



ROCKPORT

CITY PULSE: STAY INFORMED, STAY ENGAGED

Mayor's Corner

I want to take a moment to say thank you to the citizens of Rockport. Your support, involvement, and pride in our community continue to drive us forward.

Good things are happening across the City—from the opening of our new City Hall to exciting progress in infrastructure, tourism, and community engagement. Together, we're building a stronger, more connected Rockport.

Thank you for being part of it. The future is bright!

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

It is with immense pride and genuine excitement that I announce the grand opening of our new Rockport City Hall.

This project has been a vision years in the making—thoughtfully planned, well-designed, and built with the future of our vibrant community at the forefront.

More than just a building, this City Hall stands as a beacon of our resilience, growth, and our unwavering commitment to serve every resident with distinction. It embodies our core values—transparency, accessibility, and community pride. The facility boasts modern amenities: inviting public meeting spaces, efficient workstations for staff, and an open, welcoming atmosphere for anyone who walks through its doors.

But our journey doesn't end here. As we move into this beautiful new space, we're also embarking on a fresh era of innovation and opportunity for Rockport. We're ramping up efforts to enhance city services, deepen public engagement, and foster a community that honors its rich heritage while confidently stepping into the future.

A heartfelt "thank you" to every individual, team, and partner who helped bring this vision to life. I warmly invite each of you to visit, explore, and join us in celebrating this milestone—this bold step toward a brighter Rockport. Here's to new beginnings and the promise of a vibrant tomorrow!

- City Manager, Vanessa Shrauner

ROCKPORT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Your donations and support help keep our community safe. Volunteer, donate, or attend our fundraising events to make a difference. Every bit counts!

Or you can mail a donation to:
Rockport Volunteer Fire
Department
P.O. Box 1325
Rockport, TX 78381



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

The Benefits of Serving on a City Board or Commission

Serving on a City Board or Commission is a meaningful way to give back to your community, make a difference, and help shape the future of Rockport.

Here are just a few of the many benefits:

1. Make Your Voice Heard

Board and Commission members play a vital role in local government by offering input on important issues, policies, and projects that directly affect the community.

2. Learn and Grow

You'll gain insight into how the City operates, from planning and tourism to historic preservation and public safety. It's a great way to learn more about municipal government and build leadership skills.

3. Build Connections

You'll collaborate with fellow residents, City staff, and elected officials—strengthening your network and building relationships that benefit both your personal and professional life.

4. Create Positive Change

Whether you're helping guide development, promoting the arts, or supporting local events, your contributions help improve the quality of life for all who live and visit here.

Boards and Commissions need dedicated people like you.

Your experience, perspective, and passion can help Rockport.

Apply today to serve and be part of something bigger. For a full list of opportunities and applications, visit www.rockporttx.gov or contact the City Secretary's Office.

Did You Know

July is Parks and Recreation Month? Check out their page on the website for all the upcoming activities.

You can sign up to be added to the Press Release Distribution List? Just send an email to sgoodwin@rockporttx.gov

The City Manager provides a Monthly Update on the City? The Updates are provided at the 2nd City Council Regular Meeting of the month and then posted on the City website.

You can watch the City Regular Meeting Live? Yes, click on <https://rockporttx.portal.civicclerk.com/> and watch for the word LIVE and then click on it or the video camera icon

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.

CodeRED Emergency Notification

The CodeRED system is used to provide citizens with critical information, warnings and advisories concerning an emergency. The system notification is made based on geographic data and can be used for small- or large-scale emergency notifications.

Emergency notifications can be received by phone, email, TDD, SMS (short text messages) or by all methods.

Citizens can enroll in CodeRED by texting the word ARANSAS to 99411 and receive a response back containing the Community Notification Enrollment link. If using a computer or other device to register, the on-line link is <https://public.coderedweb.com>

Citizens should dial 911 for any life-threatening emergency. Citizens can use the non-emergency phone lines to the Public Safety Center, which are 361-729-1111 or 361-729-2222, answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

How to Subscribe to Agendas and Minutes

The City of Rockport has implemented a new Agenda Management system, and previous "Notify Me" notifications were not automatically transferred. We encourage you to subscribe to the new system by following these simple steps:

1. Visit the City of Rockport Website: On the homepage, click on the Agendas and Minutes link.
2. Sign In or Subscribe: In the top right corner of the page, click the Sign In or Subscribe button.
3. Manage Your Subscriptions: You will be directed to the Subscriptions Management page.
4. Choose Your Meetings: Select the meetings you'd like to subscribe to by moving the dot on the bar to the right.

