



TREE AND LANDSCAPE PACKET

July 13, 2023

TREE AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE WORKSHOP AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Rockport Tree and Landscape Committee will hold a meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas.

Public participation is valued and citizens wishing to express their views on agenda items can electronically submit a citizen participation form in order to register to speak by going to <https://rockport.seamlessdocs.com/f/BoardsCitizenParticipation> or scanning the QR code to the right. Using the same form, citizens can also provide written comments to the Community Planner by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The Chair will read the comments and they will be summarized in the minutes of the meeting.



The matters to be discussed and acted upon are as follows:

Opening Agenda

1. Call meeting to order.

Workshop Agenda

2. Discussion regarding Tree and Landscape Committee Members duties.
3. Discussion regarding Arbor Day activities and events including City of Rockport participation and possible event ideas.
4. Updates:
 - a. Billboard funds expenditure;
 - b. 802 Enterprise mitigation plan landscaping;
 - c. 1812 W Market tree mitigation;
 - d. 2304 Hwy 35 N tree mitigation.
5. Adjourn.

Special Accommodations

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at (361) 729-2213 ext. 225 or fax (361) 790-5966 or e-mail citysec@cityofrockport.com for further information. Braille is not available.

Certification

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas on Monday, July 10, 2023, by 5:00 p.m. and on the City's website at www.cityofrockport.com. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of this meeting as stated above: *The Rockport Pilot* and *Corpus Christi Caller Times*.

Carey Dietrich

Carey Dietrich, Community Planner / Asst Director Building & Planning

Sec. 106-5. Tree and landscape committee.

(a) There is hereby designated a committee to be known as the tree and landscape committee. This committee is to function as an advisory board to city staff or city council, as the case may be, in regard to these regulations. Said committee shall be composed of seven members, to wit:

- (1) Five qualified voters of the City of Rockport.
- (2) One member from the Rockport Planning and Zoning Commission.
- (3) One member from the Rockport Park and Leisure Service Board.
- (4) The city landscape official shall serve as ex-officio member to the committee.

(b) Candidates for the tree and landscape committee shall be appointed by the Rockport City Council. In selecting citizens for the committee, every consideration shall be given to include, but not limited to, landscape architects, urban planners, foresters, arborists, master gardeners, horticulturists, etc. Appointed members shall serve overlapping three-year terms with no more than two members up for reappointment in any one-year cycle. Beginning on the effective date of this chapter, two members will be appointed for three years, two members for two years and one member for one year. Any vacancy occurring during the unexpired term of a member shall be filled by the city council for the remainder of the unexpired term. The committee shall elect from its members a chairperson and vice-chairperson to serve for one year beginning in July of the year elected.

(c) Meetings and duties of the tree and landscape committee:

- (1) The committee shall meet at least once a month or as often as needed to conduct business.
- (2) The committee shall make recommendations as necessary for the removal, replacement, protection or maintenance of existing protected trees, significant trees, and newly planted trees; and possible retention of areas of natural vegetation and use of native species in landscape plans.

Texas Arbor Day

I want My City to host



Each year the official state Arbor Day is celebrated the first Friday in November in a different Texas city... *and yours could be next!*

Arbor Day is an annual observance across America that celebrates the role of trees in our lives and promotes tree planting and care. November is the perfect time to plant trees in Texas. And who better to lead the celebration than a Tree City USA and the state's tree people? Texas A&M Forest Service, Texas Forestry Association and the Texas Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture.

Texas A&M Forest Service wants to partner with your organization to celebrate Texas Arbor Day in your city. We will bring foresters and media exposure to your community and the Texas State Forester will emcee your event. We will also invite the Texas Governor and area legislators.

Applying to host the event is easy.

1. Fill out the application.
2. The Texas Arbor Day selection committee will consider the qualifications and unique characteristics of your organization and city.
3. The winning city will be notified by the selection committee.

Texas Arbor Day host cities...

- are recognized for excellence in community forestry
- are flourishing and growing as vibrant start-up communities
- are recognized as a Tree City USA

Organizations that typically host Texas Arbor Day...

- are highly networked
- have experience in event and conference production
- are highly collaborative
- are experienced in community management and building
- want to change the world for the better



Applications are available at
texasforestservicetamu.edu/arborday



Rockport-Fulton Arbor Day Event

Issue

The Coastal Live Oak tree (*Quercus Virginiana*) is a widely recognized symbol of the Rockport-Fulton area. The Rockport-Fulton community could use Arbor Day to highlight the trees' natural beauty, resilience/ecological benefits and expand the area's ecotourism events.

Background

Texas Arbor Day occurs on the first Friday in November

- According to the Texas Forest Service, "Texas Arbor Day celebrates planting and nurturing trees and all the ways they enrich our lives and stabilize our environment."
 - Shade/cooling
 - Habitat for resident birds and the thousands of migratory birds that pass through the area annually and have enabled Rockport-Fulton to become a birding destination.
 - Tree roots reduce flood risk by slowing the movement of stormwater
 - Tree roots improve bay/estuary water quality by trapping nonpoint source pollutants in stormwater as it flows over land.

The Texas Forest Service Tree City Texas program hosts an annual Arbor Day celebration on the first Friday in November.

- The event is hosted by a different Texas city each year.
- Tree City Texas accepts applications to host the event.
- Propose Rockport-Fulton as the 2023 host for the Tree City TX Arbor Day celebration.

Status

Aransas County, Rockport and Fulton have approved tree ordinances to protect trees.

Arbor Day events will

- educate the public/encourage compliance, and
- add activities/attractions supporting ecotourism.

Potential activities/attractions

- Arbor Day celebration/community tree planting with local officials and conservation organizations.
- Honorary naming of historic trees in public right-of-way.
- Tree walk/run tour of historic trees near downtown.
- Local artist exhibit/competition focused on Rockport-Fulton trees.
- Acknowledge local residents/businesses that have added trees to private property.
- Downtown block party - light Veterans Memorial Park trees, live music, food trucks

Requested Action

Establish an annual Rockport-Fulton Arbor Day event. Work with local conservation organizations to plan activities.

We have been a Tree City USA since:

1999 (Rockport, TX 78382)

Our Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Urban Forester:

Bill Green bgreen@tfs.tamu.edu Cell: 956 373 8543

Give a brief explanation of why your city should host Texas Arbor Day:

Windswept Coastal Live Oaks (Quercus virginiana) are the shared logo for Rockport-Fulton. In August 2017, Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Rockport, killing hundreds of the signature Coastal Live Oaks and stripping the leaves and many branches from those that remained. Recovery, for both the residents and the trees, has taken years. In 2023, Rockport-Fulton and its trees are thriving. Within the last year, the City of Rockport, Town of Fulton and Aransas County have enacted tree ordinances intended to protect trees, particularly Coastal Live Oaks, and educate property owners about the value of trees for shade/cooling, habitat, water quality and stormwater management. The State of Texas should celebrate the recovery of these Coastal Live Oaks with Rockport-Fulton as do the many visitors to the area who appreciate their beauty and the habitat they provide for migratory birds along the Central and Mississippi Flyways.

