



A Message from Mayor Wax

November 6, 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. Assistance.
 - a. SBA has sent out 11,709 applications in Aransas County and only 2,603 have been returned.
 - b. FEMA has registered 13,085 requests and distributed more than \$24 million within Aransas County. If you have registered with FEMA and were instructed to register with SBA, please do so. If you do not register, you will be ineligible for financial assistance.
 - c. Salvation Army will be offering financial assistance this week from 9 am – 1 pm at the First Baptist Church, located at Enterprise and N. Live Oak. You must bring your FEMA case number and proof of residency.
 - d. Women's Clothing, both new and gently used, is available at the Pool & Supply Company located on Henderson, next to the fire station. Individuals may select four pieces. A donation is requested, but not required.
 - e. Credit Advances. H& R Block is offering credit advances between \$350 - \$1,000 between November 13 and December 29. For More Information, call the Portland office at 361-643-6808
 - f. Private Property Debris Removal. Apply at the Aransas County Library <http://www.cityofrockport.com/Archive.aspx?ADID=2610>
 - g. The International Economic Development Corporation will be visiting the area to look at housing and economic recovery and to assist with a strategic plan. Their visit will also include a forum for public input. More information to come once scheduling has been finalized.
 - h. The Governor's Rebuild Texas Task Force submitted a request to the federal government for \$500 million to assist Aransas County.
3. Recovery Programs.

- a. A **Recovery Fair** will be held on **November 8** at the Rockport Fairgrounds. Click the link for more information. 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.
<http://www.cityofrockport.com/DocumentCenter/View/13371>
 - 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.
4. Debris. Today is Day 62. Crowder Gulf and TxDOT have removed 1.5 million cubic yards of debris and are 62% complete.
 5. Well Testing Kits. Agri-Life has well testing kits available. Call them at 361.790.0103 to discuss pickup/delivery to coincide with their shipment to the lab.
 6. Over 150 volunteers working through the Volunteer Center, located at First Baptist Church, helped 37 residents with their special needs.
 7. There will not be a message on November 8th because of participation in the Recovery Fair.
 8. Save the Date!! **Tropical Christmas will be held on Saturday, December 2.** Applications for vendors, tree decoration contest, and participation in the illuminated night parade will be online tomorrow or by email to parks3@cityofrockport.com

It's getting better every day!!