



A Message from Mayor Wax

October 4, 2017

Just a reminder that we will be sending out messages on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This is aligned with the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) meetings on the same days and is part of our ongoing efforts to return to normalcy.

We urge you to use these letters, and information posted on City/Town/County web sites, as an accurate source of information. As to be expected, some things may change because of new direction and input coming out of the EOC. We know this can be stressful, but we're getting valuable input from individuals and organizations, who are sharing their experience in successfully rebounding from a catastrophic event.

1. The CURFEW has been lifted. The Burn Ban is still in place.
2. Debris Removal. Crowder-Gulf has established a goal of 11/10 to clear the County of debris. They are bringing in a subcontractor with smaller vehicles to assist with pickup on narrower streets. They are estimating completion of all vegetative debris within 5-6 weeks and have started picking up building materials in some areas. To date, they have removed more than 484,250 cubic yards of debris. TxDOT is now employing 170 vehicles and has removed over 100,00 cubic yards.
3. High Tides. The National Weather Service has reported an unusually high tide period that will run through Friday. The high tides, coupled with the strong winds, are causing some flooding on low-lying streets adjacent to the bays.
4. Sunken Vessel Retrieval. The Coast Guard and Texas General Land Office will begin removing submerged vessels in the harbors.
5. Mosquitos. The County's Environmental Health Department is distributing mosquito donuts. Street spraying will take place on Saturday and Sunday.
6. Assistance Deadlines. Red Cross – 10/10, SBA – 10/24, Disaster Unemployment 10/31.
7. Assistance Distributions. FEMA has disbursed approximately \$20 million in the County. SBA approved loans: City of Rockport, 193 approved totaling \$16.5 million; Town of

Fulton, 13 loans totaling \$786,600; and unincorporated Aransas County, 240 loans in excess of \$19.7 million.

8. Cinema 4. The owner announced today that he does not plan to reopen the facility.

It's getting better every day!!