



A Message from Mayor Rios

May 23, 2018

News

- Volunteer Center reports that over 3500 jobs, incorporating more than 100,000 volunteer hours, have been completed. Several hundred volunteers are scheduled to come in through June to assist residents.
- The Long-Term Recovery Center has hired Diane Spencer, through the Texas Workforce Program, to serve as Public Information Officer.
- Reported today that 870 businesses have reopened.
- Special ceremony honoring veterans, who gave their lives for our country, will be held on Monday, May 28 at 2 pm at Veterans Park, adjacent to Rockport harbor. In the event of rain, the event will take place at the G.I. Forum.
- City, County and State offices, as well as banks and the USPS, will be closed on Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day.
- If you're wondering what opportunities are available for your children this summer, please check out the "Summer Programs for Children" pamphlet compiled by the City's Parks and Leisure Services Department. The guide includes summer camps, vacation bible schools, swimming programs and fitness activities. The information is available on the City's web site (<https://goo.gl/twrT8B>) or visiting the Park Department on Laurel Street and the Chamber offices.

City News

- Following the swearing in of re-elected Council members J.D. Villa (Ward 2) and Barbara Gurtner (Ward 4), J.D. was unanimously elected Mayor Pro Tem.
- City of Rockport is seeking applicants for the Ward 3 vacancy that resulted with my election to mayor. Criteria and application form are available on the City's web site or by visiting the Rockport Service Center, located at 2751 SH 35N Bypass. Deadline for submission is June 1.

Reminders

- Private Property Debris Removal (PPDR) funding has come through. Homeowners, who did not register earlier this year, may do so at the Library from 9 – 6 on weekdays beginning May 14.
- 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.

Upcoming Events

- 21st Annual Rockport Wine Festival May 26 – 27
- Memorial Day Observance Service Monday, May 28 - 2 pm at Veterans Park
- Chamber of Commerce “Changing of the Gavel” – Wednesday, May 30
- Hurricane Meeting in College Station May 30-31
- Last Day of School - Thursday, May 31
- Chamber of Commerce Hurricane Breakfast – Friday, June 1
- Rockport-Fulton High School Graduation – Friday, June 1

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