



A Message from Mayor Wax

December 11, 2017

As mentioned in the December 6th message, the Long-Term Recovery Group is not meeting this week so that members can participate in the Community Workshops/Focus Groups. If you have not signed up already, I urge you to do so. Information is below.

1. **The Burn Ban is LIFTED**
2. **Rebuilding Rockport-Fulton Community Workshops/Focus Groups.** The first meetings were held today. A morning session on “Tourism” and evening session on “Downtown “issues and opportunities. Broad cross-section of representation at the first meeting. Both were high energy with good discussion. Remaining sessions are: *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 are held at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the Public Safety Center located at 714 Concho St. in Rockport.
3. **Sid Richardson Foundation.** This Fort Worth-based foundation has committed to rebuilding the ball fields at Memorial Park and Tiger Field. We are greatly appreciative of their generosity.
4. **TWIA and the Community.** Members of the City’s Building Department and the Aransas County Appraisal District met with a TWIA representative to discuss delays in communication with residents. We will soon have a dedicated, point of contact to address citizen needs and will share that information when available. As a reminder, the much talked about the 120-day deadline is **NOT** based on the day of the hurricane. It is, in fact, the date from which an individual first receives communication from TWIA.
5. **City-owned Buildings.** Apart from City Hall and the Parks and Leisure Services offices on Corpus Christi, most buildings received very little damage. We are still awaiting a final determination on the status of City Hall to determine how to go forward.

6. **Mennonite Disaster Service.** This volunteer organization has moved into a City-owned building and will begin restoration services in our community through the Volunteer Center. We understand this is a 3 to 5-year commitment.

It's getting better every day!!