



A Message from Mayor Wax

January 24, 2018

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)** - 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 CDRG's efforts, fundraising, resources, debris process and more.

The LTR will host a *Public Forum on Thursday, February 1 from 6 – 8 pm* at the Aquarium's Education Center. The purpose is to provide an update on activities and answer any questions. The event will be livestreamed on Facebook through the Aransas County Pathway to Recovery Page.

An outline for the Recovery Process Continuum being followed by the Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group may be found on the City's web site.

<http://www.cityofrockport.com/Archive.aspx?ADID=2674>

- 2. Debris**
 - a. Crowder Gulf WILL NOT pick up tires or loose concrete. Tires may be taken to the Transfer Station for a small fee. Aaron's Concrete in Aransas Pass will accept concrete. There is no for drop off and they will pick up for charge. Their phone number is 512-618-1962.
 - b. Last pass for curbside debris removal will begin on February 12. Remember to separate your piles into vegetation, building materials and appliances. This does not include marine debris or the personal property debris removal program listed below.
 - c. Personal Property Debris Removal is available for homeowners who are unable to move their debris to the street. The deadline to register is February 12 in person at the Library or through the LTR web site – www.rockportfultondisasterrecovery.com. Waiting for the final word from FEMA when it will commence.

- d. More than 2.5 million cubic yards of debris have been picked up and over 100,000 cubic yards of mulch have been removed from the area.

3. Funding and Assistance

- a. The Disaster Recovery Center, also known as the big white tent, at the old HEB parking lot will no longer be open on Sundays. Representatives from FEMA and SBA will be available to assist residents Monday – Saturday.
- b. 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.
- c. Individuals who resided in manufactured homes or mobile units are now eligible for services through the CBDRG. If you haven't already registered with FEMA, you should do so immediately. CBDRG is reviewing FEMA files and case workers are contacting homeowners directly.
- d. Six volunteer organizations, comprised of more than 200 individuals, are working over 800 cases through CBDRG. Approximately 60 projects are underway at this time utilizing the volunteer manpower and the construction materials that have been donated for these rebuilding efforts. Please note that the materials are being released through the volunteer organizations, not to individuals.
- e. There are still 225 households residing in FEMA-funded hotels.

4. City Notes.

- a. Municipal Court offices are now located at 402 E. Laurel in the former service center. They join other city offices including Utility Customer Service, Bill Paying, IT and the Parks Department. Aransas County Appraisal District is also housed in this facility.
- b. Memorial Park Update – the front section of the park will be completed in the latter part of February. Fencing is going up, trails are under repair and new lighting is being installed. The back portion of the park, which includes the dog park and the trail around the lake remain closed as there are still a large amount of downed and damaged trees.

5. **Important Information.** Before hiring an attorney to challenge any proposed insurance settlements, please make use of the **free** ombudsmen available to you. If there's an issue with TWIA, contact Manual Villareal at 512-305-7263. If it's with another insurance company, please contact the Texas Department of Insurance by phone at 800-252-3439 or visit their web site – www.tdi.texas.gov

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