Describe your vision and plans for Texas Arbor Day:

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Rockport-Fulton is planning several activities over the November 5-7 weekend to celebrate the resilience and restored beauty of Coastal Live Oaks and to educate about the many benefits trees provide.

- *The Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce will host a celebration in the downtown Veterans Memorial Park amidst windswept Coastal Live Oaks. The City of Rockport will donate several Coastal Live Oak trees to be planted at the park.*
 - *The winner of the Arbor Day art contest will be announced by the Rockport Center for the Arts (RCA) and attendees will be encouraged to walk 2 blocks to the RCA and view all entries.*
 - *Local conservation organizations including Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, Aransas First Land Trust and Aransas Pathways will have tables for educational materials and children's activities*
- *Block Party downtown Saturday evening with live music, food vendors and information tables.*

List any organizations or entities who partner with you to celebrate Arbor Day:

Aransas County, Aransas County Navigation District, Aransas First Land Trust, Aransas Pathways, City of Rockport, Rockport Center for the Arts, Rockport Cultural Arts District, Rockport- Fulton Chamber of Commerce, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, Town of Fulton

Contact Information:

Applicant:

Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____ TX Zip

code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Communications Contact:

Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____ TX Zip

code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Mayor or City Manager:

Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____ TX Zip

code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Potential Event Itinerary:

Friday Nov 3rd:

Kickoff event on Friday Nov 3rd at the Magnolia Park with tree planting, tree scavenger hunt/ street tree stroll and movie. History center display story about sister trees to be presented at history center.

This event would be centered around Magnolia Park under the large majestic Oaks.

After scavenger hunt we host a movie at Magnolia Park with 3 informative videos on trees (one before movie, intermission and after movie).

Saturday November 4th-Down town block party hosted by City in conjunction with Aransas First Land Trust, Pathways, Navigation District, Art Center, Cultural Arts district, Heritage District, downtown merchants, and other conservation groups.

- City to Plant trees downtown in designated spots
- City to recognize citizens and businesses who have added trees to their private properties
- Band playing/Professional karaoke competition
- Block next to boil house has food vendor truck cook-off
- Block next to Baker Law has kids events –Britany to discuss potential ideas
- Train Depo-recognition for tree planting and chalk art?
- Cultural Arts District-Tree Mural? Train?
- Art center-family Saturday event? Local artist exhibit/competition focused on area Trees
- Church host pumpkin bowling (Fundraiser for church)
- Pet Coloring competition Hosted by Pet Food company
- Turkey Poop bingo Hosted by Aransas First Land Trust (Fundraiser)
- LNF Distributor beer donation giveaway Aransas First Land trust/Tea Lemonade Sale
- Aransas County –Tree Committee-help plant trees
- Aransas Pathways-plant trees on some of their sites
- Master Naturalist-
- Connie Hagard Sanctuary-Tree planted in memory of Connie

Sunday November 5th:

Monday 6th-plant Tree at

Tuesday 7th-Plant tree at

Wednesday 8th –Plant tree at

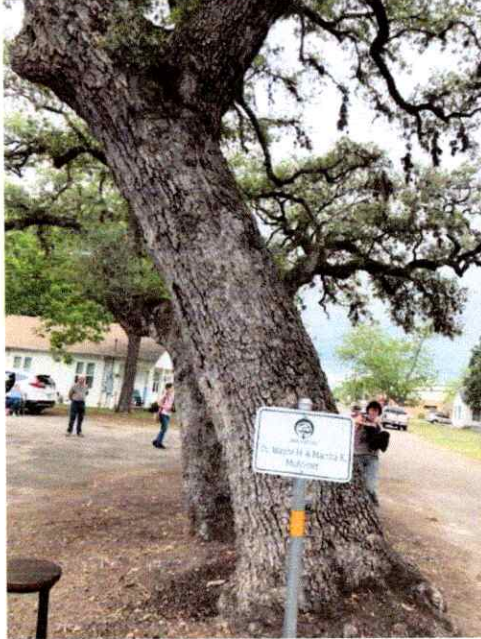
Thursday 9th-Plant Tree at

Friday November 10th-Plant tree at Veterans Memorial Park & Plant Tree at Live Oak Elementary

Street Tree Naming & Maintenance

In Cuero they have named many of their street trees after figures in their community. The citizens send in an application and write up about the family member that they want the tree to be named after.

I think this is a great idea for our street trees. We now have funds to trim and maintain them. I have lists of trees we can pick from and name and kick off event this year.



Potential First two Tree to name in front of Balwin-Brundrett Home at 1028 N Live Oak.

History center is working on a write up about the history of these two sister Trees.



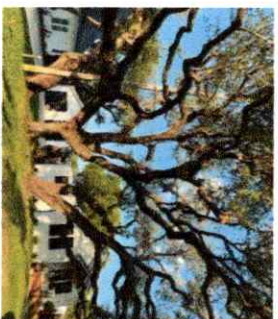
Please see additional street trees to be recognized and named.

TREES TO CONSIDER FOR NAMING AND RECOGNITION

No.	Location	Access	Name?	Notes
1	1049 N. Magnolia, house facing Live Oak. Tree on fence line.	Easy pull-off & street view		



No.	Location	Access	Name?	Notes
2	1048 N. Magnolia, house facing Live Oak.	Easy pull-off & street view		



No.	Location	Access	Name?	Notes
3	1039 N. Magnolia, not too huge but branches are far-reaching. On private property.	Easy pull-off & street view		



No.	Location	Access	Name?	Notes
4	1035 N. Magnolia (Magnolia Park).			



TREES TO CONSIDER FOR NAMING AND RECOGNITION

No.	Location	Access	Name?	Notes
5	717 N. Magnolia, huge and in front yard on private property. Blue bottle tree.	Easy pull-off & street view		



No.	Location	Access	Name?	Notes
6	708 N. Magnolia, huge and in front yard on private property.	Easy pull-off & street view		



No.	Location	Access	Name?	Notes
7	Intersection of N. Magnolia at E. Nopal. Needs pruning badly.	Easy pull-off & street view		



No.	Location	Access	Name?	Notes
8 (2 pics)	Right corner of E. Nopal at N. Live Oak (facing DAEP) on private property.	Easy pull-off & street view		



TREES TO CONSIDER FOR NAMING AND RECOGNITION

No.	Location	Access	Name?	Notes
9	Left corner of E. Nopal at N. Live Oak (facing DAEP) on private property.	Easy pull-off & street view		



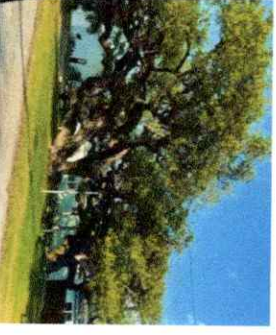
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10	DAEP building yard near parking lot. The "T" at end of E. Nopal faces it directly.	Pull into DAEP parking lot on N. Live Oak		



No.	Location	Access	Name?	Notes
11	617 N. Magnolia at E. Nopal??	Pull over & street view. Private property.		



