



ROCKPORT

CITY PULSE: STAY INFORMED, STAY ENGAGED

Mayor's Corner

As we gather this November, we take time to honor and give thanks for two important traditions—Veterans Day and Thanksgiving.

On Veterans Day, we pause to reflect on the courage, sacrifice, and unwavering dedication of the men and women who have served in our Armed Forces. Their service protects the freedoms and values we hold dear, and we remain forever grateful for their commitment to our nation and our community.

As Thanksgiving approaches, it offers us another opportunity to come together—family, friends, and neighbors—to share gratitude for the blessings in our lives and

the sense of community that makes Rockport such a special place to call home.

On behalf of the City of Rockport, I wish everyone a heartfelt Veterans Day and a

warm, joyful Thanksgiving. May we continue to honor those who served and remember the importance of gratitude, unity, and service to one another.

— Mayor Tim Jayroe

A Season of Gratitude

by Vanessa Shrauner, City Manager

As we move into this season of reflection and thankfulness, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to our residents, City Council, and dedicated City employees. Every day, I am reminded of the incredible sense of community that defines Rockport—neighbors helping neighbors, volunteers giving their time, and City staff working tirelessly to provide quality services that make our city such a special place to live, work, and visit.

Gratitude is more than a word—it's a mindset that strengthens relationships, inspires teamwork, and fuels progress. Whether it's the crew working late to restore water after a break, the volunteers who serve on our boards, or the residents who take time to share ideas for improving our city, every effort matters and contributes to our shared success.

As we look ahead to the coming year, let's continue to focus on what unites us: our pride in Rockport, our commitment to excellence, and our belief in working together for the good of all. Thank you for your continued support, your trust, and your partnership in making Rockport a city we can all be proud to call home.

From my family to yours—thank you, and may your holiday season be filled with joy, peace, and gratitude. #HookedonRockport

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

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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

1872 Sidewalks were built. In February, the Mayor issued an urgent proclamation for everyone to get their smallpox vaccination.

1873 First City Attorney was hired - W.W. Dunlop and the delinquent tax roll was immediately turned over to him for collection.

Parks & Recreation Events

November 1, 2025

Fiesta in the Plaza | Celebration Plaza 212 N Live Oak | 11:00AM - 11:00PM

December 5, 2025

Rockport Tropical Christmas Festival | Illuminated Night Parade, Tree Lighting, Fireworks 7:00PM

December 6, 2025

Rockport Tropical Christmas Festival | Vendors, Entertainment, Ornament Making Workshop, Santa Pictures, and MORE! 10:00AM-6:00PM

December 13, 2025

Cookies & Coco in the Plaza | Celebration Plaza, 212 N Live Oak | 12:00PM-2:00PM

Aransas County has switched from CodeRED Emergency Notification

Know Now with Emergency Alerts - Aransas County

Sign up for the Aransas County Alert Program. The alert program enables citizens to get time-sensitive information about emergencies and other important community news straight from local officials. Whether it is severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, or evacuations, you will know... now.

Information will be delivered to the location you specify, such as your home, mobile, or business phone, email, text, and more. You pick where and how. Likewise, you can opt out of the alerts or change notification preferences at any time. Sign up today and know...now!

Sign up for the Proper Reverse Alert

Make sure you are signing up for the correct jurisdiction or multiple jurisdictions based on your needs at <https://member.everbridge.net/77929497231475/login>

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.

STAYING CONNECTED: ALL THE WAYS THE CITY COMMUNICATES WITH YOU

The City of Rockport is committed to open, honest, and transparent communication. We believe an informed community is an empowered community and that strong communication builds trust, understanding, and teamwork. From phone calls and email to social media and public meetings, there are more ways than ever to connect with your City government.

1. Direct Communication
2. City Website - www.cityofrockport.com
3. Convention & Visitor Website - www.visitrockportfulton.com
4. Notify Me Alerts
5. City Pulse E-Newsletter
6. Press Releases and Media
7. Social Media
 - Facebook and Instagram
 - Convention and Visitor Bureau's pages - Explore Rockport-Fulton for tourism, events, and destination news.
8. Public Meetings and Livestreaming
9. Civic Engagement and Speaking Engagements
10. Community Programs and Events

Have You Signed Up for Rockport Citizen University?

Have you ever wondered what really goes on behind the scenes at City Hall or how your local government works? Now's your chance to find out! The Rockport Citizen University program invites residents to take part in an exciting, hands-on learning experience.

For just one to two hours a month, participants will meet the dedicated City employees who keep Rockport running smoothly and learn about the many departments that serve our community – from Public Works and Parks to Police, and Administration.

This program is designed to strengthen civic engagement, build connections, and give residents a deeper understanding of how their City operates. Whether you're new to Rockport or a lifelong resident, Citizen University is a great way to get involved and make a difference.

