



A Message from Mayor Wax

May 2, 2018

Starting today, the Long Term Recovery (LTR) Group, elected officials and staff from local government entities, and first responders are participating in a two-day Coastal Bend Hurricane conference in Robstown. Sponsored by the Coastal Bend Emergency Management Association and Nueces County, the conference draws professionals from the lower Texas Coast to ensure all community stakeholders have access to high quality training and networks. A copy of the program can be viewed by using this link - <https://goo.gl/HCFvf>.

Earlier this week, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Rios and Amanda Torres, Rockport's Community Planner, attended the Resilience and Climate Awareness Community of Planning Conference in Port Aransas, which drew representatives from government bodies and other organizations along the Gulf Coast. While there, Amanda was presented the "Spirit of Community Award" for her outstanding work in mitigation planning; coastal resiliency efforts; the Community Rating System, which will lead to lower risk of flooding and reduced flood insurance premiums; and other planning efforts.

Reminders

- Dumping on streets and highways and private property (without the owner's permission) is illegal and subject to fines.
- Information and handout materials from the "Rebuilding After the Storm" grant information workshops are available on the City of Rockport's web site under the "Floodplain Management" tab. <https://goo.gl/DdJrrZ>
- Counseling services are available to Aransas County residents on Tuesday evenings from 5 – 7 pm at the Aransas County Library. There is no charge to residents. The program is underwritten by Rebuild Texas and other foundations.
- FEMA Transitional Shelter program has been extended to June 1.

- **Special Notices from the City.**
 - a) Actual voting day for Ward 4 representation is Saturday, May 5. Votes may be cast at the election center on Concho. It's being run in conjunction with ACISD, which has two board positions up for election.
 - b) Individuals wishing to serve on one of the citizen advisory committees may pick up an application from the City Secretary's office in the Rockport Service Center OR visit the City Secretary page on the City's web site.

- c) City Council will be meeting on Thursday, May 10 instead of the normal Tuesday meeting to comply with election regulations and induct the newly elected Mayor and council members for Wards 2 and 4.

- **Upcoming Events:**

- a) Re-opening of the Dog Park – Friday, May 4. 3:30 – 6:30 pm Memorial Park
- b) Sinko de Quacko – Saturday, May 5 at the Community Pool. Duck races, auction and other fun events. Funds support swimming programs for Aransas County children. Sponsored by Friends of the Pool.
- c) Rockport Nautical Flea Market – May 5 & 6.

It's getting better every day.