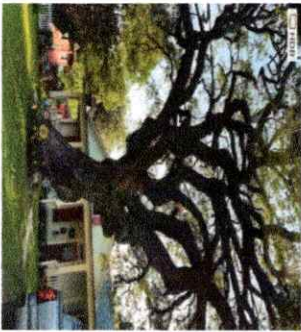
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12	906 N. Austin St. on private property.	Slow down on street to view.		



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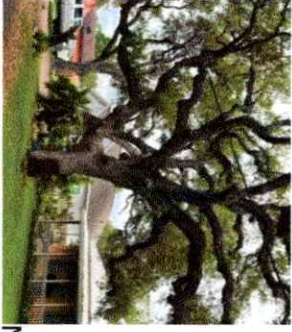


No.	Location	Access	Name?	Notes
13	812 N. Austin St. on private property. (2 photos, 2 trees)	Slow down on street to view.		



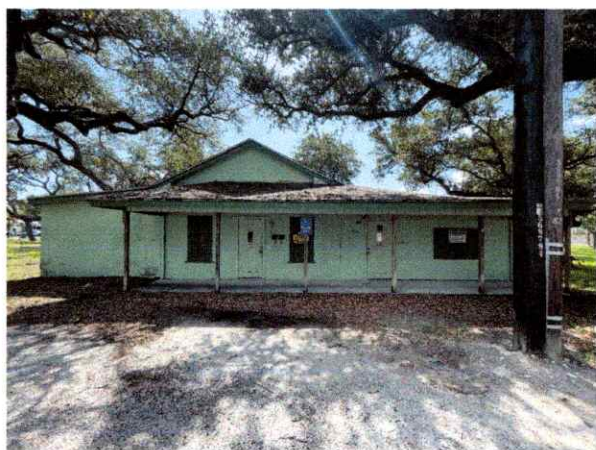
No.	Location	Access	Name?	Notes
14	823 N. Austin St. on private property.	Slow down on street to view.		

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N. Live Oak between E. Cedar and N. Church

Scavenger hunt and heritage Oak tree stroll at Magnolia Park/Possible Movie under trees



Downtown Rockport



Stroll thru Rockport

#	Historical Sites in Downtown Rockport
1	Rockport Big Blue Crab
2	Hoopes-Smith House
3	Pulton-Bruhl House
4	Rockport Spirit Columns
5	Texas Maritime Museum
6	Rockport Center for the Arts
7	Rockport Marine Lab
8	Rockport Aquarium
9	Woman's Club of Aransas County
10	Rockport Seafood Industry
11	Rockport Harbor
12	Rockport Character of Rockport
13	Rockport Wharves and Pavilions
14	Site of Aransas Hotel in Rockport
15	Rockport's Grand Hotel
16	Sorenson-Stair Building
17	Rockport Shipyards
18	First United Methodist Church
19	Moore House
20	Rockport Pilot
21	Rockport and Aransas Pass Railroad
22	Price-Wood House
23	Leonidas Bracht House / Rockport Cultural Arts District Office
24	Sacred Heart Catholic Church
25	Aransas County Courthouse
26	St. Peter's Episcopal Church
27	A.L. Bracht House
28	History Center - 8000 Pearl St. @ Church
29	Baldwin-Brundett House
30	Joe & Bertha Bracht House
31	Smith-Brundett House
32	Wood-Jackson House
33	Rockport School / Aransas County Historical Society
34	First Presbyterian Church
★	Rockport-Pulton Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center

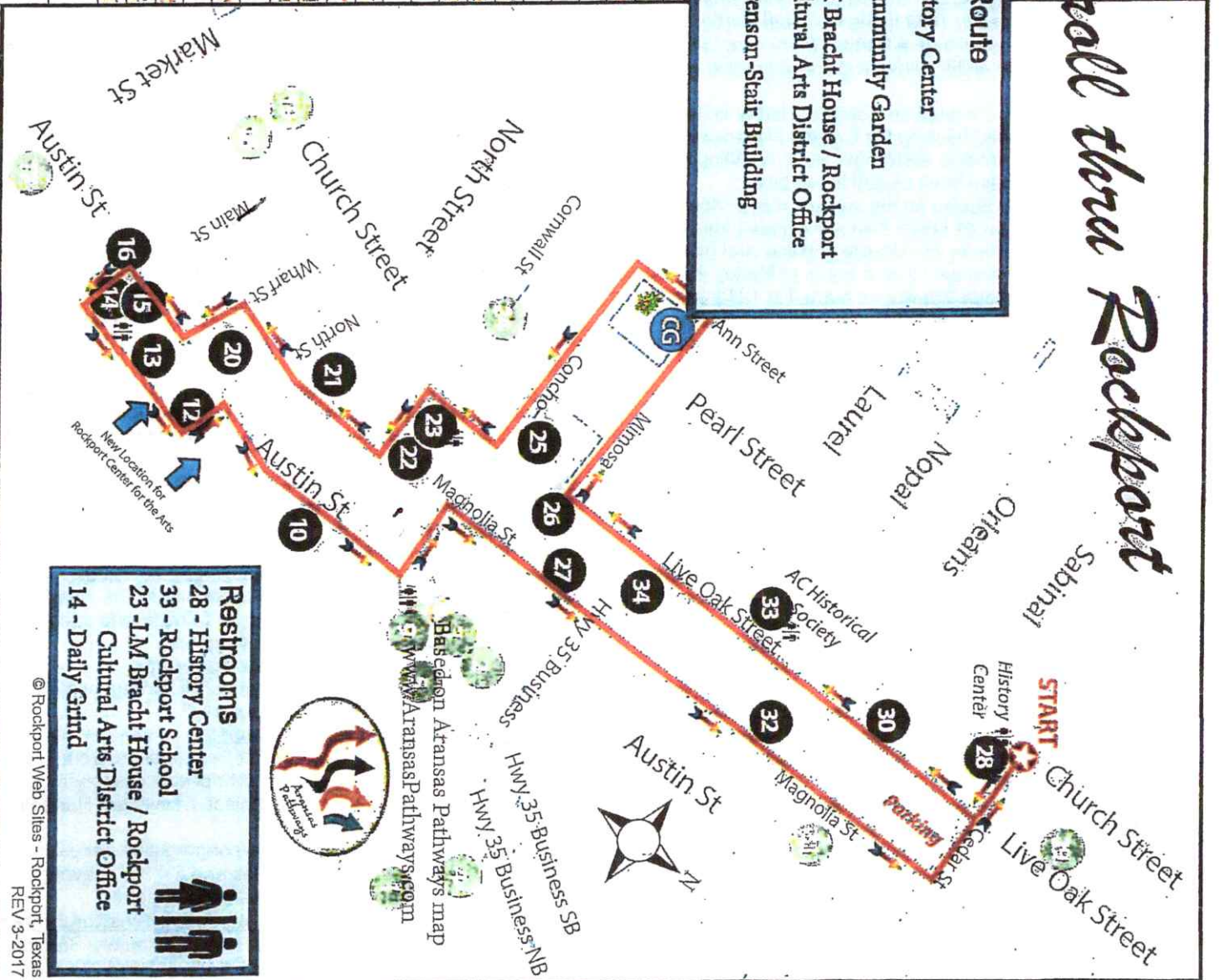
4 Mile Route

28 History Center

CG Community Garden

23 LM Bracht House / Rockport Cultural Arts District Office

16 Sorenson-Stair Building



Restrooms

28 - History Center

33 - Rockport School

23 - LM Bracht House / Rockport Cultural Arts District Office

14 - Daily Grind

Downtown Rockport Walking Tour

Have fun with the Scavenger Hunt below. Bring six or more items into the Visitor Center at 319 Broadway for a commemorative logo cup.

