



A Message from Mayor Wax

October 11, 2017

Today, the Emergency Operations Center changed its meetings to Monday and Wednesday. Our messages are aligned with the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) meetings, which means we will be going to twice a week. However, if there is important news to share, it will be disseminated immediately.

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. A published report is available online.
<http://www.cityofrockport.com/Archive.aspx?ADID=2588>
3. Vessel Removal. The Coast Guard and the Texas General Land Officer are undertaking the removal of sunken vessels. There is a priority list based on potential immediate danger to public health and the environment. For additional information, call 877-458-9377.
4. Grief Support. AIM Hospice is holding support groups every Saturday to assist the public with the grief that we, as a community, have sustained due to Hurricane Harvey. The will be held every Saturday starting 10/14 at 11 am at the AIM Hospice Office, located at 703 E. Concho. For more information, call 361-729-0507.
5. Debris on 35 Bypass. The State is bringing in a concrete incinerator to destroy debris. The plan is to start this Friday and then add another three. According to officials, there is no smoke and it can burn 60 tons per day. Please note that although the State will oversee this burning, the burn ban remains in effect for County residents.
6. Home Clean-up Assistance. The Volunteer Reception Center is matching residents in need of assistance with volunteer groups. If you haven't signed up for help, please call 361-727-9011.

7. SeaFair. Thursday night's event offers FREE admission to all attendees. Additionally, children 13 and under will be able to enjoy the carnival rides at NO CHARGE. Individuals who purchase admission on Saturday will be able to use them on Sunday, as well.
8. School is in Session. Please take note of school zones, crossings and busses. It was announced today that approximately 75% of the student population has returned to ACISD classrooms.
9. One Stop. 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. For further information, call the Donation Hotline at 210-978-3479.

The air- conditioned tent for the multi-agency resource center, located in the old HEB parking lot, is operational. It's a consolidation of state, federal and relief organizations under a huge tent. FEMA and SBA are operating on the premises. TWIA will be relocating to the site.

It's getting better every day!!