Space is limited – apply today and become part of Rockport's future! Class begins in February 2026. To find more information please see the City website <https://rockporttx.gov/925/Rockport-Citizen-University>.

Get HOOKED on ROCKPORT!

November & December

CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

- November 1st @ 11:00 am Fiesta en la Plaza - Celebration Plaza at City Hall 212 N Live Oak
- November 11th - HOLIDAY
- November 12th @ 5:00 PM City Council Meeting
- November 17th @10:00 am CVB
- December 2nd, @ 5:30pm P&Z Meeting
- December 9th, @ 5:00pm Council Meeting
- December 24-26 - HOLIDAYS
- December 31st - HOLIDAYS

Events Around Town

11-5th -9th Annual Rockport Songwriter Festival

11-8th 2nd Saturday in the District

11-11th Veterans Day Service

11-21st-1-5th RCAD Christmas in the District

11-14th-16th Market Days

12-5th & 6th Tropical Christmas

12- 13th Wreaths, Across America

12-13th Cocoa, Cookies & Carols

12-19th Christmas in the Parks

Check the website for more information on events and City Meetings. All meeting are subject to change.

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

2026 Holidays

Thursday, January 1, 2026 New Year's Day

Friday, January 2, 2026 Day after New Year's Day

Monday, January 19, 2026 Martin Luther King

Friday, April 3, 2026 Good Friday

Monday, May 25, 2026 Memorial Day

Friday, July 3, 2026 Independence Day

Monday, September 7, 2026 Labor Day

Wednesday, November 11, 2026 Veterans Day

Thursday, November 26, 2026 Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 27, 2026 Day after Thanksgiving

Thursday, December 24, 2026 Christmas Eve

Friday, December 25, 2026 Christmas Day

Thursday, December 31, 2026 New Year's Eve

Municipal Court Week

Municipal Court Week is November 1-5, 2025. This is a week dedicated to recognizing the role of local municipal courts in the justice system and educate the public about their function. It's an opportunity to celebrate and honor the judge, clerks, and other court staff and to educate the public through tours and events.

Rockport Police Department- Community Update

The Rockport Police Department hopes everyone enjoyed a safe and memorable summer here on the Texas coast. Our community welcomed thousands of visitors to our beaches, parks, and events this season, and thanks to the cooperation of residents, businesses, and our officers,

we had one of the smoothest summers in recent years. We appreciate the support of our citizens who continue to work alongside us to keep Rockport a safe and welcoming place for all.

As summer winds down, the start of a new school year brings fresh energy and activity across our neighborhoods. The Rockport-Fulton Independent School District is now back in session, and we want to remind everyone of the importance of school safety.

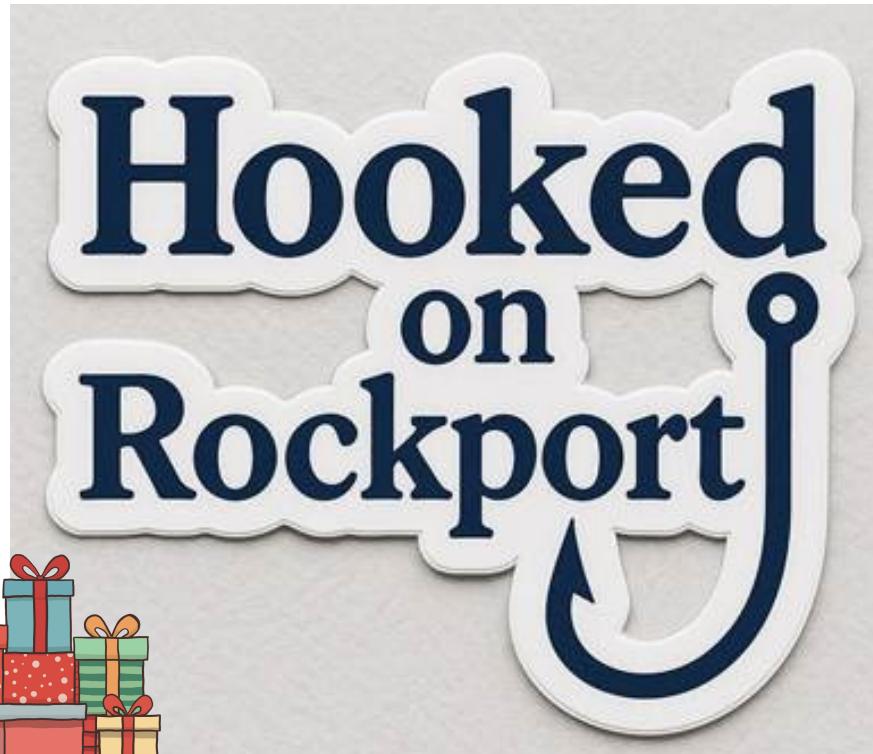
- **Drive Carefully in School Zones:** Please watch your speed, obey crossing guards, and remain alert for children walking or biking to school.
- **Bus Safety:** Remember that it is against the law to pass a school bus when its stop arm is extended, whether you are behind it or approaching from the opposite direction.
- **Stay Alert:** Put phones and distractions away while driving—especially during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times.

