



A Message from Mayor Rios

August 8, 2018

I wanted to share some information on recent activities and upcoming events:

1. The City and County have published a Request for Qualifications from architects that have experience in designing and overseeing the construction of a government center. We are envisioning a “downtown anchor” that would incorporate four main components – County Courthouse; City Hall; multi-purpose facility to accommodate Commissioners meetings, City Council meetings and courtrooms; and a plaza. Information is available on the respective web sites.
2. Please join us on Thursday, August 16 at 6 pm at the Rockport Service Center for the kickoff of the Texas Target Communities Program (TTC). We are proud that Rockport was one of two communities selected by Texas A&M University’s TTC program as a Community Partner for the 2018-2019 academic school year. The major focus for Rockport will be the development of a comprehensive plan to guide the growth and development for the next 20 -30 years, which would include a Future Land Use Map, and a focused study on Downtown Rockport, contingent on the approval of a grant from the American Planning Association Foundation. More information is available on the City’s web site.
3. Aransas County’s Assistance Program will be distributing fans on Thursday, August 9. Recipients must be residents of the County and fill out a form for approval. Additional information is available at <https://www.aransascounty.org/harvey/uncategorized/aransas-county-kool-down-2018/>
4. City Council and Senior Staff held its annual budget planning workshop on Monday. It was a very intense meeting as we reviewed the lower valuation (approximately 13%); employment figures; gross sales; total bank deposits county-wide; decrease in residences and commercial properties and their impact on utilities and taxes; staffing and other variables. We’re confident we’ll be able to continue the high level of service and professionalism that our residents deserve.
5. Hurricane Harvey Anniversary. The weekend of August 24-26 will offer numerous events and gatherings in observance of Harvey’s landfall. This is a coordinated effort through the government entities, Chamber, businesses, churches and local organizations. Event information - http://www.rockport-fulton.org/Harvey_Anniversary.

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