

# Monthly Newsletter

January 2022

## Important Dates:

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

January 20<sup>th</sup> \* February 24

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

January 8<sup>th</sup> \* February 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



# "POC Water"

## Vacuum Station No. 1

*The District recently received an updated Capital Improvement Plan from the District's engineers. This plan sets forth a blueprint on projects necessary to address existing needs and issues and for anticipated needs for the next twenty years. One of the priority projects deals with Vacuum Station No.1. The existing Vacuum Station No. 1 at Madison Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street was built in the early 2000's and collects sanitary sewer flow for roughly all of POCID west of 16<sup>th</sup> Street. The station is able to transmit wastewater flow to the District's wastewater treatment plant during most conditions but struggles to keep up during heavy rain events as rainwater that should not be entering the collection system finds its way in. This inflow surcharges the collection system and overwhelms the vacuum station, sometimes resulting in shutdowns, backups, and overflows. As the public is aware, the District is currently working on modifying the valve pits within the collection system by replacing the old "candy cane" vent pipes to reduce rainwater inflow. After completion, the District plans to smoke test customer service lines to locate and eliminate illegal connections that are contributing to the rainwater inflow. These projects will help shore up the existing system by reducing infiltration; however, more is needed.*

*At the November Board of Directors meeting, the Board authorized the engineer to commence design and construction on the plan to expand Vacuum Station No. 1 by adding a new vacuum station adjacent to the exiting one. The projected cost of this new station is \$1,686,360. This new station will be designed to meet the District's anticipated ultimate capacity needs. Initially, the new vacuum station will supplement the existing one. Once the existing station begins reaching the end of its useful service life, the District will evaluate rehabilitating it or abandoning it and relying entirely on the new station.*

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## Vision Statement

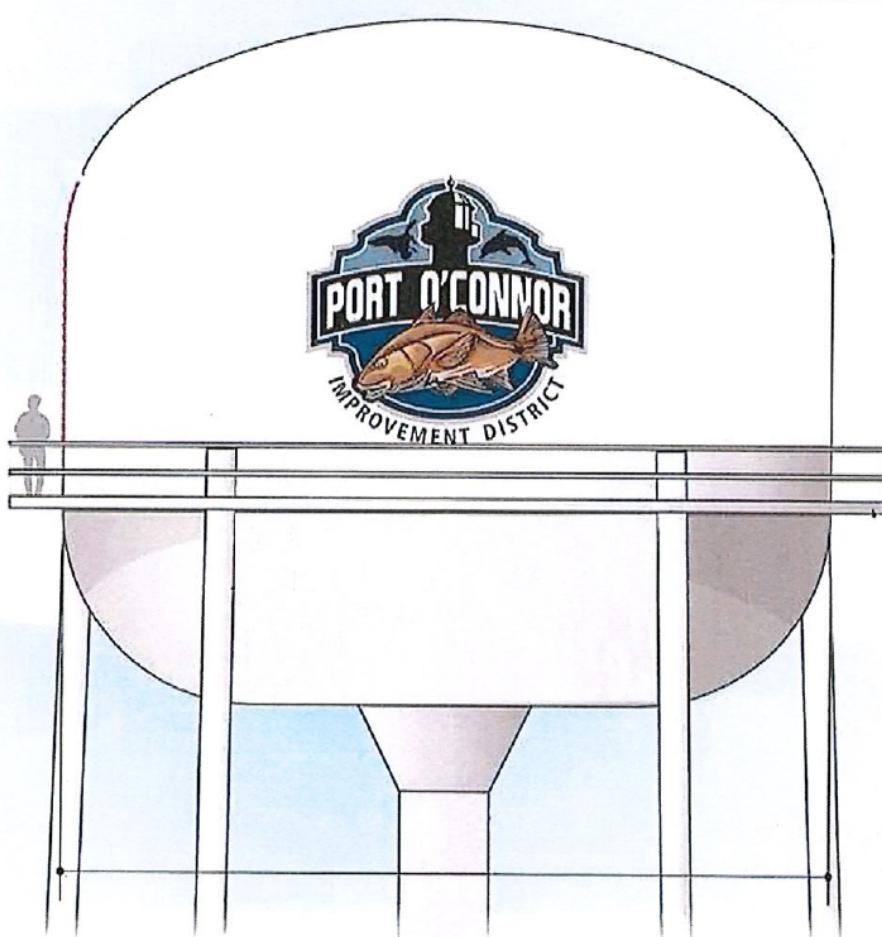
*POCID is a proactive organization making a positive impact on the community while implementing best management practices to promote sustainable success.*

## 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.*

## Rehab of the Elevated Storage Tank

The restoration of the Elevated Storage Tank (EST) is over half way complete. The interior is finished and exterior work has begun. The estimated date of completion for the EST is by the early part of January 2022. The Board of Directors at its December meeting voted on a new District logo. Here is a sneak peek. We are excited about the new modern design that incorporates several key components of POC lifestyles.



## Smoke Testing

POCID will continue testing sewer lines by the use of smoke in January. The presence of smoke in your house should be reported immediately to the personnel conducting the test or by calling the POCID Office at 361-983-2652.

Avoid unnecessary exposure to smoke. The smoke is relatively harmless but may be irritating to nasal passages. Any smoke irritation will be temporary and should quickly disappear after exposure has ceased. Persons with heart and respiratory ailments should leave the house during the test. House pets will react similar to a prudent person and leave the smoky area.

Be sure pets are provided with proper ventilation. Pets in confined areas with no exit available will require alternative arrangements during the testing.

To minimize the chance of smoke entering the house, please pour water into all drains including floor drains prior to the date of the test.

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



# 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.