- 1. Rockport Big Blue Crab** - Listed as the World's Largest Blue Crab in Roadside America, the Blue Crab is located on Laurel & Seabreeze Dr. near the Beach. It was built by David Allgood. Scavenger Hunt: Sea Shell
- 2. Hoopes-Smith House** - Prominent businessman and land developer James M. Hoopes' home built in late 1800s. Later served as a hotel and boardinghouse. Located at 417 N. Broadway across from Rockport Harbor. Scavenger Hunt: Pinch of sand
- 3. Fulton-Bruhl House** - Built about 1868, this early Texas home was purchased in 1872 by James C. Fulton, early business and civic leader. He sold it to his son-in-law, Albert L. Bruhl. It remained in the Bruhl family for more than eight decades. Located at 409 N. Broadway. Scavenger Hunt: A portion of a palm.
- 4. Rockport Spirit Columns** - These granite "Spirit Columns", located on Laurel St. near Little Bay, were donated to the community in the spirit of volunteerism by the late artist Jesus Bautista Morales. Scavenger Hunt: Oyster Shell
- 5. Texas Maritime Museum** - In 1987 the Texas Legislature named it the official Maritime Museum of the State of Texas. It is a must see. Located at Rockport Harbor. Scavenger Hunt: Photo of the Texas Navy Flag on grounds
- 6. Rockport Center for the Arts** - The historic (1890) Bruhl-O'Connor home was moved in 1983 to the Rockport Harbor—fulfilling an early mission to provide a Center where many art activities revolve. Scavenger Hunt: Something showing art in any way, shape or form.
- 7. Rockport Marine Lab** - Located on Rockport Harbor is the golden colored brick building housing the Coastal Fisheries Division of Texas Parks and Wildlife. Scavenger Hunt: Anything representing a fish that might have been caught in our bays.
- 8. Rockport Aquarium** - Located on the eastern side of Rockport Harbor, it houses more than 22 tanks. Fish are donated from local resources such as Texas Parks and Wildlife and licensed bait stands and shrimpers. Scavenger Hunt: A photo of Marley the Eel.
- 9. Woman's Club of Aransas County** - It formed in 1948 with a vision of making the community a better place while having fun. Formerly a recreational building of Humble Oil Co. at Ingleside, it was moved by barge in three sections to the present location. Scavenger Hunt: Something from something old.
- 10. Rockport Seafood Industry** - Special sign at site.
- 11. Rockport Harbor** - Special sign at site.
- 12. The Packeries of Rockport** - After the Civil War, Rockport became an important cattle ranching and shipping center. Cattle were shipped to New Orleans on the Morgan line. Scavenger Hunt: Anything that deals with shipping.
- 13. Rockport Wharves and Pavilions** - In 1866, a long wharf extended out into Aransas Bay from "Rocky Point" (the landmark from which Rockport gets its name). Scavenger Hunt: A photo of an old photo of downtown Rockport.
- 14. Site of Aransas Hotel in Rockport** - In 1888, the tract of land known as Merchants Square was sold for \$500. The hotel was "four stories high including the roof story." The Aransas Hotel was the hub of Rockport social life. There were parlors where guests visited and played cards while orchestras performed. Later the name was changed to the Hotel Del Mar and became nationally famous. The building burned in March 1919. Scavenger Hunt: Toothpick to remind you of the all wood structure.
- 15. Rockport's Grand Hotels** - Special sign at site
- 16. Sorenson-Stair Building** - Simon Bulrup Laurits Christian Sorenson, a native of Denmark, bought a wooden store on this site in the late 1880s. In 1890, the Finish saloon caught fire and many wooden buildings burned, including the Sorenson store. Simon Sorenson rebuilt a 2-story brick building. Three generations of Sorenson's hoisted weather signal flags on a tower pole behind the store. Artist Estelle Stair bought the building for an art gallery: The tower pole is used today in the circle at the Beach Park for our lighted Christmas Tree. Scavenger Hunt: Photo of pole in the circle at the beach.
- 17. Rockport Shipyards** - Special sign at this site. Scavenger Hunt: Something from a boat.
- 18. First United Methodist Church** - The Methodist Church has been in existence since about 1870. Located at 801 E. Main. Scavenger Hunt: A leaf from a windswept Live Oak Tree.
- 19. Moore House** - Owner Ed Moore, Mayor 1920s-1940s, is known for establishing a yacht basin and our beach. Located at 413 S. Church Street. Scavenger Hunt: Something you find at the beach.
- 20. The Rockport Pilot Newspaper** - The earliest newspaper in this area. Historical Marker on site. Located at 1002 Wharf. Scavenger Hunt: A newspaper clipping
- 21. The San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad** - In its early years Rockport relied on shipping for goods. After the arrival of the San Antonio/Aransas Pass Railroad in 1888, the town's economic focus changed to include rail shipping and the tourism industry. The town's population grew from 600 in 1888 to 2,500 by 1890. Located at 105 S. Magnolia. Scavenger Hunt: A brochure from an attraction.
- 22. The Wood House** - Built in 1868, this home has been restored to a vacation home today. Located at 203 N. Magnolia. Scavenger Hunt: A Texas Bay Leaf.
- 23. Leopold M. Bracht House / Cultural Arts District Office** - This Victorian home was restored to its 1890's elegance as the Angel Rose Bed and Breakfast. Originally the home of Leopold and Clara Bracht. Located at 902 E. Cornwall. Scavenger Hunt: A rose of any kind.
- 24. Sacred Heart Catholic Church** - Roman Catholic priests visited as early as 1838. The first Mass in the town of Rockport was celebrated in 1860; the first church building in 1889. Located at 704 N. Cornwall. Scavenger Hunt: A wildflower petal.
- 25. Aransas County Courthouse** - Located at 301 N. Live Oak. Look for the signs and photos of the original Courthouse.
- 26. Former St. Peter's Episcopal Church** - Now Heritage Place, venue located at 412 N. Live Oak. Diocese of Texas dedicated St. Peter's Episcopal Church in 1871. Scavenger Hunt: A clipping from a native plant.
- 27. A.L. Bracht House** - Adolph L. Bracht opened a wholesale and retail grocery in 1899. He was a charter member of the Intra-coastal Canal Association. Located at 409 N. Magnolia. Scavenger Hunt: Photo of a vegetable.
- 28. History Center** - Located at 801 E. Cedar is a must see. Check for hours. Scavenger Hunt: Something historical.
- 29. Baldwin-Brundrett House** - Located at 1028 N. Live Oak. Built in the 1890's. Baldwin promoted the Hug-the-Coast Hiway. Scavenger Hunt: A printed copy of anything of the 1800s.
- 30. Joe & Bertha Harper House** - Located at 811 N. Live Oak, the former home of Judge Harper and his beloved wife and teacher, Bertha. Scavenger Hunt: A photo of a gavel.
- 31. Smith-Brundrett House** - Marker sign at site.
- 32. Wood-Jackson House** - Located at 701 N. Magnolia. Scavenger Hunt: A photo of seafood of any kind.
- 33. Rockport School / Historical Society** - Located at 619 N. Live Oak. Built in 1935 as part of FDR's New Deal program to combat the Depression. Workers built the school and local bonds helped to subsidize the government project. Scavenger Hunt: Photo of a book of any kind.
- 34. First Presbyterian Church** - This congregation traces its history to 1869. Located at 514 N. Live Oak and SH 35. Scavenger Hunt: An acorn representing all the wildlife living here.
- 35. Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center** - Located at 319 Broadway across from Rockport Harbor. Built in 1960, formerly Rockport City Hall, has the original vault for city records. Scavenger Hunt: Take photo with Rocky-Fulton, the Pelican near the southern most entrance.

