



## A Message from Mayor Wax

December 18, 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) and other government and disaster recovery-related meetings.

### 1. Long Term Recovery (LTR)

- a. **Town Hall Meeting** at the Aquarium Education Center on Thursday, December 21 at 6 pm. Members of the LTR Team will be available to answer questions or to take down your questions and get answers.
- b. LTR Team may be reached by phone Monday-Friday from 9 – 5 at 361-790-9496 or via email: [info@aransascounty.org](mailto:info@aransascounty.org). There is also a work-in-progress web site: [www.rockportfultondisasterrecovery.com](http://www.rockportfultondisasterrecovery.com), which may also be accessed through the County's web site. The office will be closed on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Christmas holiday.
- c. Debris Removal will slow down over the December 22-26 holiday period.

### 2. Financial Assistance.

- a. The SBA has extended the deadline for disaster home and business loans until January 29, 2018.
- b. FEMA is still available for immediate help for special needs.

### 3. Counseling Services.

This time of year can be very difficult and, even more so, due to Hurricane Harvey. Please be aware of the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5990 or text "TalkWithUs" at 66746 to talk to a trained counselor. Locally, AIM Hospice (729-0507) has been offering grief counseling on Saturday mornings.

### 4. Trees.

Agri-Life will be offering sessions with arborists on January 13-14 to provide advice on proper pruning techniques and protection of stressed trees.

It's getting better every day!!