



A Message from Mayor Wax

December 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) 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. There is also a work-in-progress web site: www.rockportfultondisasterrecovery.com, which may also be accessed through the County's web site. The office will be closed on the 25th and 26th in observance of the Christmas holiday.
- c. The Chamber reports that 412 Aransas County businesses have re-opened.
- d. First pass removal is 98% complete. Crowder-Gulf and TxDOT have picked up over 2.2 million cubic yards of debris.
- e. Next meeting of the LTR Team is Wednesday, December 27.

2. Holiday Closings/Schedule.

- a. Johnson-Crowder and TxDOT debris removal will be on hiatus December 22 – January 3.
- b. The SBA and FEMA operations under the white tent in the old HEB parking lot will be closed Saturday – Monday
- c. City and County offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday in observance of the holidays. There will still be 24/7 dispatch and utility services.
- d. Transfer Station will be closed December 24 – 27.

3. City of Rockport Trash and Recycling.

- a. Republic Services has announced special dates for Rockport residents who have regularly scheduled trash pickup on Mondays. Instead of Christmas Day, trash will be picked up on Saturday, December 23. Pickup scheduled for Monday, January 1 will now be on Saturday, December 30.
- b. Calendars for 2018 trash and recycling pickup dates are available online at <http://www.cityofrockport.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2649>.

4. **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.
5. **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.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed holiday season.