Possible Planting Sites:

- Bent Oak Rockery
- Compass Park
- Memorial Park
- Navigation District-Veterans Park
- Downtown Historical District
- Fulton Mansion
- 14 Oaks for Downtown Bathroom Project
- Tiger Field

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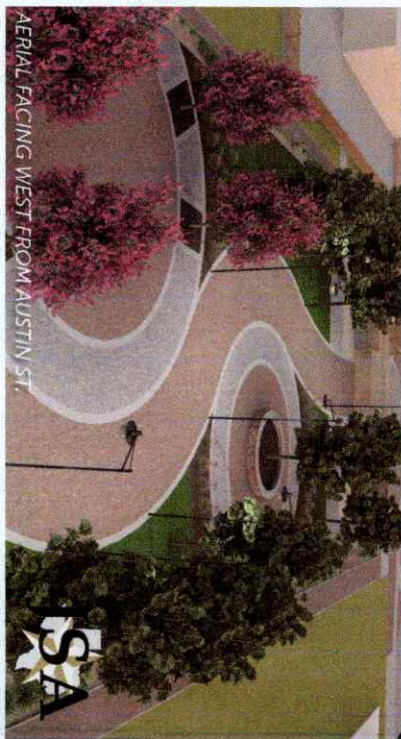
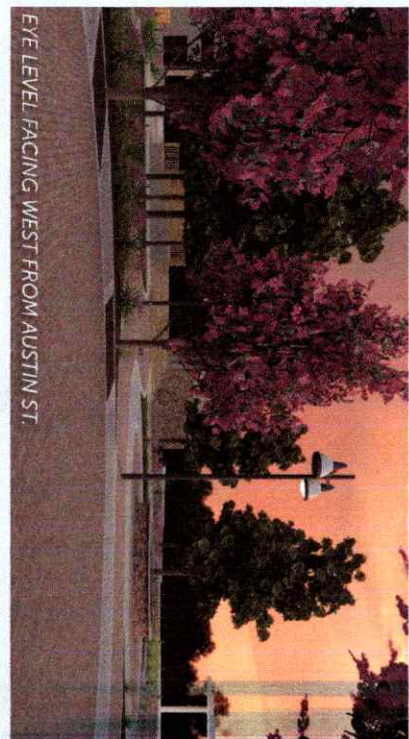
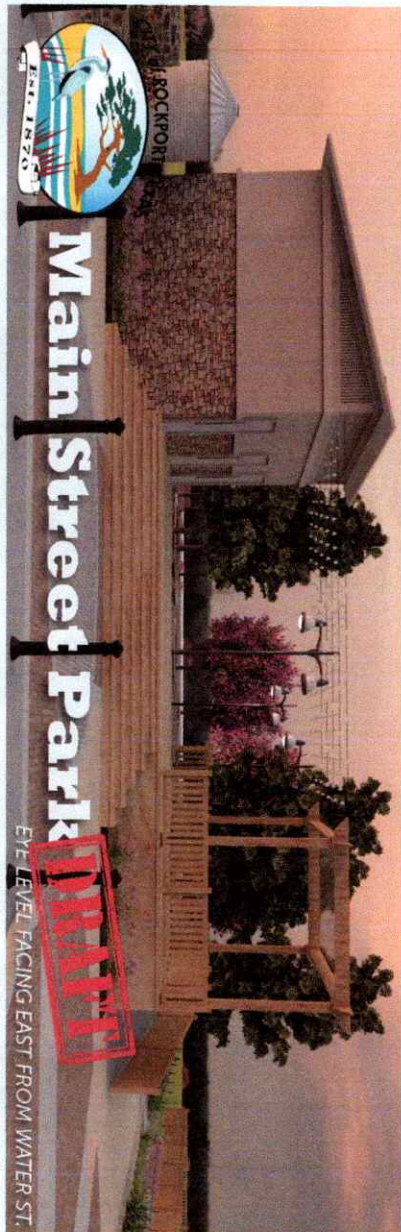
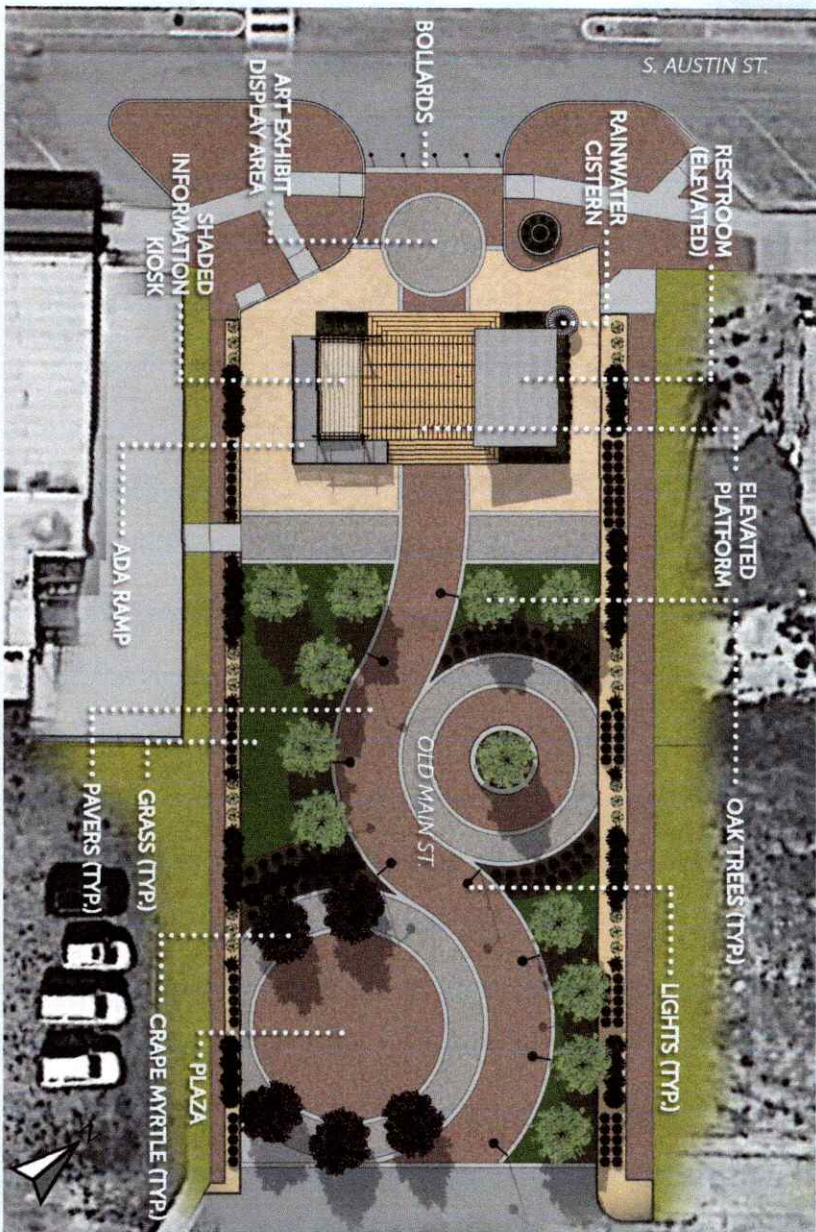
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Potential sites to plant Trees