Our officers will have an increased presence in school zones and surrounding areas to ensure the safety of students, staff, and families. We encourage parents to talk with their children about pedestrian and bicycle safety and to report any concerns to the Rockport Police Department.

We are proud to work hand-in-hand with Rockport-Fulton ISD to create a safe learning environment and to serve our community with professionalism and care. Together, we can make this school year a safe and successful one for all.

Stay safe, and thank you for being an important part of our Rockport community.
– Rockport Police Department

*Just In Time for
Christmas*
Watch the City
website and social
media for
merchandise
announcements.



City of Rockport Hosts First-Ever City Showcase

The City of Rockport hosted its inaugural City Showcase on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at the Rockport Center for the Arts. The evening began at 5:00 p.m. with a Department Social, providing residents with the opportunity to meet City staff, learn about the services each department provides, and engage in conversations about ongoing and future projects.

At 6:00 p.m., City Manager Vanessa Shrauner presented the State of the City Address, highlighting key accomplishments over the past year and outlining goals for the future. Her presentation focused on transparency, community engagement, and continued investment in infrastructure, tourism, and quality of life for residents.

Shrauner closed the evening by thanking all attendees, City staff, the Mayor and City Council for their leadership and dedication, and the community for their continued support. She also introduced the “Hooked on Rockport” initiative, encouraging everyone to get “hooked” and help share Rockport’s story.

“Hooked on Rockport isn’t just tonight’s theme,” said Shrauner. “It’s our commitment – to love what we have and steward what’s next.”

The City Showcase marked a new tradition of open dialogue and civic pride, celebrating collaboration between residents, City leadership, and staff working together to shape Rockport’s future.

Ways for you to get HOOKED ON ROCKPORT

There’s something truly special about Rockport – the salt in the air, the art on the walls, the laughter that drifts across Little Bay, and the warmth of neighbors who always wave. “Hooked on Rockport” is more than a slogan – it’s a shared spirit that connects us all. Whether you’ve lived here forever or just dropped anchor recently, there are so many ways to help spread the love of Rockport!

Share the Positivity.

Talk about the great things happening in Rockport – from community projects and local events to the small businesses that make our town thrive. Use social media to celebrate our coastal charm! Tag the City, the CVB, or your favorite local spots and add #HookedOnRockport.

Get Involved.

Attend a City event, volunteer for a cleanup, join a board or commission, or participate in one of our civic engagement programs. Every act of involvement strengthens the bond that makes Rockport such a vibrant place to live. Be a mentor and so much more.

Support Local.

Dine local, shop local, and promote local talent. Every purchase and every recommendation helps our neighbors and keeps Rockport’s unique character alive.

Be a Community Ambassador.

When visitors come to town, welcome them with that famous Rockport friendliness. Point them to your favorite mural, coffee shop, or sunset spot. It’s those personal touches that keep people coming back.

Celebrate What’s Blooming.

Share photos, stories, or even a kind word about what makes you proud to call Rockport home. When we show our love for our city, it inspires others to get hooked too.

Let’s keep the line cast – together we can help everyone get “Hooked on Rockport!”

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>**

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

Welcome to the Rockport Team

Robby Donaldson – Communications Officer

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!

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>

What the Rockport Convention & Visitors Bureau Has Been Up To

The Rockport Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) has been hard at work promoting Rockport as a premier coastal destination and ensuring that both residents and visitors experience the very best our city has to offer. From marketing initiatives and community partnerships to major event planning and tourism development, here's a look at what the CVB has been up to lately.

Enhancing Rockport's Tourism Experience

The CVB continues to focus on marketing Rockport's charm and attractions to regional, state, and national audiences. In conjunction with the City Showcase, the "Hooked on Rockport" campaign, the team has been sharing what makes our community unique – from world-class fishing and coastal art to family-friendly events and local hospitality. The new website, www.visitrockportfulton.com now provides a one-stop shop for visitors, featuring updated lodging, dining, shopping, and event listings.

Supporting Local Businesses

Local partnerships remain at the heart of the CVB's work. The bureau has been engaging with area hotels, fishing guides, restaurants, and retail shops to help them register on the Visit Rockport Fulton Extranet Portal, ensuring every business can be included in marketing efforts. These collaborations help expand the city's online presence and attract travelers seeking authentic coastal experiences.