The City of Rockport has introduced a new program, "**I THRIVE**," which highlights an outstanding employee in each newsletter. I THRIVE stands for Trustworthy, Honorable, Resilient, Innovative, Valuable, and Exemplary. Each featured employee is nominated by a fellow coworker.

Meet **Jonathon Huser**, Parks Maintenance Crew Leader.

Q. How long have you worked for the City?

A. I have been with the city for a little over 3 years. All 3 years have been with the parks department. I enjoy working in our parks systems and with all our crew members. It is a really great group of people.

Q. Who or what inspires you in your personal life?

A. I have always been inspired by/looked up to my dad. He has to be the most hardworking man I have seen, and he has taught me most of the things that I know today. I have learned from him that no matter how bad things get or how stressful things can be if you stay with it and do things the way you know how and do them to the best of your ability eventually everything will work out and get better. He is also one of the most supportive persons in my life I can always count on him to pick me up when I need it. I wouldn't be the person I am today if it wasn't for him .

Q. Is there a particular project or event you've worked on that you are especially proud of?

A. There are a few projects/events that I have been impressed with. Recently the Parks Department has been able to open a public Archery Range here in Rockport that we built all on our own. We have about 15 certified basic archery instructors that can run our range and are able to teach basic archery steps. It is a project that I have really enjoyed because I love the outdoors and love bow hunting in my down time, so I really enjoy having an archery range close by. We also were recently awarded the 2025 Advocacy Award with Texas Parks and Wildlife due to our involvement in their archery programs and our archery range.

Q. What's your favorite outdoor activity?

A. My favorite outdoor activity is most definitely hunting and fishing. I absolutely love the outdoors, I love taking my wife and my German Shorthaired Pointer to the beach or any sort of water to fish, relax or even for training my dog.

Q. What do you like most about working in Parks and Recreation?

A. As I said before I love the outdoors and working in the Parks Department allows me to be outdoors every day. Also, the people in this department are great and make the job enjoyable. A huge shout out and Thank You to our Director Brittany and Assistant Director Joe for being so supportive to our crew and training us to be the best we can be as a department. Also, I would like to say thank you to the great group of guys we have here at the parks department for all their hard work and commitment and making this job enjoyable. Thank You!

City History Center

- In January 1871, the Council set a \$.25 poll tax on every male over 21 years of age.
- Sidewalks were built in 1872.

July

CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

- 7-8 @ 5:00 p.m. City Council
- 7-10 @1:00 p.m. City Council Budget Workshop
- 7-14 @10:00 a.m. CVB
- 7-22 @ 5:00p.m. City Council
- 7-29 @1 :00 p.m. City Council Budget Workshop
- 7-7 @ 5:30 p.m. Planning and Zoning Meeting
- 7-21 @ 5:30 p.m. Planning and Zoning Meeting

August

CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

- 8-5 @1:00 p.m. City Council Budget Workshop
- 8-11 @10:00 a.m. CVB
- 8-11 @1 :00 p.m. City Council Budget Workshop (if needed)
- 8-12 @ 5:00 p.m. City Council
- 8-26 @ 5:00p.m. City Council
- 8-4 @ 5:30 p.m. Planning and Zoning Meeting
- 8-18 @ 5:30 p.m. Planning and Zoning Meeting

Check the website for all the City Meetings.
All meeting are subject to change

The City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Grant Funding has begun:



<https://rockporttx.gov/901/Hotel-Occupancy-Tax-Grant-Funding>

Save the Date

City of Rockport will be holding
it's first

Rockport Overview
October 22, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. @
the ROCC

Do I Need A Permit?

Call the Rockport Building
Department at
361.790.1125 to confirm.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

For Current City Job Openings visit:

www.rockporttx.gov

Kaycee Eddins
HR Manager

Don't forget City Meetings are held at
City Hall 212 N. Live Oak; unless
stated otherwise.

