



A Message from Mayor Wax

February 21, 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. Debris

- a. ***Last pass for curbside debris removal has been extended to March 14.***
Remember to separate your piles into vegetation, building materials and appliances. As mentioned before, the sweep will begin in the north end of the county and move southward.
- b. Currently, Crowder Gulf is sweeping **demolition piles**. Please call the Long Term Recovery Center at 361-790-9496 if you're planning a full demolition to schedule clean-up.

2. Funding and Assistance

- a. If you need assistance with property clean up, repairs, and moving mobile/manufactured housing, 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. All Hands & Hearts, a volunteer group that had been working in Portland, will now be helping here.
- b. Owners of multi-family dwellings who were unable to attend the special meeting with the General Land Office may view it online at www.rockportfultondisasterrecovery.com.
- c. **Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group** has hired Warren Phipps, a resident of Portland, as Executive Director. Phipps retired from service with the Army as a major general. During his career he was a divisional commander and oversaw the operation of several installations.

3. Recovery Updates.

- a. **Texas Department of Emergency Management** is setting up a Hazard Mitigation team. City Manager Kevin Carruth will represent Rockport.
- b. **Housing**. Seven builders and two developers have been talking with the City about prospective Workforce Housing.

- c. **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.
- 4. Additional Information**
- a. **TWIA** will be closing its support office in Rockport on Friday, February 23. They will continue to be available by phone and will hold regular meetings for county residents.
 - b. **Cell phone outage.** Yesterday's outage was a result of another backhoe operator cutting through underground fiber lines. PLEASE call 811 or visit Dig Toss online to have underground utility lines marked and identified – free of charge --before any excavation or major plantings on individual properties.
 - c. Spectrum announced today that it has upgraded and replaced 36 miles of underground network and will continue its work through the County.
 - d. Congratulations to the **Rockport-Fulton Pirates basketball team** for advancing to area playoffs.
 - e. **Oysterfest**, sponsored by the Fulton Volunteer Fire Department, will be held March 1 – 4.

It's getting better every day.