



A Message from Mayor Wax

November 30, 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. The Governor announced that *the State of Texas will fund the 10% local match for entities in our area to cover the costs of debris removal* (FEMA covers 90%).
 - b. Housing. Aransas County now has 118 temporary housing units. A special, strike force meeting with FEMA, GLO, the Governor's Office and the Long-Term Recovery Group will be meeting on December 7 to address short, mid and long-term housing needs for the community.
 - c. Long Term Recovery Group now has a local number for residents to call with questions about the recovery plans. It is open 9 am – 5 pm Monday-Friday. 361-790-9496. To contact them by email: info@aransascounty.org
 - d. The TX House Urban Affairs Committee has asked officials from the county, city and town to testify at a special meeting on Harvey recovery/ongoing needs on December 4 in Corpus Christi.
3. **Rebuilding Rockport-Fulton Community Workshops/Focus Groups *December 11*: Tourism 4 – 5:30 pm, *Downtowns* 6 – 7:30 pm. *December 12*: Local Community 9 – 11 am, *Industry* 1 – 3 pm, *December 13*: Recovery Leaders and School District 9 – 11 am, *Realtors* 1 – 2:30 pm, *Economic Development* 3:30 – 5 pm. *December 14*: Developers and Contractors 9 – 10:30 am, *Large Employers* 11 – noon, *Housing Strategies* 1 – 3 pm, *December 15* – *Economic Development and Wrap up Session* of Focus Groups 1- 3 pm. These sessions are open to the public, but space is limited. Sign up by going to www.rockport-fulton.org and clicking on the calendar for your topic preference. The workshops will be held at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the Public Safety Center located at 714 Concho St. in Rockport.**
4. **Debris.**
 - a. Day 86 and more than 86% completed.
 - b. Debris removal has now begun on private roads within the County. More information available at <https://www.aransascounty.org/harvey/private-property-debris-removal/online-right-of-entry-form-instructions/>.
 - c. Transfer station will resume normal hours on Tuesday, December 5. Monday through Saturday 9 am – 5 pm. Residents will continue to have free usage through December and contractors may use the facility at a charge.
 - d. The Governor announced that *the State of Texas will fund the 10% local match for entities in our area to cover the costs of debris removal* (FEMA covers 90%). This is very significant for Aransas County residents and bears repeating if you didn't read it in the Assistance section.
5. **Fortified Home Workshop** - The City of Rockport's Building and Development Department, in conjunction with the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS), will hold an educational workshop on Tuesday,

December 5 from 7:30 am – 9:00 am at the Rockport Service Center, located at 2751 Hwy 35 Bypass. The event is open to homeowners, contractors, building and code officials, and other interested parties. Additional information is available on the City’s web site.

6. **Hurricane Harvey Facts and Damages** will be the topic of a special presentation by Joh Metz of the National Weather Service on Tuesday, December 12 at 7 pm at the Fulton Community Church, located at 215 N. Third Street.

7. **See you Saturday!!**

ROCKPORT TROPICAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017
FESTIVAL GROUNDS

FESTIVAL GROUNDS EVENTS		STAGE EVENTS		AREA EVENTS	
TREE DECORATING CONTEST	9:00	CAST IN BRONZE	10:00-10:30	KITES OVER THE BAY AND BEACH	8:00
VENDORS OPEN FOR BUSINESS	10:00	VINTAGE STYLE SHOW	10:30-11:00	CHILDREN'S ORNAMENT MAKING WORKSHOP (106 S. AUSTIN ST.)	10:00-NOON
KIDS' INFLATABLE GAMES	NOON-4:00	PIRATE SHOW	11:00-12:00	SHOP TIL 7 IN THE HERITAGE DISTRICT	10:00-7:00
"TROPICAL SANTA"	1:00-5:00	THREE'S A CROWD BAND	12:00-2:00	TOUR OF HISTORIC HOMES	1:00
"ANOTHER CHANCE RFT" ADOPT-A-PET	1:00-5:00	UKULELE UNIVERSE	2:00-2:30	ILLUMINATED NIGHT PARADE	6:00
"PIRATES OF ARANSAS BAY" COSTUME CONTEST	1:00	CAST IN BRONZE	2:30-3:00	FIREWORKS OVER LITTLE BAY	7:00
"RUN FOR YAK TREASURE" TREASURE HUNT	2:00	PACIFIC ISLANDER DANCERS & FIRE DANCER	3:00-3:45		
		PIRATE COSTUME CONTEST WINNERS	3:45-4:00		
		THREE'S A CROWD BAND	4:00-6:00		
		MUSIC BY GRADY	6:15-6:30		
		ART CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED	6:30-6:55		
		LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY TREE	6:55		
		CAST IN BRONZE (DURING FIREWORKS DISPLAY)	7:00		

It's getting better every day!!