



A Message from Mayor Rios

June 6, 2018

Rebuilding and Recovery News

- The General Land Office announced today that we will receive \$6.5 million in Community Development Block Grants for Disaster Recovery from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds will be used to rehabilitate 48 apartments in the Oak Harbor Apartments on Magnolia Street and reconstruct 50 apartments in the Salt Grass Apartments, which is the Church Street complex that was featured in many Hurricane Harvey destruction videos and photos.
- Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to Aransas County businesses through the Texas Small Business Rebuild Initiative, a collaboration of the Rebuild Texas Fun and several Coastal Bend area chambers. You do not have to be a Chamber member. Application deadline is June 30. A special resource fair is being held on Wednesday, June 13 from 3 – 7 (informational link – goo.gl/WgNfGe). Additional information is available through the Chamber. The Rebuild Texas Fun is a project of the Michael and Susan Dell and One Star Foundations.

City News

- We're pleased to announce the appointment of Warren Hassinger to fill the Ward 3 vacancy. Information on the process and selection is posted on the web site.
- "Summer Programs for Children," a pamphlet compiled by the City's Parks and Leisure Services Department of area camps, bible schools and other opportunities is available on the City's web site (<https://goo.gl/twrT8B>) or visiting the Park Department on Laurel Street and the Chamber offices. We have just learned about another camp program and will share information when we get the details.
- Water Conservation. While we continue to observe voluntary conservation, the use of irrigation systems utilizing City water is *prohibited between the hours of 10 am – 6 pm*. It's very likely that we'll be moving into mandatory stages if there is no rain within the next week.

Reminders

- BURN BAN is in effect. It is also illegal to sell or possess fireworks within the County.

- 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.
- 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.

Rebuilding a better Rockport.