

Monthly Newsletter

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"POC Water"

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Winter Storm Uri Brings Out the Best Among Port O'Connor Residents

As we prepare for hurricane season, we look to lessons learned from Uri, and one of the important components of emergency response was the help that Port O' Connor citizens provided for each other. The extreme and prolonged cold weather produced by Winter Storm Uri was no match for the warmth of Port O'Connor residents as they cared for their neighbors' homes by turning off the main water valve and draining the lines of water, preventing burst pipes, or reducing the damage caused by pipes that had already burst.

The impact of the storm to homes was somewhat minimized due to the selflessness of these full-time Port O'Connor residents: Troy Beaudry, Casey Byrd, Rex Griffith, Ken McFadden, James Prince, Jack Schuhmacher, and Bill Yost. Carl Critendon went above and beyond by working 24 hours a day for two days repairing District wells during the critical points of the extended freeze. The Board of Directors of Port O'Connor Improvement District extends their deep gratitude for these heroic individuals and the countless unnamed residents for their service to the community.

Winter Storm Uri was a major storm that had widespread impacts across our nation from February 13th through February 17th. As freezing temperatures continued for several days across Texas and many people suffered prolonged power outages, a small force of local, full-time residents swung into action to assist their neighbors who were out of town.

"The full-time residents of Port O'Connor knew some of our neighbors were busy maintaining their residences in Houston and other cities with no access to Port O'Connor due to the ice-covered roads, and so a group of us began turning off water to prevent pipes from freezing and possibly bursting," said Bill Yost.

When the pressure at a water plant dips below 20 psi, a boil water notice must be issued by Texas state law. Free flowing water in homes can contribute to the lowering of pressure. Due to the quick response of these individuals turning off water to homes, the amount of time the water treatment plant recorded a significant loss of pressure was reduced, and the boil water notice was able to be lifted sooner.

"We weren't expecting such a significant cold-weather event, but Texas weather is anything but predictable, so we just did what good neighbors do. We take care of each other in Port O'Connor, and I believe that's what makes this community such a great place to live," said Jack Schuhmacher.

Port O'Connor exemplifies the spirit of Texas where you have the privacy you desire when you want to escape the hustle and bustle of the city and where you know you can always get help when you need it. It is this spirit that makes Port O'Connor such an attractive option for people who want to spend their weekends and summers here as well as for those who have decided to make Port O'Connor their home.

"It is impossible to put into words how much we appreciate all of you. 'Thank you' just doesn't seem to be enough. Thank all who got out in the cold to help Port O'Connor. What a wonderful community we live in! We are definitely blessed." Said Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 Nancy Pomykal.

Due to the invaluable assistance from the community members during Uri, the POCID Board has decided to create a Citizen Task Force to assist district personnel in time of need. If you are interested in joining this Citizen Task Force to support District goals and activities when needed, please contact Oscar Pena at 361-983-2652.

Important Dates:

**POC Water Board Meetings
are held on the second
Thursday of each month @
1pm**

*July 8th * August 12th*

**Roll off Trash Bin
First Saturday of each
month behind the POCID
Office from 8am -2pm or
UNTIL FULL**

*July 10th * August 7th*

Billing

***Bills are mailed by the 1st
of each month and are due
on 20th of every month
and a late fee will be assessed
on the 21st unless that falls
on a weekend and then it
will be due the following
Monday.***

Payment Methods:

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Vision Statement

POCID is a proactive organization making a positive impact on the community while implementing best management practices to promote sustainable success.

Mission Statement

To proactively and efficiently manage the affairs of the District for the benefit of its customers, protect the health of the community, produce safe drinking water in adequate quantities, offer competitive rates, assure financial stability, and practice excellence in customer service.

New Water & Sewer Improvement Project Coming Soon

Lester Contracting, Inc. has been awarded the contract for water and sewer line improvements. This work will begin soon. These improvements will help make the system more efficient, more available, and address areas that need service as the District strives to provide better services to its entire service area. Some of the improvements included in this contract award include the following:

- ⇒ Sewer on the north side of Adams from Opry to Voss Lane
- ⇒ Sewer and Water on the south side of Adams from Scurlock to Good
- ⇒ Water on the south side of Adams from Goode to the 2400 block of Adams
- ⇒ Sewer on Cemetery from Monroe to Adams
- ⇒ Water on Polk between 9th and 10th on Lewis

We realize that utility work often means disruptions in service and results in inconveniences for our customers. We always strive to keep our customers informed of any issues ahead of time to minimize any disruptions as much as possible. Please be patient during our progress. We are working hard to improve the quality of our water and sewer systems in Port O'Connor to better serve our customer.

 **LESTER**
CONTRACTING, inc.

Outdoor Showers

All *outdoor showers* need a permit & an inspection per District Policy. If you have one please call the office.



We have customers who are in need of **Backflow Inspections** for RV Parks, irrigation systems, etc that are past due. Periodically we hire consultants to do these inspections to meet TCEQ Compliance. We have a consultant working with the District to get this taken care of and you may see them on POC properties. They will be provided POCID signs to identify their vehicles. For any question call the POCID Office @ 361-983-2652.



Friendly Reminders

Check out our Website @

www.pocid.org

- * Sign up for Alerts
- * Pay your bill
- * Applications/Forms
- * Sign up for Auto Draft
- * Current Projects
- * Agendas/Minutes
- * Updates
- * Sign up for paperless billing

Irrigation Permits

All sprinkler systems require a permit completed and turned in to POCID Office **before** installation. After installation a backflow inspection is required.



Beginning July 12th, Vanguard will begin installing AMI meters. For the POC residents that chose to have us install a new customer service valve, they will be installing those at the same time. District rules require a customer service valve within 3 feet of the meter.

The District is very excited to bring this to POC. The endpoint for the meter signal is mounted on the lid and connected to the meter with a small cable. Please refrain from going into the meter box to prevent any possible damage.



HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE 4TH OF JULY

Pocid Office will be closed Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day. If you have an emergency, please call 361-983-2652.



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