Minor Damage
 - d. 2300 Affected

(Total of Destroyed & Major = 36%)

7. Free Concert. The Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce and Asleep at the Wheel, 10-Time Grammy-Winning Kings of Western Swing, are hosting a concert on Saturday, October 7 from 5 – 9 pm at the Festival Grounds at Rockport Harbor.
8. Deadlines for Assistance Agencies. Deadline for Red Cross Application for Assistance is October 10th and October 24th for SBA.
9. Long Term Recovery. The Long Term Recovery Group, under the direction of County Employee Mike Koerner, has established an Intake Form for those with Unmet Needs. After registering with FEMA, those with Unmet Needs should complete a form, which is available at: www.rockport-fulton.org/media/uploads/files/Aransas%20Homeowner%20Intake%20Form.pdf
10. AEP Hurricane Report. A copy of the report that AEP submitted to the Public Utilities Commission is available on the City web site or through this direct link: <http://www.cityofrockport.com/Archive.aspx?ADID=2579>
11. Castaways. Castaways will reopen on Monday, October 2nd and be running on a limited schedule. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 9 am – 1 pm.

12. Donations, Volunteers and Assistance.

The Aransas County Donation Center has published a list of needed donations. <http://www.cityofrockport.com/Archive.aspx?ADID=2571>. Please take your donations to the First Baptist Church. Address and hours of operation are below. Contact email: aransasrelief@gmail.com

Volunteers. A Volunteer Reception Center has opened at First Baptist Church, located at the intersection of Enterprise and N. Live Oak. Hours of Operation: 8-5PM M-SAT 1-5PM SUN . Contact email: aransasvolunteers@gmail.com.

There is an immediate need for volunteers every day. Please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&urlid=5080a44acaa2aabff2-donation&view=standard>

Clean up Assistance. The Crisis Clean-up program is also located at First Baptist Church. You may go in person or call 844-965-1386 to explain your needs and be paired with a volunteer clean up organization.

Worth Reminding:

1. Utility Bills. The City is waiving charges for water customers during the period of 8/15 – 9/14 because of extensive damage caused by the hurricane and service interruption. The next bill will be for the period of 9/15 – 10/14. If you haven't had the opportunity to make a payment on your previous bill, please know that there will be no cutoffs or late charges at this time.
2. Disaster Recovery Center. **UPDATE.** We have put together a multi-agency resource center in the old HEB parking lot. It is a consolidation of state, federal and relief organizations under a huge tent. This includes FEMA, SBA, TWIA, Red Cross, Americorp, the Distribution Center headquarters and Unmet Needs.
3. CodeRED. If you have not signed up for CodeRED emergency announcements, there is a direct link on the City's web site or through this app link:
<https://www.onsolve.com/solutions/products/codered/mobile-alert-app/codered-mobile-apps-download/>
4. The list of Verified Contractors is on the City's web site is updated regularly. As of 9/26, there are 989 registered contractors. There have been 10 complaints lodged against contractors and five companies have vacated. The registration/verification process is to ensure, among many things, that the contractors have proof of liability insurance and state licenses.
5. Local Businesses. As businesses open, the Chamber will add them to a list and publish it on their web site. This is for ALL businesses, not just Chamber members. **If your business is open and you're not on the list, please alert the Chamber.**
6. Aerial Views. Drones have been taking photos of the Hurricane Harvey aftermath. Residents who wish to view before and after views of the area, should visit Harvey2017.eagleview.com
7. Garbage. Continue to put your household refuse in your blue bin. **Do not block the bins with debris or vehicles as the automated trucks are unable to access many bins on their rounds.** Make separate piles for building debris, trees/limbs AND appliances. Place them close to the curb or on your property – not the street. The **Transfer Station** will operate 7 days a week from 7 am – 6 pm for an indefinite period. **Residents should enter via Prairie Street. Commercial contractors must take their debris to a landfill. Here is a link for landfills in Texas – <https://wastebits.com/region/Texas>**
8. If you or anyone you know has provided FREE assistance to our area, such as volunteer clean-up, food, equipment or materials, in-kind donations, etc., please deliver or mail this information to the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce, 319 Broadway, Rockport, TX 78382. You may also fill out a form online that will go directly to a state run database <https://olympus.soc.texas.gov/services/volunteerhours/>

Additional information, as provided by the Texas Emergency Management Team, can be found at <http://www.drc-group.com/.../EDS-Guidelines-Donations...> and also at <https://www.dps.texas.gov/.../05...>

9. Rebuilding. If you have suffered significant damage and are rebuilding, you will need to obtain a building permit in person at the Service Center. Due to the high volume of inspection requests, the Building Department can no longer provide same-day inspections.

It's getting better every day!!