Investing in the Future: Recruiting the Next Generation of Rockport Police Officers

Recruiting the next generation of police officers has become one of the greatest challenges facing law enforcement agencies today. Across the country, interest in policing careers has declined — largely influenced by negative media portrayals and public misconceptions. Where we once saw lines of applicants eager to take entrance exams, today the numbers have dwindled.

Despite these trends, I believe deeply in this profession. Law enforcement is a noble career — one that has served my family and me well. While some veteran officers might hesitate to encourage their children to follow in their footsteps, I've taken a different stance. I would be proud for my children to wear the badge. Why? Because our communities need good people — people who care, who want to serve, and who see policing as a calling, not just a job.

Here in Rockport, we are no exception to the recruiting challenges. We compete with cities across Texas for a limited pool of qualified applicants, often those who have already self-funded their way through a regional police academy. But Rockport offers something special — something that sets us apart.

We are a vibrant and growing coastal city that actively supports a professional, community-oriented police force. For many, the opportunity to live and work near the coast is a huge draw — I can say that from personal experience, having come here from West Texas. And while pay is certainly a factor in retention, it's not the only one. We're aware that our officer salaries currently trail those in some neighboring areas, but we're working hard to change that, and there are plans in place to bring our compensation up to par. In the meantime, Rockport already offers a highly competitive benefits package:

- Excellent retirement and medical coverage
- All uniforms and equipment provided
- Assigned take-home patrol vehicles
- Opportunities for paid off-duty security work during the many events our city hosts

Looking ahead, we're excited to launch a new initiative that will allow us to hire cadets and sponsor them through the police academy ourselves. This gives us a unique opportunity — to train future officers from the ground up, preparing them specifically for Rockport's needs and values. It also helps us avoid having to “un-train” habits picked up elsewhere that may not align with our community-oriented approach.

We're committed to building a police department that reflects the spirit of Rockport — welcoming, professional, and dedicated to service. I remind our officers often: we are here for the community, and we serve best when we are known, trusted, and respected by the people we protect.

If you or someone you know is looking for a meaningful career in a city that values its officers and its future, we'd love to talk.

Nathan Anderson - Chief of Police

Welcome to the Rockport Team

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| • Nannette Eiland CVB Manager | • Sammy Lopez -Lifeguard |
| • Billy Hale - Utilities Maintenance Technician | • Peyton Taylor -Lifeguard |
| • Alex Gonzales - Utilities Maintenance Technician | • Leah Barringer -Lifeguard |
| • Anne Sancher - Lifeguard | • Mackenzie Brown -Lifeguard |
| • Jayden Garza - Lifeguard | |

Do you own a Short-Term Rental?

Is it registered?

To avoid a fine, register it today at <https://rockporttx.gov/927/Short-Term-Rentals>

Get Engaged with Rockport and City Connect: Connecting You to Your City

Get Engaged with Rockport and City Connect: Connecting You to Your City In Rockport, we believe that direct communication with residents is key to building a thriving, informed community. The City of Rockport is proud to offer two exciting programs designed to foster better engagement, understanding, and involvement in local government: Get Engaged with Rockport and City Connect.

The Get Engaged with Rockport initiative aims to bridge the gap between the City and its residents. With the rise of misinformation and the challenges of social media, the program encourages residents to take a more active role in local affairs. Instead of relying on Facebook for updates and opinions, we invite you to participate in real-time, face-to-face discussions with City leaders. Attend Q&A sessions, learn about city projects, volunteer to serve on a Board or Commission, and ask questions directly to your elected officials and city staff. By engaging in these open forums, you not only stay informed but also have the opportunity to shape the future of Rockport.

City Connect, on the other hand, offers a relaxed and welcoming environment to chat about the latest happenings in Rockport. Hosted by City leaders, these informal gatherings encourage residents to come out, enjoy a cup of tea, a cookie, or ice cream, and connect with the people behind the decisions that impact their daily lives. Whether it's learning about upcoming city projects, sharing your thoughts, or simply getting to know your local officials, City Connect is the perfect way to engage with your community on a personal level.

