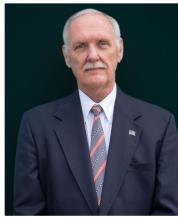




ROCKPORT

CITY PULSE: STAY INFORMED, STAY ENGAGED



Looking Ahead to 2025

As we enter 2025, our city is poised for progress. This year, we'll focus on developing and creating engagement opportunities, fostering economic growth, transparency, and ensuring every resident feels valued. Together, we'll build a brighter future for all.

Rockport City Council

- Mayor- Timothy Jayroe
- Ward 1- Stephanie Rangel
- Ward 2- Matt Anderson
- Ward 3- Brad Brundrett
- Ward 4- Andrea Hattman

See the website to find your Councilmember

Reminder: City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2025 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Welcome to Our Newsletter!

Thank you for joining us for this edition of our newsletter that we will produce every other month for now! We hope you find the information and updates shared here both informative and engaging.

We're always looking for ways to improve, so if there's a topic, you'd like us to cover, please don't hesitate to reach out—we'd love to hear your ideas and may feature them in a future edition.

Your feedback is always welcome and appreciated. Let us know how we're doing and how we can better serve you!

This is our inaugural newsletter, so the frequency and content may change based on readership. Hang out with us as we develop this new tool for communication.

Happy reading, and we look forward to connecting with you again soon.

Vanessa

Stage 3 Watering Restriction

The City of Rockport is currently under Stage 3 of the Water Conservation and Drought Emergency Plan in order to reduce water usage. For more information see <https://rockporttx.gov/494/Water-Plan>.

HUMAN RESOURCES:
For Current City Job Openings visit:

www.rockporttx.gov

Kaycee Eddins
HR Manager

May 3, 2025 General Election

The City of Rockport will be holding an election for the purpose of electing two(2) Council Members (Ward 1 and Ward 3). The Candidate Packets will be available for pick up on Friday, January 5, 2025.

Filing Dates and Times; January 15, 2025 - February 14, 2025

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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See City website ([Election page](#)) for more information

Reminder: Before turning your home into a short-term rental, be sure to review your subdivision regulations and deed restrictions.

Don't forget to register your short-term rental here:

[Short-Term Rental Registration Portal](#)

Congratulations to Shelley Goodwin

Shelley received a certificate on behalf of the Elections Division for sharing her knowledge and expertise at the Secretary of State 36th Annual Election Law Seminar.

Be Part of the Inaugural Class of Rockport Citizen University

Discover how your City operates! This unique opportunity offers an inside look into each City department and explores topics such as City policies, budgets, projects, and much more. Don't miss your chance to join us. Deadline is January 10, 2025! Enroll now and become an engaged, informed citizen. For more details or to register, for Rockport Citizen University call 361-729-2213 ext. 225.

Ways to Stay Connected and Engaged

- Like us on Facebook
- Subscribe to Meetings
- Attend Meetings
- Read the City Manager Updates
- Sign up to be on a Board or Commission
- Be part of the Rockport Citizen University

MEETINGS:

City Council:

- January 14, 2025 6:30 pm
- January 28, 2023, 6:30 pm
- February 11, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
- February 25, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

CVB:

- January 13, 2025 10:00 am
- February meeting TBA

Planning & Zoning:

- January 6, 2025 5:30pm
(2 public hearings)
- January 20, 2025 5:30pm
- February 3, 2025, 55:30 p.m.
- February 17, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

Check the website for all the City Meetings.

All meeting are subject to change

City History Center

- Ordinance No. 12 adopted in 1871 requires every house to keep a ladder long enough to reach its roof.
- Ordinance No. 18 adopted in 1871 created the position of City Secretary.
- First sidewalks were built in 1871.

YTD General Fund Expenditures as Compared to Budget



It should be noted that the month of December figures are through 12.23.24 and all numbers are unaudited and subject to adjustment.