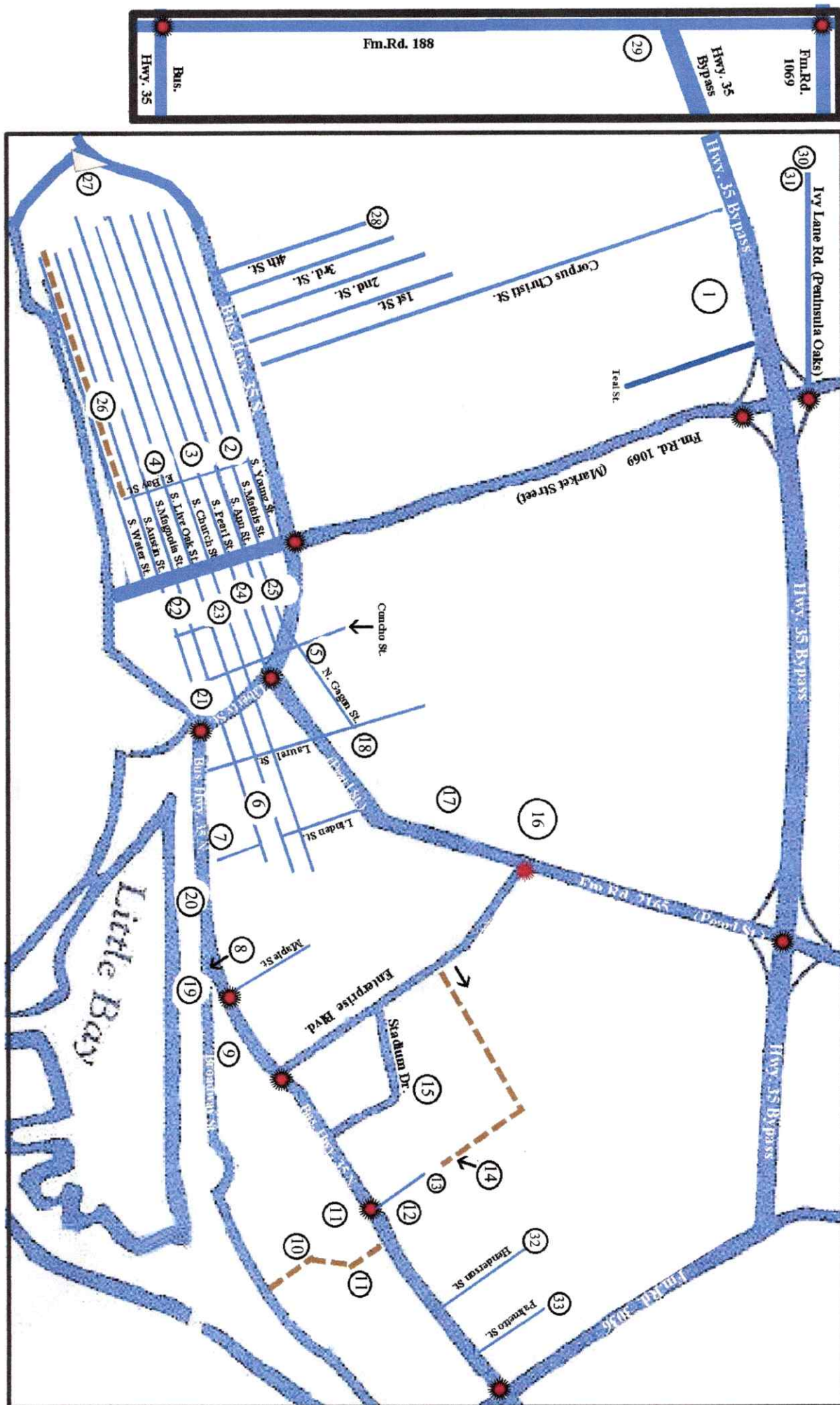
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1)	Future Sports Complex	1624 Corpus Christi St - Teal St.	21)	"Keep Rockport Beautiful" Rose Garden
2)	Spencer Park	400 E. Bay St.	22)	Downtown Planters & Waste Receptacles
3)	Zachary Taylor Arboretum Park	702 S. Pearl St.	23)	Former Gas Bldg Access Center
4)	Mathis Park	801 S. Live Oak St.	24)	Old City Hall Land
5)	"Pride Park" Keep Rockport Beautiful Southwinds Gardens	Bus 35 N at E. Laurel St.	25)	Rockport Central Fire Station
6)	Magnolia Park	909 Magnolia St.	26)	Water Street Bike Lane and Pet Stations
7)	Compass Rose Park	West side of Bus. Hwy 35N	27)	South Rockport Welcome Sign
8)	McDonald's Park - "Glory" Sculpture	Intersection of Broadway and Hwy 35N	28)	4th Street Water Tower
9)	Bent Oaks Rookery Park	1501-1505 Broadway	29)	Water Pump Station
10)	Tule Park Gazebo and Ballfield	Tule Park Road at Encina & Picton Lane	30)	(Peninsula Oaks Water Station)
11)	Tule East Roadside Parks & Wetlands Pond - Interpretive Trail with Signage	Encina Dr., Tule Park Road, & Picton Lane to Little Bay	31)	Pathways Birding Trail - Ivy Lane
12)	Pathways Shellcrete Park with Trails (Tule West)	West side of Bus. Hwy 35N & adjacent to Pathways Bridge	32)	Rockport Fire Department Substation
13)	Pathways Pavilion and Bridge	Adjacent to Tule Hike & Bike Trailhead	33)	Fulton Water Tower
14)	Tule Hike & Bike Trailhead	Adjacent to north entryway to Walmart		
15)	Rockport-Fulton Community Pool	2001 Stadium Dr.		
16)	Memorial Park	1601 FM 2165 (Pearl St)		
17)	City Water Treatment Plant	FM 2165 (Pearl St)		
18)	Utilities Municipal Court Parks Offices	402 E. Laurel St		
19)	Little Bay Pull-Over Sites	Along Broadway St at Little Bay		
20)	Little Bay Walkway	East side of Bus 35N		

