



A Message from Mayor Wax

January 3, 2018

Happy New Year!

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. Case Managers with the Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group have begun reaching out to residents, who have gone through FEMA, SBA and the Unmet Needs Table. They will be responsible for the distribution of funds collected by the Chamber for Aransas County residents and additional monies donated to the CBDRG Foundation.
- 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 web site: www.rockportfultondisasterrecovery.com, which may also be accessed through the County's web site. You'll find information and direct links on the CBDRG's efforts, fundraising, resources, debris process and more.

2. Debris Removal and the Transfer Station.

- a. The Transfer Station has resumed normal business hours, operation and charges. You may pay by cash or check. Credits, which allow you to save some money, are available at the Aransas County Library on Saturdays from 9 – 11 am.
- b. We are 99% complete with the first pass of debris removal. Over 2.6 million cubic yards have been collected by Johnson-Crowder and TxDOT. The Texas A&M Forest Service is now running four burners continuously.

3. **Home Demolition.** Please contact the Long Term Recovery Center if you are having your home demolished to arrange for debris removal. The phone number is 361-790-9496. They will arrange a material pickup with Crowder Gulf. This is a residential program, only.

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 residents the opportunity to have an arborist come to their home to provide advice on proper pruning techniques and protection of stressed trees. This will take place on January 13 – 14. Please call 361-790-0103 to get on the list.
6. **SBA** announced that they closed and distributed \$2.5 million in loans on Tuesday for Aransas County residents.

It's getting better every day.