



A Message from Mayor Wax

December 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 Long-Term Recovery (LTR) meetings.

1. **The Burn Ban is LIFTED**

2. **Assistance.**

- a. A special, strike force meeting with FEMA, GLO, the Governor's Office, State Senator Lois Kolkhorst and the Long-Term Recovery Group will be held on December 7 to address short, mid and long-term housing needs and its economic impact on the community.
- b. 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
- c. SBA. Businesses may still apply for "business injury" assistance (a loan at 3.305%) through May 25.
- d. Children's Christmas Book Giveaway on Saturday, December 9 from 11 am – 1 pm at the Aransas County Public Library.

3. **Information Sessions.**

- a. **The Texas Tribune** will be holding a day-long symposium at Texas A&M CC on Friday, December 8. The topic is "Rebuilding the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Harvey." To register, visit www.texastribune.org/events. The symposium will also be streamed on their web site.
- b. **Seats are still available** for the 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.

- c. **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.

4. **Other News.**

- a. No debris operation today because of bad weather.
- b. The Long-Term Recovery Group WILL NOT be meeting the week of December 11th so members can attend the Rebuilding Community Workshops.
- c. Children's Protective Services has several hundred children under its care and is in need of blankets, diapers, warm clothes and holiday toys. These may be dropped off at their interim office next to Sears on Hwy 35 in Fulton during the weekday. (The building was formerly a Tropical Furniture store, Eleanor's and a Motorcar dealership)

It's getting better every day!!