Events

- Smithsonian Museum on Main Street January 25th - March 9th
- Winter Texas Appreciation Day January 16th - 10am-2pm at Fulton Convention Center
- Bountiful Bowl Pottery Fair (Rockport Cly Expo) February 1st

Monthly Events

- Rockport-Fulton Market Days
- Rockport Downtown Farmers Market
- Downtown Rockport Makers Market
- Austin Street Art Walk
- Second Saturday In The District

Safety TIPS- Porch Lights & Staying Aware of Your Surroundings:

A well-lit home can deter unwanted activity and create a safer environment for you and your neighbors. Here are a few simple tips to enhance your safety:

- Use Porch Lights Effectively: Keep your porch light on during evening hours to increase visibility around your home. Consider motion-sensor lights for added security in darker areas.
- Be Observant: When arriving home, scan your surroundings before exiting your car or entering your home. If something feels off, trust your instincts and seek assistance.
- Connect with Neighbors: Building a sense of community can improve neighborhood safety. Watch out for one another and report suspicious activity promptly.

Taking these proactive steps can help keep your property and neighborhood safe and welcoming for everyone.

Your Chance to Make a Difference: Volunteers Needed for City Boards and Commissions

The City is calling on community members who are passionate about making a difference! We are looking for dedicated volunteers to serve on various boards and commissions that play a crucial role in shaping policies and decisions that affect our city.

Whether you're interested in the Parks, trees, or community development, there's a board or commission that could benefit from your insights and expertise.

The appointment process is easy, and training is provided to ensure you're well-prepared to make an impact. If you're ready to be a part of the decision-making process and help shape the future of our community, consider volunteering today!

Visit our website for more information and to submit your application. Together, we can continue to build a strong, vibrant city.

THANK YOU!

to all volunteers, vendors, entertainment, ornament making workshop participants and parade units who made the event wonderful!

VOLUNTEERS

Sandy Jumper	David Owens	Morgan Vasquez	Tony Rotondi	Anne Spangler
Christie Stevens	Alfonso Garcia	Brittany Aguirre	David Constante	Hunter Guillen
Stacy Cantu	Candace Brannan	Joe Riekers	Mark Perlotto	Dylan Fleck
Belinda Garcia	Joanna Zamudio	Jonathon Huser	Lisa Lind	Celesta Stinson
Chris Hernandez	Melodie Woodall	Mitch Tomblin	Jim Savage	Aubrie Martinez
Gracie Garcia	Jan Broom	Rene Contreras	Karlie Griffin	
Jamie Gonzalez	Sara Howell	Jacob Akin	Milana Klanica	
Valeria Garcia	Mike Tomblin	Joe Samora	Eryn Wilson	
Danielle Reyna	Chris Anderson	Ed Devine	Boden Klanica	
Tommy Garcia	John Huff	Jeremiah Alaniz	Brandon Barringer	

ENTERTAINMENT

Tartanic, Rockport Fulton High School Choir, Rockport Ringers, Pacific Islanders Dancers, The Christmas Tree Huggers, Horizon Sound, and PyrOchoa

IN COLLABORATION WITH

Aransas County Navigation District, Rockport Center for the Arts, Rockport Community Pool, Rockport Police Department, Texas Maritime Museum, H-E-B, and Goose Island State Park

PARADE PARTICIPANTS

City of Rockport Mayor and City Council, Rockport Police Department, Rockport Volunteer Fire Department, Fulton Volunteer Fire Department, Lamar Volunteer Fire Department, Allegiance Ambulance, Rockport Parks Rangers, Tartanic, Sonic Drive In, Little Bay Sea Queens, Foolish Wayz, Gordos Automotive, Ground Zero, Habitat for Humanity of Aransas County, When and Where Coating Studio, Lamardi Gras, Coffee Spanked, Serenity Retreat, Hope Church, REAL Inc, Gypsie Show, Coastal Oaks Church, Coastal Bend Waste, The Beauty Bar, Reserve Copano Bay & Coastal Palms, Clayton Homes, Champion Homes & Cavco in Neighborhood, and Woody Acres

