



A Message from Mayor Wax

March 28, 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.

- **Debris.** Crowder Gulf and TxDOT have cleared more than 85% of the roadways and expect to be finished by Friday. To date, more than 3.7 million cubic yards have been picked up. Crowder Gulf will continue to have a presence in the County, on a much smaller scope, in anticipation of FEMA approving the Personal Property Debris Removal and Marine Debris.
 - a) Any materials placed or dumped on the streets and highways are in violation of local ordinances. If you see someone illegally dumping, call the Public Safety Center at 729-1111 or 729-2222
 - b) A list of cleared roads is available on the Long Term Recovery and City web sites.
 - c) Household Hazardous Waste is no longer being accepted at the Transfer Station. Residents may take these items to Corpus Christi's J Elliot Collection Center, located at 7001 Ayers (near the intersection of 286 and Saratoga. There is a cost - \$47.10 per ton, which is pro-rated depending upon weight. Hours are 8 am – 5 pm Monday-Saturday.
 - d) The Navigation District has completed approximately half of its sonar scoping of Little Bay and the waterfront along Rockport Beach.
 - e) Another Downtown Clean up program for Rockport and Fulton is planned for April 14 & 15.
 - f) Please call the Long Term Recovery Center at 361-790-9496 if you have special needs.

- **Volunteer Reception Center.** Last week, over 270 volunteers completed jobs for residents. This is addition to the ongoing support offered through the Mennonites, Habitat for Humanity, Samaritan's Purse and other organizations. If you need assistance with property clean up, repairs, tree removal, etc., please sign up at the Volunteer Reception Center at First Baptist Church, which is located at Enterprise and Live Oak or call 727-9011. They keep a master list of residents needing assistance and match them with volunteer groups. Our Amish and Mennonite friends will be leaving the area to attend to planting at their homes and will return in October.

- **Recovery and Relief Information**
 - a) Transitional Housing Assistance has been extended to April 23
 - b) Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group has provided almost \$470,000 in assistance to 21 families and will be assisting another 20 this week.

- c) FEMA will be in town the week of April 9 to discuss the Community Development Loan program with each of the government entities.
 - d) As mentioned last week, local government entities have submitted a request for \$38 million to implement 11 hazard mitigation programs throughout the County. The list was developed in cooperation with the Coastal Resiliency Group and the Long Term Recovery team.
- **Open for business.** 796 businesses (approximately 62% of the pre-Harvey operating businesses) and 763 hotel rooms. The Chamber has an updated list of **businesses** (https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12o_w39Sat5S-oNQ4UxHPQviKBYWZYKsoPIraes7pJLw/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
- **Special Notices from the City.**
 - a) Contractor Complaints. The number of complaint calls to the Building Department have increased. Sadly, the majority were never registered as part of the Contractor Verification program. If you hire a contractor that doesn't have a verified sticker and is not on the list, please be cautious.
 - b) Memorial Park. Walking trails, playground and other park amenities will open on Thursday, March 29. Several of the back trails and the dog park remain closed.
 - c) Yard Debris. Hand pick up of bagged yard debris begins on April 2 and continues for four weeks. Because Republic Services will not be using its traditional zone, residents will need to **place their bags curbside on the Sunday evenings** of April 1, April 8, April 15 and April 22. Although a resident might have a regular Monday pick up date, it's possible that the yard debris may not be picked up until later in the week OR a regular Tuesday pick up date may see yard waste removed as early as Monday. Please note:
 - Each household may put out up to 12 bags
 - Waste bags should be no greater than 35 gallons
 - Trash cans will not be serviced
 - Regular weekly trash and bi-weekly recyclables will continue on schedule.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - a) 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.
 - b) Town Hall Meeting, sponsored by the Long Term Recovery Team. Thursday, April 5 at the City's Service Center, located at 2751 State Hwy 35 Bypass.
 - c) Rockport Fulton Little League. Season opens on April 7. To date, 350 Aransas County children have registered.

- d) Corpus Christi Hooks. Opening night, Thursday, April 12 will be dedicated to Harvey Heroes. Reserved seats are on sale at the Chamber, as well as a sign up for transportation to the game.

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 sign up at the Volunteer Reception Center at First Baptist Church. They keep a master list of residents needing assistance and match them with incoming volunteer groups.

Long Term Recovery (LTR)

LTR Team may be reached by phone Monday-Friday from 9 – 5 at 361-790-9496 or via email: info@aransascountry.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.

It's getting better every day.