



# ROCKPORT

## CITY PULSE: STAY INFORMED, STAY ENGAGED

### Mayor's Corner

As we move into the fall season, Rockport is full of momentum and community spirit.

September and October have brought exciting progress and opportunities for our City.

We continue to make strides in important areas such as infrastructure, transparency, and community engagement. Tools ensure accessibility for everyone.

Community events, civic engagement programs, and ongoing projects reflect the hard work of City staff, boards, and volunteers. Together, we are building a stronger Rockport—one that honors our coastal heritage while planning responsibly for the future.

I encourage all residents to stay involved, ask questions, and share ideas. Your voice and participation make Rockport the vibrant, welcoming place we are proud to call home.

City Council will hold a public hearing and take votes on the City's proposed budget this month, September 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The budget accelerates pavement and drainage improvements on key corridors, replaces end-of-life wastewater equipment, and invests in the people who keep the city running—so we retain talent and maintain high service levels. It's a balanced, transparent budget that responsibly services debt while focusing dollars on projects residents will notice soonest. Construction can be inconvenient, but the result will be marked improvements. If a project is in your neighborhood, thank you for your patience—we'll work quickly and be out of your way as soon as possible.

City Manager, Vanessa Shrauner

### 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
2. 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.
3. 2. Learn and Grow
4. 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.
5. 3. Build Connections
6. 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.
7. 4. Create Positive Change
8. 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.
9. Boards and Commissions need dedicated people like you.
10. 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](http://www.rockporttx.gov) or contact the City Secretary's Office.*

## Did You Know

You can sign up to be added to the Press Release Distribution List? Just send an email to [sgoodwin@rockporttx.gov](mailto:sgoodwin@rockporttx.gov)

The City Manager provides a Monthly Update on the City? The Updates are provided at the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **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.

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 Lorenzo Lara , Finance Department Controller.

**Q. How long have you worked for the City?**

**A.** 4 years, 5 months

**Q. How do you maintain a positive attitude and strong work ethic, even during busy or stressful times?**

**A.** I try to remember why I'm here and try to have fun completing the work.

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

**A.** My children and grandchildren inspire me to do better everyday.

**Q. What areas of your role are, or skills are you hoping to develop further?**

**A.** To continue to expand my knowledge of all the City's finances.

**Q. Tell us about your family?**

**A.** I have 4 children and 3 grandchildren.

**Q. What do you like most about working in the Finance Department?**

**A.** I enjoy working with the Finance staff. It's a positive and fun environment.

### **Get Involved in Rockport!**

Rockport is built on the energy and ideas of its residents. If you've ever thought about giving back to your community, now is the perfect time!

Serving on a City Board or Commission gives you a direct voice in shaping Rockport's future. Whether your interests are in tourism, planning, parks, or community services, there's a place for you to share your skills and passion.

Another exciting opportunity is the Rockport Citizen University—a hands-on program designed to give residents an inside look at how City government works. The next class begins in February 2026 and will guide participants through City operations, leadership, and ways to make a real difference in the community.

By stepping up, you'll help strengthen our City, meet new people, and play a role in building the Rockport we all love.

See the City website for more information.  
Your voice matters—be an active part of Rockport's future!

# September

## CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

- September 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 11:00 an City Council Workshop
- September 2<sup>nd</sup>, @ 5:30pm P&Z Meeting
- September 9<sup>th</sup>, @ 5:00pm Council Meeting
- September 15<sup>th</sup>, @ 5:30pm P&Z Meeting
- September 8<sup>th</sup>, @ 10:00am CVB Meeting
- September 23, @ 6:30pm City Council Meeting

# October

## CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

- October 6<sup>th</sup>, @ 5:30pm P&Z Meeting
- October 14<sup>th</sup>, @ 5:00pm City Council Meeting
- October 20<sup>th</sup>, @ 5:30pm P&Z Meeting

**Check the website for all the 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.**

# Congratulations

Councilmember **Brad Brundrett** will serve as the Texas Municipal League Region 11 Director. This is a great honor for Councilmember Brundrett and for Rockport.

Rockport will be featured in an upcoming Texas Town & City

### Save the Date

City of Rockport will be holding  
it's first  
Rockport Overview  
October 22, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. @  
the ROCC

## UPCOMING PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS

**October 4** | Doggie Dunk 10AM  
Rockport Community Pool  
2001 Stadium Drive

**October 11** | National Night Out  
5:30PM  
Celebration Plaza at City Hall  
212 N Live Oak

**October 18** | Fall Festival 5PM  
Memorial Park  
1601 FM 2165

**November 1** | Fiesta en la Plaza 11AM  
Celebration Plaza at City Hall  
212 N Live Oak



# 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

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## City History Center

- 1897 City Council ordered streetcar track removed
- 1899 City Council passed an Ordinance prohibiting the storage of bones in the City Limits

## Welcome to the Rockport Team

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| • Mark Kalhoefer – Police Officer                          | • Daniel Prado – Mechanic                |
| • Lana Riley - Communications Officer                      | • Eileen Brigman – Lifeguard             |
| • Stephen Scott – Building Inspector/Plans Review Examiner | • Jeanne Travis – Communications Officer |
| • Brian Menke – Street Maintenance Technician              |  |

## 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!

## What's New on the City Website

The City of Rockport is committed to keeping residents informed, engaged, and connected. We've added several new features to our website to make information easier to find and ensure access for everyone:

**Budget & Tax Rate Page** – Stay up to date on the City's finances with clear details about the annual budget and tax rate. This page includes FAQs, videos, and resources designed to explain how your tax dollars are working for you.

**Project Transparency Page** – Follow the progress of major City projects, from infrastructure improvements to community enhancements. This page provides updates, timelines, and key information so you can see exactly where we are on the projects that matter most.

**ADA Compliance** – Accessibility is a top priority. The website now features enhanced ADA compliance tools to ensure that all residents, including those with disabilities, can easily navigate and access important information.

These updates reflect Rockport's ongoing commitment to transparency, accessibility, and community engagement.

## 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](http://www.rockporttx.gov)**

**Kaycee Eddins**  
**HR Manager**

**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!



# 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.



**CONVENTION AND  
VISITORS BUREAU  
BUSINESS SIGN UP**



**Must be completed  
on a laptop, tablet, or  
desktop computer**

**Like us on Facebook and  
Instagram**

**Explore Rockport-  
Fulton**

# City of Rockport to Host a City Overview & Department Hour

The City of Rockport invites all residents to attend a special evening of insight and engagement on **Wednesday, October 22nd**, at Rockport Conference Center. This event will feature two key opportunities for the community to connect with their local government:

## **Department Hour: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

During this open-house style session, residents can meet one-on-one with department representatives, ask questions, and learn more about the services and projects that impact daily life in Rockport. Whether it's Public Works, Police, Parks & Recreation, or other departments, this is your chance to hear directly from the people working behind the scenes.

## **State of the City Overview: 6:00 p.m.**

Following Department Hour, City leadership will present a City Overview (State of the City), highlighting accomplishments, financial updates, major projects, and a look at what's ahead. This presentation provides a clear snapshot of where Rockport stands today and where it is headed tomorrow.

## **Why It's Important to Attend?**

### **Stay Informed:**

The City Overview offers transparency on how tax dollars are being invested, what infrastructure projects are underway, and what goals are shaping Rockport's future.

### **Strengthen Community Connection:**

Events like these are more than updates—they are opportunities for residents and leaders to build trust and work together to ensure Rockport continues to thrive.

### **Be Part of the Future:**

Your voice matters. Attending gives you a firsthand role in shaping Rockport's direction, ensuring decisions reflect the needs and priorities of the community.