VENDOR BOOTHS

Ramirez Mexican Imports, Tasty Treats Candy Co., Earth Spirits Designs, Padre Printing Tee's and More, Knotty Fun, K.Ks Books and Things, B&H Glitter Bar, Eve's Vibrant Accessories, Rocky Mountain Ceramics, RF Choir Booster Club, Coastal Bend Waste, Nikums Baskets, Amrta Studios, Austin's Sweets and Treats, Vogt and Stone, Aransas County Livestock Association, Sam and Boris, Mckimcreek, Mr. Johnnys Woodworks, Spicewood Gourmet Foods, Adrian Long Enterprises, Salty Vibes Pottery, Harms Kreations, Ari's Bowtique, Project Graduation, Emkays Boutique, Carla Saunders, Salt and Earth Shop, Chris & Carlis Unique Boutique, Art Sea by Dee, Two Small Hand Crafts, Mi Tierra Imports, James Charles Jewelry, Jeff's Woodworx, BCFS Health & Human Services, Lopona Designs, The Hill Retail, Painted Desert, By Mandy Floral & Décor, M Design Studio, Patsy's Place, Mesquite Works, Ray Allen Handcrafts, Coastal Bend Statues, Steven J. Keillor, Sue Bonnar, Crispy Treat Concoctions, Jungle Janes, Next Level Chocolates, Tisha Cummins, Carrie's Grill & Treats LLC, Faifoo Café, Texas Fry Company, Toscanos Burgers & More, Coastal Breeze Shaved Ice

ROCKPORT CENTER FOR THE ARTS - COLORING CONTEST WINNERS

KINDERGARTEN

1st Place: Bailee Jenkins
2nd Place: Joshua Parker Soto

THIRD GRADE

1st Place: Scarlett McKenzie
2nd Place: Saylor Ford
3rd Place: Natalia McDowell

FIRST GRADE

1st Place: Hayden Jeffery
2nd Place: Maria Waxman
3rd Place: Olivia Wetzel

FOURTH GRADE

1st Place: Penny Lynch
2nd Place: Bailey McDavid
3rd Place: Carson Salone

SECOND GRADE

1st Place: Carlee Solis
2nd Place: Caleb Grant Dick

FIFTH GRADE

1st Place: Alana Davis
2nd Place: Alana Carisa Nunez
3rd Place: Jetson Hawk Parker

GRAND PRIZE WINNER - ALANA DAVIS

BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO THE PARKS & RECREATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITY BILLING DEPARTMENTS WHO WORK VERY HARD BEHIND THE SCENES TO MAKE SURE THE TROPICAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL COMES TO LIFE!

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does Drought Status Stage 3 mean water restrictions?

Yes, Stage 3 means we need to pause outdoor water use to protect our water supply. This includes temporarily stopping lawn watering, at-home car washing, and operating decorative fountains. Indoor water use like showering, laundry, and dishes can continue as normal.

2. Who is affected by Stage 3 water restrictions?

Restrictions apply to all City of Rockport water customers, including homeowners, apartment buildings, city facilities, commercial businesses, and industry.

3. Will I be billed a surcharge on my water bill?

No. There are no active surcharges for water usage.

4. Can I fill my pool?

Yes, filling pools is permitted at this time to maintain equipment operations. Residents are encouraged to cover pools as often as possible to prevent evaporation.

5. What if I have a water well or an aerobic septic system?

Irrigation with water wells or aerobic septic systems is exempt from water restrictions.

6. Can I wash my boat?

Washing boats with soap and detergents at home is not permitted. The rinsing of boats and flushing of boat motors is permitted at a commercial establishment or using water from one's residence conservatively. Rinsing boats and motors should be done in a manner that does not waste water.

Find the rest of the Q and A on
<https://rockporttx.gov/494/Water-Plan>