



A Message from Mayor Wax

March 7, 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.

- **Last pass for curbside debris removal is March 14.** Remember to separate your piles into vegetation, building materials and appliances. 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 a pick-up.
- **FEMA/SBA Recovery Center.** New hours are 9 am – 6 pm Monday through Friday and 9 am – 1 pm on Saturday.
- **Open for business.** 609 businesses. The Chamber has an updated list of **businesses** (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12o_w39Sat5S-oNQ4UxHPOviKBYWZYKsoPIraes7pJLw/edit#gid=1725234370) and **hotels** (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10FH2W2Pjh_lqj30RRIX1ApPv6WiqXUiWjkBa_DkZRuk/edit#gid=759838201) that are currently open or have shared projected opening dates
- **Fishing Piers.** The piers at Rockport Beach, Rockport Harbor Breakwater, end of Market Street and the Sea Wall at Fulton Harbor are open. There is no charge to use the piers, but a beach pass is needed to access that pier.
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant.** To correct some erroneous information that has been circulating – the treatment plant is currently utilizing less than 50 percent of its capacity and is capable of handling new development in the immediate future.
- **Volunteer Reception Center.** Last week 110 volunteers completed 50 jobs in the community.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - a) 30th Annual Whooping Crane Strut. 8 am on Saturday, March 10 at the Little Bay Pavilion at Rockport Beach. You may register in advance or the day of the event. For more information: <http://www.cityofrockport.com/544/Whooping-Crane-Strut>

- b) Community Connections. 10 am – 4 pm at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church on Enterprise. Connect with local resources and enjoy fun activities to nurture the heart and soul as we move forward with recovery. Free to Aransas County residents. Sponsored by The Episcopalian Diocese of West Texas.

- c) Housing and Job Fair. Tuesday, April 3 from 1 – 7 pm at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church on Enterprise. For homeowners, renters and job seekers. Representatives from HUD, FEMA, SBA, Legal Aid, Crisis Counseling, local employers and more. Sponsored by the Aransas County Long Term Recovery. For more information, call 790-9496.

And, don’t forget these ongoing resources --

Funding and Assistance

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.

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.

It’s getting better every day.