

Rockport Transcript

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Little League "Beats" Hurricane Harvey

Despite widespread devastation to Memorial Park, area children were still able to enjoy America's national pastime with the opening of the Little League season on April 7. Were it not for hundreds of volunteers, locally and nationally; associations; and concerned non-residents like Charlie Robinson and the Sid Richardson Foundation; the likelihood of there even being a season for 350 Aransas County children was dim.

Their contributions enabled the City to rebuild three fields in time for the season opener. Ad-

ditionally, the City installed new lighting as part of the ongoing energy conservation program taking place at all of its facilities.

Following the end of the season, major work will include renovations to another field, relocation of the T-ball field, a new parking lot, and construction of new bleachers, concession stands, and bathrooms.

If you're interested in serving as a volunteer, in any capacity, contact Little League via email at: info@rpftll.org



Are You Prepared for An Emergency?



Keeping citizens informed.

It was very distressing to learn about residents who said they were unaware of the evacuation and projected strength of Hurricane Harvey. Additionally, these same individuals did not have access to water boil notices, curfews and other significant emergency announcements.

If you, or someone you know, has not signed up for CodeRED, the area emergency system, we urge you to do it now. You will not receive messages unless you reg-

ister. You have the option of receiving a text, email, phone call or all three - up to five different phone numbers, land line or cell phones, and email addresses. You may register by going to the City's home page (cityofrockport.com) and click on the CodeRED logo, which is located on the bottom left side of the page. Links are also available on the Aransas County and Town of Fulton web sites. It doesn't matter WHERE you register, just that you DO.

Office Relocations

Due to hurricane damage to City Hall, these offices have moved to new locations:

City Manager

City Secretary

Finance

Human Resources

Office of the Mayor

Rockport Service Center, 2751 SH Hwy 35 Bypass (on the west side of the access road between Pearl and Market Streets)

Municipal Court

Parks Department

Utility Customer Service

Former Service Center, 402 E. Laurel Street (corner of Laurel and Gagon Streets)

2018 Whooping Crane Strut



For its 30th anniversary, the annual Whooping Crane Strut returned to the beach park. More than 180 individuals participated in the chip-timed event, which includes a 5k and 10k run, plus 2-mile walk. Sponsors for the event included The City of Rockport, Whataburger, Dairy Queen, Texas State Aquarium, Navy Army Credit Union, and L&F Distributors.

Major Winners (noted as Male/Female) **10 K Run** – Overall: Juan Garza and Mellissa Wallace, Masters: Charlie Clark and Tina Banse, and Grand Masters: Frank Flores and Julie McAllister; **5K**

Run – Overall: TK Revis and Stephanie Rojas, Masters: Hector Torres and Starria Rodriguez, and Grand Masters: Todd Hunter and Nancy Anderson; **2 Mile Strut**

Walk – Overall David and Nelida Spurrell, Masters: Richard Pifer and Julie Latiolais; and Grand Masters: Dave Duncan and Bev Trifonidis. A complete list of winners by age group in first through third place is available on the City's web site at: <http://www.cityofrockport.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/>

Election News

Elections for Ward 4 representation will take place on Saturday, May 5 at the County Election Administration office on Concho. Barbara Gurtner (Incumbent) and Chris Crowley are vying for the position.

There was no opposition for the positions of Mayor - Patrick Rios (currently Mayor Pro Tem) and Ward 2 – J.D. Villa (Incumbent).

Early voting starts on April 23 and ends May 1. This will also be held on the Election offices on Concho.

Flooding Hazards in Rockport

The City of Rockport is a popular tourist destination and offers a variety of ways to have fun including boating, fishing, and other forms of recreation. However, due to its location as a coastal community, residents located in a high-risk flood hazard area or coastal storm surge area should understand the flood hazard and flood risk and how to protect themselves in the event of flooding, tropical storms, and hurricanes.

Flood hazard is not just related to flash flooding. Flood hazard refers

to risk associated with mapped flood-prone areas of your community, and areas of poor drainage, localized street flooding, storm tide, storm surge, and other related flood risk areas.

Rockport has 11 major watersheds, each of which has areas that are subject to flooding from rising waters from the area bays, as well as localized street and yard flooding. Most flooding areas have been mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); however, not all flood-prone areas, areas with



poor drainage, or localized street flooding have been mapped. Your property may never have flooded or may be shown on the FEMA maps to be outside the mapped limits of flooding. However, this is no guarantee your property will never flood. Most areas of the City have yet to see the rec-

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Recycling Reminder

Only approved recycling materials should be placed in your green-lidded cart, which is picked up every other week. These items include plastics, paper and metal.

Items That **SHOULD NOT** be Recycled:

- Batteries
- Electronics
- Styrofoam
- Light bulbs
- Glass of any kind
- Hazardous products
- Aerosol cans



- Plastic and metal hangers
- Food and wet waste
- Food contaminated paper products
- Juice boxes
- Chip bags
- Frozen food bags
- Flower pots
- Plastic toys

For a complete list, a recycling guide is available on the City's web site: <http://www.cityofrockport.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1445>.

Additionally, if you are unsure of your recycling pick up day, check the 2018 calendar at <http://www.cityofrockport.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/>

Call Before You Dig



When doing projects around your house, digging without knowing where underground utility lines are buried can be very risky. Sadly, we learned that several times when people unknowingly cut underground lines that affected cable, cell phones and Internet usage throughout the area.

When planning an excavation project, including building new flower beds, simply dial 811 at least 48 hours (two working days) before you plan to start your work. They will notify underground utility providers, who will send professional locators out to mark the approximate location of their utility lines. If you prefer to use the computer for notification, go to <https://txhop.texas811.org/>

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ord 100-year flood event, which is a 1% chance of occurring in any given year. Statistics show that the 100-year storm event has approximately a 30% chance of occurring over a 30-year mortgage period.

For those living outside the 100-year floodplain, also referred to as a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) on FEMA's flood maps, flooding is still possible. Roughly 25% of all flood claims occur outside the SFHA in areas considered minimal to moderate flooding. What does that mean for City of Rockport residents? It means that everyone in the City can, and should, have flood insurance, which is not covered under a standard homeowner policy. You can determine your property's flood zone at <https://msc.fema.gov/portal>. You can get information on flood insurance at www.floodsmart.gov.



Shop Rockport—
Keep your retail sales taxes working at home

Rockport City Council

Mayor



C.J. Wax

Ward 1



Rusty Day

Ward 2



J.D. Villa

Ward 3



Pat Rios

Ward 4



Barbara Gurtner

Who Do I Call If ...

Illegal Dumping in Progress

729-1111

Illegal Dumping After the Fact

790-1125

Emergency

911

Non-Emergency Public Safety

729-1111

Utility Bill/Trash Questions/Concerns

729-2213 x 234

Street Issues and Repairs

790-1160

Sewer, Water and Gas Issues

790-1160

After-Hours

729-1111

City Administrative Offices

729-2213 x 221

Building and Development Dept.

790-1125

Long Term Recovery

790-9496



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For additional questions or concerns, visit the "FAQs" or "Fix It" sections on the City's web site (www.cityofrockport.com) or call City Hall at (361) 729-2213.