Winter Events That Make Waves

The CVB has helped support and promote a number of events that highlight Rockport's vibrant community spirit, including:

- Downtown District Christmas and the City's Tropical Christmas Events – Are family friendly that draws residents and visitors alike to the heart of our city.
- Warbirds over South Texas
- The [Annual Rockport Songwriter Festival](#)
- [Rockport Film Festival](#)

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and Instagram @
Explore Rockport-Fulton**

Investing in the Future of Tourism

The CVB has also been working closely with City leadership and community stakeholders on the implementation of the Tourism Strategic Plan, which focuses on:

- Strengthening visitor experiences
- Expanding event programming
- Preserving Rockport's natural and cultural assets
- Encouraging sustainable tourism growth

This plan will serve as a roadmap for continued success in tourism and economic development.

Keeping Rockport on the Map

From social media engagement and digital storytelling to collaborations with travel writers and regional tourism partners, the CVB's marketing reach continues to grow. Every campaign and event helps reinforce Rockport's reputation as a warm, welcoming, and unforgettable coastal destination.

Whether you're a first-time visitor or a lifelong resident, there's always something new to discover in Rockport-Fulton – and the CVB is proud to help make it happen.

**Visit our new website at
www.visitrockportfulton.com**

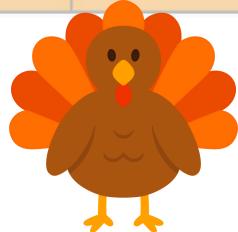
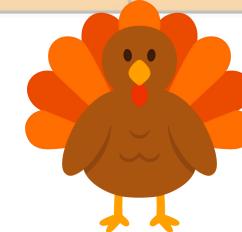
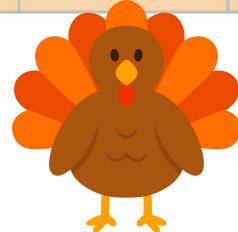
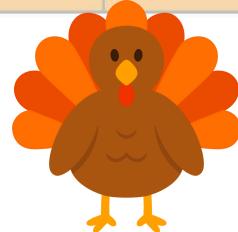
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Fall Leaf Collection Schedule -City of Rockport



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						For residents with trash days on Monday or Tuesday: Pickup will occur on Wednesdays (November 5, 12, 19, and 26).
						For residents with trash days on Wednesday or Friday: Pickup will occur on Fridays (November 7, 14, 21, and 28).
2	3	4	5 Monday & Tuesday Fall Leaf Pick Up day	6	7 Wednesday & Friday Fall Leaf Pick Up day	8
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Stay Informed — Sign Up for City Press Releases!

Be the first to know what's happening in Rockport! Stay connected to important City updates, upcoming events, and community news by signing up to receive press releases directly to your inbox. From project announcements to public meetings and special events, you'll get accurate information straight from the source — no waiting, no guessing.

Signing up is quick and easy. Visit the City of Rockport website and look for the "Notify Me" or "Press Releases" subscription option. Enter your email address, select your preferences, or email sgoodwin@rockporttx.gov and start receiving timely updates that keep you informed and engaged.

Stay connected. Stay informed. Stay Hooked on Rockport!

BEHIND THE PROJECTS

Non-Grant Related Projects:

The City Hall project continues to move forward as we work through remaining punch list and warranty items. A Construction Settlement Agreement has been negotiated with Teal Construction Company, and staff are monitoring the final stages of closeout. The Rockport Volunteer Fire Department Building is now 99% complete, with substantial completion expected by November 20, 2025. The contractor is currently addressing punch list items as the project nears final completion.

Grant-Related Projects:

The GLO CDBG Disaster Grant includes multiple drainage improvement projects that experienced delays due to the bankruptcy of the original contractor. Progress continues in each area: the Tule project is approximately 85% complete with expected completion in February 2025; the Ann and Hackberry improvements are fully complete; Market Street is 99% complete with only minor change order work remaining; and the Orleans Street project is currently in litigation related to latent defects.

The ARPA Grant and Unspent Bond Funds for upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant are nearly complete, with the project at 99% completion and substantial completion anticipated by mid-December 2025. The HMGP Enterprise/Maple Drainage Projects have faced multiple Requests for Information (RFIs) from TDEM and may ultimately be removed from funding consideration due to conflicts with other ongoing projects.

The TDA CDBG Holly/Kluge Street Improvement Project is complete except for final punch list items. The TDEM HMGP Generators Project, which includes four stationary generators and two mobile generators, is progressing as the engineer finalizes the Request for Proposal documents.

The GLO Mitigation/Modernization Grant will provide additional drainage improvements in the Sabinal Street area, as well as the installation of underground fiber extending from the new City Hall down Pearl Street to the Rockport Service Center. This project was recently awarded, and staff are currently completing environmental review requirements. Similarly, the GLO/CMP Grant for the Tule Lake Regional Stormwater Retrofit Project was recently awarded, and staff are working with the grant administrator and engineer to respond to an RFI from the GLO.