Come talk to us, ask questions, and be part of the conversation. With Get Engaged with Rockport and City Connect, we're making it easier than ever for you to get involved, stay informed, and have a direct impact on your city's future. Together, we can continue to build a strong, connected, and informed Rockport!

The City Has Some BIG News

The City of Rockport is thrilled to announce an upcoming Press Conference scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Key Allegro Yacht Club, located at 1796 Bay Shore Drive.

"We invite the public and members of the media to join us for what promises to be an exciting and historic moment for our community," said Vanessa Shrauner, City Manager. "This announcement marks a significant step forward and reflects the progress and collaboration happening in Rockport."



Welcome to Your New City Hall! **Opened to the Public – June 11, 2025**

We're proud to welcome you to the new **City of Rockport City Hall**—a symbol of resilience, progress, and service to our community.

We invite you to look around, explore the new space, and see the building designed to better serve you.

Thank you for being part of our city's continued growth.

We're glad you're here!



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.

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

JULY PARKS & POOL EVENTS

July 8-11 | Kids Group Swim Lessons 10am-11am
Rockport Community Pool

July 11 | Double Dip Day (2 for 1 admission)
National Swimming Pool Day
Rockport Community Pool

July 16 | Dollar Swim Day
Rockport Community Pool

July 19 | Kids Archery Camp 9am-12pm
Rockport Archery Range

July 20 | Free Family Swim Day 10am-2pm
Rockport Community Pool

July 22 | Boat Float Arts & Crafts 9am-12pm
Rockport Community Pool

July 24 | Mini Gardener Class
Rockport City Hall

July 28 | Bark Ranger Program Registration
Memorial Park - Park Ranger Hut

July 30 | Back to School Bubble Bash
Memorial Park

July 31 | Lifeguard Appreciation Day
Rockport Community Pool

TBD | Disc Golf 101, Movie in the Park, and More

Exciting Tourism Updates!

The Rockport CVB is working hard to shine a spotlight on everything that makes our coastal community so special—and we want YOU to be part of it!

Here are a few of the new initiatives we've launched to promote tourism, support local businesses, and keep residents in the loop:

We're Now on Social Media (ExploreRockport-Fulton)!

The CVB has launched brand-new social media pages to highlight events, businesses, attractions, and everything fun happening in Rockport. These platforms will serve as a tool to promote tourism, while also being a great way for residents to stay updated.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube to stay connected!

New CVB Website Coming Soon

We're in the final stages of launching a fresh, user-friendly Tourism Website packed with resources for visitors and residents alike. It will include event calendars, local business listings, lodging options, maps, and itineraries to showcase everything Rockport has to offer. call Nannette for assistance.

Tourism Toolkits for Local Businesses

We're creating free marketing toolkits to help local businesses take full advantage of Rockport's tourism efforts—think promotional graphics, seasonal campaign info, and tips for engaging with tourists. If you own or manage a local business, we'd love to help promote you through our new website (it's free)! Call Nannette for assistance and attend the CVB Meetings.

Events, Events, Events!

The CVB is working to support and expand Rockport's event calendar. From art festivals to fishing tournaments, we're helping bring more visitors to town—while creating fun experiences for residents, too.

Attached are select sections from the 2018 International Residential Code (IRC) and 2018 International Building Code (IBC) that pertain to Certificates of Occupancy and changes in occupancy classification.

Please note:

- A building or residence may not be occupied without first obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy.
- Any change in occupancy type must be reported to the City prior to making that change.

For reference:

Sections R110.1 and R105.5 pertain to residential structures.

Sections [A]111.1 and [A]111.4 pertain to commercial buildings.

[2018 International Codes](#)

If you have any questions or need clarification, please don't hesitate to contact the Building Department. We're here to help!



HALL TALK

Because important conversation happens at City Hall. Bring your question and come grab a pastry with Mayor Jayroe and City Manager Vanessa Shrauner.



July 24th



3:30 P.M..



212 N. Live Oak St. Rockport , Tx 78382



BREWING SOON

SIP, SHARE
& STAY
INFORMED

WITH
COUNCILMEMBER
ANDERSON &
CITY MANAGER
VANESSA
SHRAUNER



AUGUST 7TH - 6:30 P.M.

BELLA LA BREW- 2818 HWY 35 N. ROCKPORT, TX 78382