



A Message from Mayor Wax

January 8, 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.
- c. The LTR Team is meeting with the Texas General Land Office (GLO) in Austin on Friday and will set a date for GLO to return to Aransas County to review our housing needs. As a reminder, GLO is the "local" housing coordinator for FEMA.
- d. Starting next week, the total LTR Group will meet once a week on Wednesdays, following the weekly Debris meeting. The LTR Team, County Judge and Mayors will meet on Mondays.
- e. Many of the questions coming into LTR or posted on social media already have answers posted on the LTR, County and City web sites. If you can't find what you're looking for, please call the number listed above.

2. Debris and Assistance

- 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. First pass is now complete. TxDOT has resumed clearing the right-aways on state roads. Crowder-Gulf is picking up in areas where large amounts of debris have accumulated. A special, advance announcement will be made prior to the last pass.

- c. Personal Property Debris Removal is available for homeowners who are unable to move their debris to the street. Registration is available in person at the Library or through the LTR web site – www.rockportfultondisasterrecovery.com.
- d. 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.
- e. Assistance. If you need assistance with property clean up, please contact the Volunteer Reception Center at First Baptist Church. They keep a master list of residents needing assistance and match them with incoming volunteer groups. Some volunteer groups are only capable of light work using donated tools and others bring major equipment with them.

There are all types of dedicated individuals and groups coming into our community to lend a hand. Some are here for a weekend, others have made long term commitments. Their capabilities are matched with the list of needs.

So, it's important that residents AND volunteer groups register with the Center so there is a coordinated effort. Location and contact info - [1515 N. Live Oak at Enterprise. Hours of Operation: M-SAT 8-5 PM SUN 1-5 PM . Phone number at Volunteer Reception Center is 361-727-9011. Volunteers can preregister \[here\]\(#\).](#)

3. **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. Deadline to sign up is January 10.
4. **Economic Development.** The first meeting takes place tomorrow at 9 am at the Emergency Operations Center. Various avenues and phases will be discussed in community seminars over the next three days with a wrap-up session at 6 pm on Thursday. Please sign up through the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce if you're interested in attending.

It's getting better every day.