be indicated with a **RED star**.)

Parks Yearly Events

Corner of Hwy 35N at Austin St.	<u>1) Whooping Crane Strut</u> This event has been hosted by the City for over twenty years and offers a 2-mile walk, a 5K and a 10K run. This is a timed competition and broken up by age groups. It is currently held at the Beach Park on the first Saturday in March. Awards, entertainment, refreshments, and prizes are all part of this fun event.
Downtown Austin St	
900 Block of Live Oak St. at Main St.	<u>2) Easter in the Park</u> Usually held on the weekend prior to Easter Sunday, this event is hosted by the City and held at Memorial Park. There is an Easter egg hunt along with refreshments, photo prop with Easter Bunny, games, prizes and a Hot Dog lunch.
622 E Market St.	
212 S Gagon St.	<u>3) Rockport Kite Festival</u> This family fun event is held on the last weekend of April. A local kite group will bring and fly their professional kites throughout the event. There are craft and food vendors that line the festival grounds.
Along Water St	
Corner Hwy 35S at Loop 70	<u>3) Memorial Day Event</u> This event is always held on Memorial Day at 2:00pm at Veterans Memorial Park, next to Rockport Harbor. It is planned by the Veteran Organizations and the City assist in the planning and setup.
4th St. at S. Doughty St.	<u>4) Movies at the Park/Dive-In Movies/Music in the Park</u> This is a fun family activity that occurs at Memorial Park and the Pool, usually on Thursday nights in the Summer.
Fm.Rd. 188 at intersection of Fm.Rd. 1069	<u>5) Dog Park Event</u> This event utilizes the Dog Park in Memorial Park bringing animal organization out and handing out goody bags for the pups.
Griffith Lane in Peninsula Oaks	<u>6) Veterans Day Event</u> This event is held at 11:00am on November 11 at Veterans Memorial Park, next to Rockport Harbor. It is primarily planned by the Veteran Organizations with logistical support from the City.
Ivy Lane Road	
902 West Henderson	<u>7) Fall Festival</u> Hosted by the City in October and held at Memorial Park, it consists of a hayride, entertainment, refreshments, a pumpkin patch, pumpkin carving, face painting, photo props, games, and prizes.
W Palmetto at S 10th St.	<u>8) Trunk or Treat</u> Planned for Halloween evening and either held at the Pool or Memorial Park. A haunted hayride is a popular part of the event.
	<u>9) Tree Giveaway</u> In cooperation with the Arbor Day Foundation and Texas A&M Forest we will give away more than 600+ tree saplings to Aransas County residents.
	<u>10) Rockport Tropical Christmas</u> Tropical Christmas offers a full day of activities including vendor booths, entertainment, an abundance of children's entertainment, rides, a Christmas Tree decorating contest, snow slides, a visit with Santa, a nighttime illuminated parade, lighting of the 65 ft. Children's Christmas Tree, and a magnificent firework display over Little Bay. This event is planned for the first Saturday in December on the Navigation District Festival Grounds. Vendor booths open at 10:00am followed by most activities opening by noon. This festival is free for attendees and there is no charge for vendor booth spots. Event support is based on City of Rockport Employee volunteers.





Recognition for citizens and
businesses who have planted trees

Things to be done:

- Proclamation to be made for Rockport/Aransas County Arbor Day Nov 3-November 10th.
- Tree Application to be submitted by Aransas First Land Trust & Agrilife (please see additional info)
- Figure out designated places to plant trees & order Trees
- Visit with Other local Entities that have agreed to plant trees: Keller Williams Realty
- Order banner to put across HWY by Walmart –ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION 1ST SATURDAY IN NOVEMBER
- Educational speaker on the importance of trees
- Single write up every month in paper (Agrilife)
- Planted trees can be named after citizens. Application can be submitted to Tree Committee and they pick honorary citizens.

Pet hair dying contest



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Cool Leopard design by Vivien Hrabovszky from Hungary with OPAWZ brown and black



- Kids Saturday -

**PROCLAMATION FOR
ARBOR DAY November 3, 2023**

WEEK

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County
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Town

WHEREAS, President Theodore Roosevelt was a strong supporter of Arbor Day because it was becoming clear that the nation's forests were being exhausted by cut-out-and-get-out timber harvesting.

WHEREAS, Texas first observed Arbor Day in 1889 when W. Goodrich Jones led the citizens of Temple in a mass meeting to call for a tree planting campaign along the streets of the city; and

WHEREAS, Texas' Arbor Day is in the fall due to it being the best time to plant, as cooler temperatures make their way to the south; and

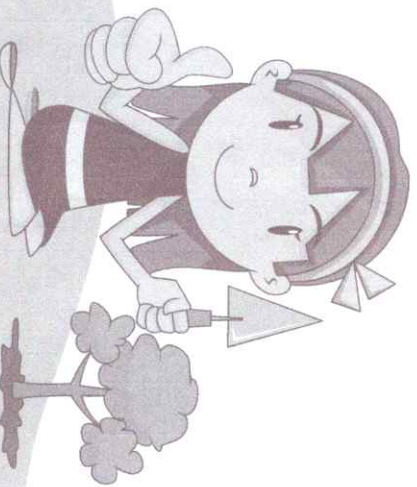
WHERE AS, we are working to give members of our community an opportunity to learn about our environment and keep our local trees healthy; and

WHEREAS, partners _____ will _____ to celebrate;

THEREFORE, I, _____, do proclaim November 3 , 2023 Arbor Day, and call upon the people of Aransas County to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

Arbor Day celebrates
planting and caring for trees

We enjoy all the ways
trees improve our lives
and help our environment



The story of

ARBOR DAY

Historians trace Arbor Day's origins back to the fifth century when villagers in Switzerland gathered to plant groves of oak trees.

