

# Monthly Newsletter

February 2022



## "POC Water"

### Important Dates:

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

(Until May they will be on  
the fourth Thursday)  
February 24 \* March 24<sup>th</sup>

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

February 5<sup>th</sup> \* March 5<sup>th</sup>

### Billing

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

### Payment Methods:

Credit Card\*Mail\*Automatic  
Bank Draft\*Automatic Credit Card  
Draft\*In Person\*Payment Drop  
Box\* Bill Pay through your  
Financial Institute

## AMI Meter Replacements

*Almost ninety percent of the AMI meters are in place. Eighty-five percent of the meters in the ground are being read via antennae and remote drive by device. We still have to read about fifteen percent manually due to the Elevated Storage Tank being rehabbed. The Elevated Storage Tank is ninety percent complete and the antennae will be reinstalled on the Elevated Storage Tank after completion.*

*Please be aware of the AMI meters on your property especially when mowing. The meters are very costly to the District and if they are damaged the replacement cost will be billed to the customer.*



## Contact Us

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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.*

## Where do we go from here?

In November of 2021, the District's engineering firm completed its engineering study—often referred to as the Master Plan – which is an update to a previous study completed in 2013. The District has already completed some of the higher priority projects from the original 2013 study. This new study recommends improvements and a course of action to meet current and projected needs. The study is a tremendous tool for establishing priorities, planning for the future, and determining how much money will be needed now and in the future for improvements.

Everyone acknowledges there is no way to predict the future. Population explosions, storms, changes in regulations and laws—among other things—can change needs and situations, but this study is an important planning tool that will be utilized by the Board of Directors in making decisions. You are going to hear references to this study a lot in the future. The study is available for anyone to review at the District's office.

So, what does the study recommend and how much do these improvements cost? It recommends immediate action in the wastewater collection system and in additional valve installation with an estimated 2021 cost of \$233,220. Everyone knows the wastewater collection system is receiving numerous upgrades. Those were the Group 1 recommendations.

Group 2 recommendations are more extensive: an additional ground storage tank to help control peak demand days and for more storage capabilities. Another large component is a reverse osmosis and chloramines system for the treatment of water produced from the well field that is intended to be the District's water supply source. Other plans in this group include utilizing the existing 750 gpm water well at the District's Water Plant and the 200gpm well at 16<sup>th</sup> Street and the addition of Hydropneumatic Tanks at the Water Plant. The new Well Field and collection lines to transmit the water along with well generators are another part of the recommended projects. Rounding out Group 2 are the addition of an 800 gpm Booster Pump No. 5, 0.3 MGD wastewater treatment plant expansion and additional vacuum station improvements. The total anticipated cost of the Group 2 improvements is \$19,814,730.

The Group 3 Improvements are not as pressing but include more valve installations, additional fire hydrants, more wastewater treatment plant improvements, and a new vacuum station. Group 3 expected costs are \$2,773,225. What the study shows is that a lot of improvements will be needed now, and in the future, to maintain reliability, adequate service, and integrity of the wastewater and water systems.

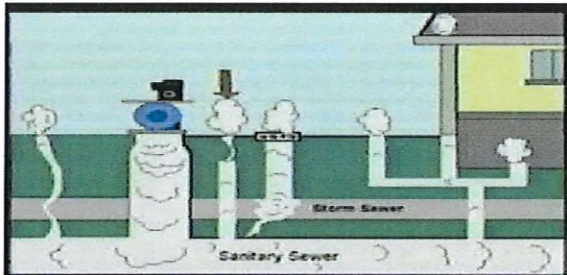


## Smoke Testing

POCID will continue testing sewer lines by the use of smoke.

If there is a problem with infiltration into the sanitary sewer system at your property you will receive a letter with a picture of the issue. The issue will be marked in orange paint and needs to be corrected within fifteen (15) days.

If you have any questions or need assistance finding the problem area, please call Misty at 361-983-2652.



**Demolition of any Structures** will need a permit to ensure proper capping of the sewer lines to keep any influx from entering the wastewater system.



# Reminder

Check out our Website @

[www.pocid.org](http://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 the POCID Office **before** installation. After installation a backflow inspection is required.



**ALL Outdoor Showers and fish cleaning stations** need a permit & an inspection per District Policy. We are actively identifying these to insure we do not have an excess of rainwater in our sewer system. The smoke testing will help us with these. Please call the District office @ 361-983-2652 to obtain the required permit.



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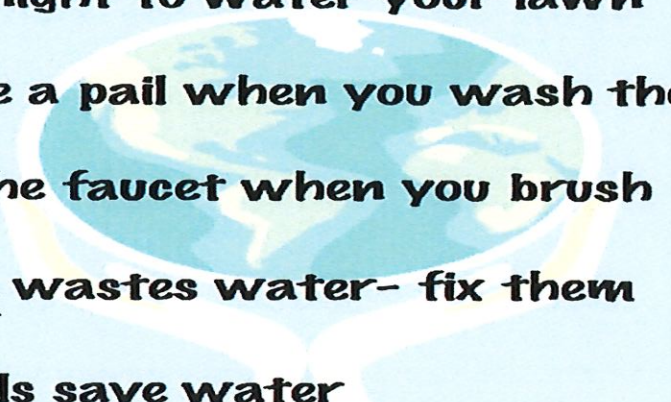
**ait until night to water your lawn**

**lways use a pail when you wash the car**

**urn off the faucet when you brush**

**very leak wastes water- fix them**

**ain barrels save water**



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**Get the  
DROP**

