



## A Message from Mayor Wax

October 23, 2017

We urge you to use these letters, and information posted on City/Town/County web sites, as an accurate source of information coming from the twice-weekly Long-Term Recovery (LTR) meetings. It is the responsibility of the LTR team the distribution of goods and services throughout the county. A case management program for the distribution of building materials is being finalized.

1. The CURFEW has been lifted. The Burn Ban is still in place.
2. Long Term Economic Recovery Plan. Members of the Long Term Recovery group will be at the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, October 26 at 5 pm to address questions about the plan. The Chamber is located at 319 Broadway.
3. FEMA. Representatives of FEMA are meeting with area RV parks to facilitate the placement of 218 mobile housing units. An update on FEMA activities and resources is available on the City's web site: <http://www.cityofrockport.com/Archive.aspx?ADID=2602>
4. Debris Removal. We are now at Day 48 of removal. Additional trucks will be added, which should increase daily removal to 25K cubic feet a day. To date, Crowder Gulf has removed 826,00 cubic yards of debris and TxDot has surpassed 2,000 cubic yards. The incinerators are destroying 610 tons a day. Additional incinerators have been ordered and will be running as wind conditions and humidity permit.
5. Aransas County Appraisal District is now situated in the City's former service center, located at 402 Laurel.
6. Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group (CBDRG). This is the group that will be assisting with the dissemination of funds collected by the Chamber Foundation. For updates on the organization, visit the CBDRG page on Facebook. They are currently in the process of hiring an Executive Director.
7. Home Clean-up Assistance. The Volunteer Reception Center at First Baptist Church is matching residents in need of assistance with volunteer groups. If you haven't signed up for help, please call 361-727-9011. Last week, 233 volunteers assisted with 40 "jobs." There are currently 208 pending projects in need of volunteers.

8. Open for Business. The latest count is 341 of approximately 1200 businesses in the County. The Chamber keeps an updated list on its web site: <http://www.rockport-fulton.org/media/uploads/files/Rockport%20Fulton%20Open%20for%20Business36.pdf>
9. CITY NEWS –
  - a. Utility Customer Service is fully operational in its new location - 402 Laurel, in the former service center – on Monday, October 23. You may pay in person at the new location or online. The drop box at City Hall is still operational, but will be closed once construction begins – no set date at this time.
  - b. Permits and Fees. There have been NO increases in permits and fees post Hurricane Harvey. The only new permit is for the Contractor Verification program and there are no fees involved (CORRECTION).
  - c. Leaf Pickup. We are in talks with Republic to schedule dates. More information to come.
  - d. Registered Contractors. The City maintains a list of verified contractors that is updated daily.  
<http://www.cityofrockport.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2592>

It's getting better every day!!