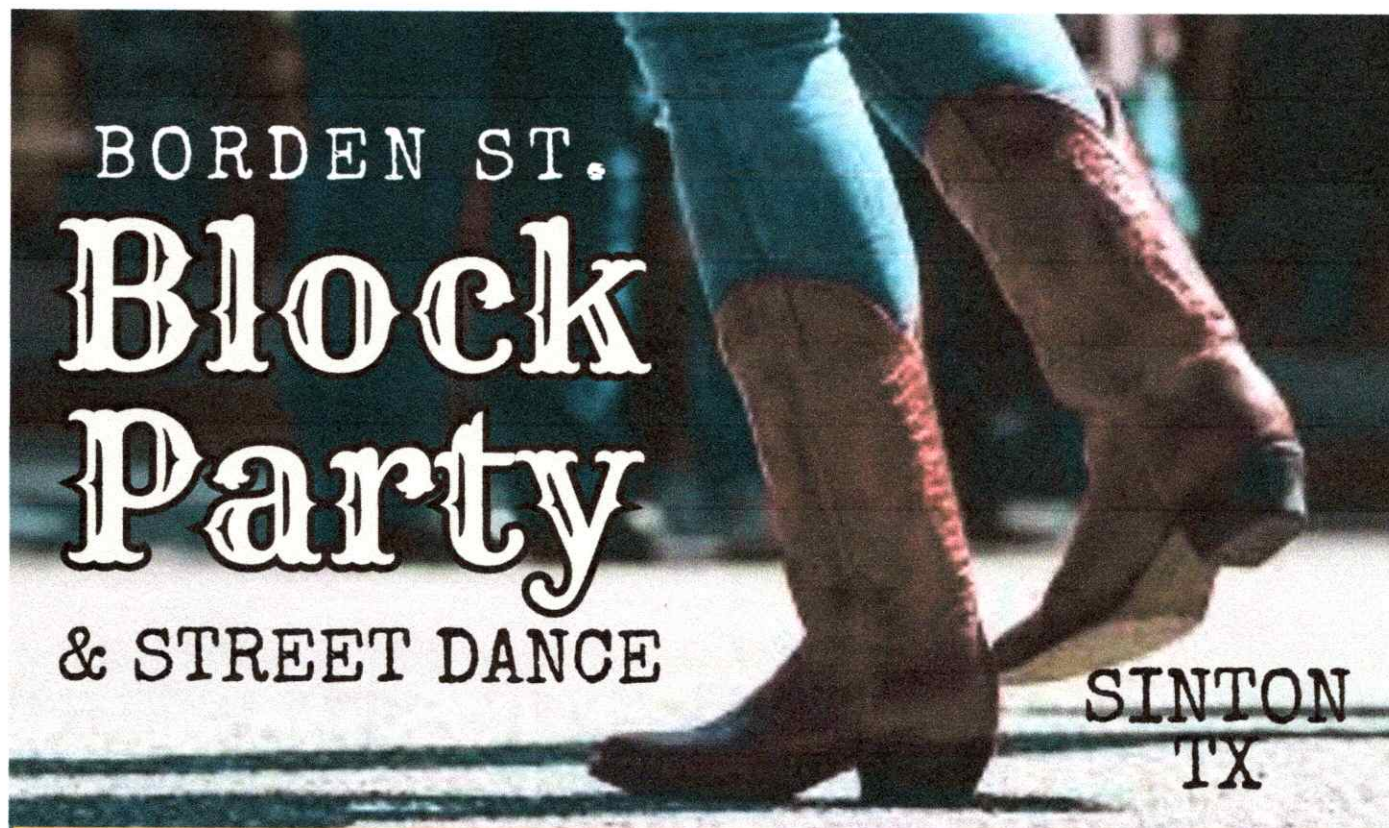
The planting event was turned into a festival and children were given treats as a reward for their help planting trees.

Arbor Day began in the United States in 1872 when J. Sterling Morton helped pass the nation's first Arbor Day resolution through the Nebraska state legislature.

In Texas, Arbor Day started in 1889 when W. Goodrich Jones led a tree planting campaign along the streets of Temple.

One year later, the first Texas State Arbor Day celebration was held at the capitol in Austin.

Today, you can celebrate Arbor Day any time, but the official Texas State Arbor Day is celebrated on the first Friday in November in a different Texas city each year.



JULY 29, 2023 [3 PM TO 9 PM [CORNER OF McCALL & BORDEN

LIVE MUSIC

MIKE LUNA 3PM-4:30PM
STEELWATER BAND
6PM - 9PM

SPONSORED BY RINGERS CARWASH

FOOD TRUCKS] SHOPPING
DUNKING BOOTH
MOONWALK / FACEPAINTING

GAMES **ALL AGES** **FREE**

STREET PERFORMANCES BY: MURALISTS - DANCE ARTISTS - FIRE ARTISTS - BALLOON ARTISTS
TRICYCLE & CORN HOLE TOURNAMENTS



**CAVALERI'S
KITCHEN**

CBD Trading Post



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Billboards Funds Expenditure Update

July 13, 2023

After much discussion regarding educating the public of current tree ordinances for the City of Rockport, Town of Fulton, and Aransas County, on May 22, 2023 the Tree and Landscape Committee, by unanimous vote, approved sending a request for funding to City Council for the proposal of the expenditure for annual rental agreements for two (2) billboards displaying notice of tree ordinances.

Current balance in the Tree Preservation and Mitigation Account is \$ 70,475.00.

Tried to submit the request for the June 13, 2023 Council Meeting but need legal opinion regarding funds expenditure that includes Town of Fulton and Aransas County without any contribution from them.

Waiting for response from legal.



802 Enterprise Mitigation Plan Update

July 13, 2023

Landscape Plan and Tree Mitigation Plan was approved by the Tree Committee on October 5, 2023. Total fees due were \$32,750.00 and has been paid in full.

The landscaping and tree planting has not been completed and will not receive a Certificate of Occupancy until such time it is complete

1812 W Market Tree Mitigation Update

The Tree Mitigation Plan was approved by the Tree Committee on May 22, 2023. Total fees due were \$20, 100.00 which have been paid in full.

A stop work order was placed on the property on June 15, 2023 as Mr. Hunter had begun site prep on the property without a permit and had removed the trees approved on the plan as well as three (3) trees that were supposed to remain. The trees removed were one 11" and two 8" trees. Mr. Hunter is billed \$1,350.00 and may not continue work on the property until such time an engineered drainage plan and civil plans are reviewed and approved.

2304 Hwy 35 N Tree Mitigation Update

Tree Mitigation and Landscape Plan was presented to the Tree Committee on May 22, 2023. After much discussion it was requested that Mr. Smith contact Starbucks in regard to moving building forward on the property. Mr. Smith has stated that it is not acceptable to the Starbucks Corporation to move the building so he will be moving forward with original mitigation plan. Total fees due are \$6,500.00 that is pending payment. Engineered Drainage and Civil Plans have been submitted for review.