



## A Message from Mayor Wax

October 6, 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. Donations and Distribution. The old HEB is now the consolidated site for drop-offs and distribution. The EOC asks that individuals and organizations refer to the requested donations list (<http://www.cityofrockport.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2571>) and building materials.
3. Volunteers. All volunteers are asked check into the Volunteer Reception Center to offer assistance and receive assignments. The VRC is located at the First Baptist Church, located at the intersection of Enterprise and N. Live Oak. Hours of operations are M-S 8 – 5 PM and Sunday 1 – 5 PM. The phone number is 361-727-9011.
4. Assistance Deadlines. Red Cross – 10/10, SBA – 10/24, Disaster Unemployment 10/31, FEMA Personal Assistance Grants – 10/31.
5. Disaster Assistance Information. The Texas General Land Office has launched web sites with detailed instructions and links to various agencies. [www.texasrebuilds.org](http://www.texasrebuilds.org) and [www.texasrebuilds.com](http://www.texasrebuilds.com)
6. Disaster Recovery Center. The air- conditioned tent for the multi-agency resource center, located in the old HEB parking lot, will be operational tomorrow. It will be a consolidation of state, federal and relief organizations under a huge tent. FEMA is operating on the premises. SBA and TWIA should be there shortly.

7. Cajun Navy. The request for the Cajun Navy to relocate from the old HEB parking lot was a decision of the EOC, not an individual volunteer, nor myself. The space they were occupying was needed for the consolidation of donations and distributions and the previously mentioned air-conditioned tent.
8. Buildings at Airport. Questions have been raised about the mobile and manufactured homes at the airport. The mobile facilities will be used by government entities that incurred major damage. The manufactured homes are the first deliveries from FEMA.
9. Debris Removal. Pickup will now be accelerated as there is a new location for the mulch drop off in Ingleside vs the previous site in Robstown.
10. Getting Back to Business. Approximately 300 businesses, including 34 restaurants, have reopened. That represents 25% of businesses in the County. If your business is open and you aren't on the re-open list, contact the Chamber. You do not need to be a Chamber member to be included on the list. <http://www.rockport-fulton.org/media/uploads/files/Rockport%20Fulton%20Open%20for%20Business28.pdf>
11. Castaways. Normal business hours and operation will resume on Monday.
12. Free Entertainment. Saturday night at the fairgrounds featuring Asleep at the Wheel. Starting at 5 pm.

It's getting better every day!!