



A Message from Mayor Wax

April 4, 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. *Debris Removal is Officially Complete!!!*** Right of ways are clear and TxDot is in its final efforts to clear the median on the Bypass.
 - 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) 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.
 - c) Another Downtown Clean up program for Rockport and Fulton is planned for April 14 & 15.
 - d) Please call the Long Term Recovery Center at 361-790-9496 if you have special needs.

- **Recovery and Relief Information**
 - a) The YETI Corporation has pledged \$150,000 to rebuild Fulton Pier.
 - b) The Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group is looking for a “back up” individual to represent Aransas County, when the designee is unavailable. Please contact John Jackson at Morgan Stanley.
 - 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) Hazard Mitigation meetings are scheduled for April 17. 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.

- **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.** ALL OF THE PARK will be open to visitors on Monday, April 9.

- c) Yard Debris. Hand pick up of bagged yard debris has begun. Because Republic Services will not be using its traditional zone, residents will need to **place their bags curbside on the Sunday evenings** of 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) **Town Hall Meeting**, sponsored by the Long Term Recovery Team. Thursday, April 5 from 6 – 8 pm at the City's Service Center, located at 2751 State Hwy 35 Bypass.
- b) **Play Ball!!!** Rockport Fulton Little League season opens on April 7. A special opening ceremony will take place at 9 am that includes introduction of the teams and a special thank you to the Sid Richardson Foundation, Bass Foundation, Dick's Sporting Goods, Corpus Christi Hooks, Charlie Robison and the many individuals, businesses and organizations that helped rebuild the fields so the children wouldn't miss out this year.
- c) *Housing, Housing & more Housing*. Chamber Luncheon on Tuesday, April 10 focusing on current recovery and rebuilding efforts.
- 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.
- e) **Rebuilding After the Storm workshops**. Free workshops for Aransas County residents focusing on:
 - Mitigation Reconstruction
 - Understanding Building Codes and Ordinances
 - Making Structures More Resilient
 - Reduce Flooding Losses
 - FEMA Grant Information—matching 75%

Residential properties – Wednesday, April 18, 6:00 p.m.

City of Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass

Non-residential properties – Thursday, April 19, 8:30 a.m.

Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce, 319 Broadway

For additional information, please contact Amanda Torres, the City of Rockport's Community Planner, at communityplanner@cityofrockport.com or (361) 790-1125, ext. 226.

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@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.

It's getting better every day.