



A Message from Mayor Wax

November 1, 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. Change in Assistance Deadlines. SBA is November 24. FEMA is November 30. SBA has distributed \$45.2 million in loans to 506 residents and 67 businesses in Aransas County. The major criteria for acceptance are a) ability to repay and b) good credit rating.
3. Multi-Family Owners Program. If you own a multi-family housing complex that contained three or more rental units, you may be eligible for a special program to provide housing assistance to families effected by Hurricane Harvey. Under MLR, the State/FEMA is seeking potential owners of rental properties (apartment complexes primarily) that, with financial assistance, could be quickly repaired to local, state and federal codes/standards and offered as temporary housing for FEMA applicants. The repair costs are funded by the State/FEMA and the value of these repairs are deducted from the value of the lease agreement between the State/FEMA and the property owner. If you are a property owner and are interested in this program, please contact Kim at 254-493-1293 by the end of the day on Friday. Applications are due into FEMA by noon on Monday.
4. Recovery Programs.
 - a. A Recovery Fair will be held on November 8 at the Fairgrounds at noon and 6 pm. Guest speaker is Matt Deighton, who, after surviving an EF5 tornado that destroyed his hometown, has devoted his energies disaster recovery. 30 minutes before each of the programs, free meals will be served. FEMA, TWIA, SBA, Council on Governments and other entities will be available from 1 – 5 pm to answer questions.
 - b. Case Managers Needed. Texas Workforce and RioTexas are accepting application for case management positions. <https://riotexas.org/employment-opportunities/2017/10/12/disaster-case-mangers> The jobs will be fully funded through grants and are for a minimum for two years.

- c. Immediate Disaster Case Management. If you need assistance before the case managers begin work, you may call 855-742-5989.
5. Debris.
- a. Changes at the Transfer Station. http://www.rockportpilot.com/edition/page_068a11de-a806-52a9-b408-c494b26922c3.html
 - b. Crowder Gulf and TxDOT have removed 1.3 million cubic yards of debris and are 54% complete.
6. Public Service Announcements from the LONG-TERM RECOVERY team.
- a. Disaster Recovery Reconstruction Debris
<http://www.cityofrockport.com/Archive.aspx?ADID=2609>
 - b. Private Property Debris Removal
<http://www.cityofrockport.com/Archive.aspx?ADID=2610>
 - c. Questions about Long Term Recovery? Contact Mike Koerner at 361-790-8140 or mkoerner@aransascounty.org
7. CITY NEWS.
- a. Utility Customer Service is fully operational at 402 Laurel, in the former service center. You may pay in person at the new location or online.
 - 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.
 - c. Registered Contractors. There's an updated list of verified contractors.
<http://www.cityofrockport.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2592>
IF you have a problem with someone who is on the list, please call the Building Department at 790-1125 or building@cityofrockport.com to file a complaint. When three complaints have been registered, the department will investigate the company and the situations. There have been several companies removed from the list and escorted out of the community.
 - d. Trash and Recycling Carts. If you are missing a cart, please visit the Utility Customer Service office (see "a" above) or call 729-2213, ext 234.
 - e. Save the Date!! **Tropical Christmas will be held on Saturday, December 2.**

It's getting better every day!!