



A Message from Mayor Wax

November 20, 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 Long-Term Recovery (LTR) meetings.

1. The Burn Ban is still in place.
2. Assistance.
 - a. SBA. Over \$65.3 million has been extended to Aransas County residents and businesses. We are seeking an extension to their **November 30th deadline**.
 - b. FEMA. Over 13,000 Aransas County residents have registered. The Area Coordinator will be here next week to meet with the entities to discuss the agency's responsiveness.
 - c. Housing. Forty one (41) Mobile Housing Units have been placed in the county and more are on the way.
 - d. Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group. Two case managers have been hired and will set up an office at Charter Bank.
 - e. Aransas County, Rockport and Fulton have requested 10 employees from the Workforce Commission.
 - f. Kubota has donated equipment to each of the three entities to assist with their clean up efforts.
3. Community Workshops will be held December 11 – 15. The first two days will focus on Economic Development and the remaining days on Housing. The workshops will be open to residents and public input is requested. The site is still to be determined.
4. Debris.
 - a. Phase 1 is 82% complete. Over 1.94 million cubic yards of debris have been picked up. Three incinerators are in operation on the Bypass.
 - b. The Department of Homeland Security will be here next week to conduct a field audit of the debris removal.
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 **11/21 shipment to the lab**.
6. Holiday Closings.

- a. The holiday schedule for Crowder Gulf employees has been announced. There will be NO pickup of debris 11/22- 11/26, 12/23 – 12/28 and 12/31 – 1/2/18.
 - b. FEMA and SBA offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday and reopen on Saturday.
 - c. Local governments will also be closed on Thursday and Friday, as well as the weekend. Crews are available in case of emergencies.
 - d. The Long-Term Recovery Group will not be meeting on Wednesday. We will not be distributing the Mayor's Message until next week.
7. Aransas County Courthouse. The Texas Historical Commission has given its permission for the demolition of the ruined courthouse.
8. Saturday, November 25.
- a. Small Business Saturday. We encourage you to shop our local businesses.
 - b. Community Lunch on the Festival Grounds. A day of thanks for the community's strength and perseverance. Open/free to the public. Prayer service from 11 am – noon. Lunch from noon – 2 pm. Sponsored by Jeanie and Bill Wyatt, South Texas Money Management and Bill Miller BBQ.
9. 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 are available online or emailing parks3@cityofrockport.com.
<http://www.cityofrockport.com/515/Tropical-Christmas>

Wishing you and yours a blessed Thanksgiving.

It's getting better every day!!