

For the People of Poetry: This newsletter is an attempt to communicate to the citizens of Poetry. As no officials have been elected, it is not an official communication *from* the Town, but an attempt to communicate *to* the town.

Please check out the website for more information.



MLK SERVICE DAY!

Junior and senior students from **Poetry Community Christian School** along with their chaperones, worked on January 18th for a couple of hours on our new Town Hall in honor of Martin Luther King.

They scraped paint off the corners of the floor where the sanders could not reach, painted siding, moved firewood onto a trailer and picked up trash along the roadway! We SO appreciate their service. Thank you PCCS students! Pictured here is Katharine Castro, a student who especially shined in her work!

The **FIRST TOWN HALL MEETING** was well-attended amidst CV restrictions in a space-out gym facility at Faith Temple Baptist church. We had about 75 in attendance. An audio recording of the meeting is available at www.poetrytx.org

May 1st Election Updates:

*IF a **portion** of your property is in the Town of Poetry and that property is your **primary residence**, then you are eligible to VOTE and RUN for office in the Town. (Mayoral candidates MUST have lived in the area for one year by the May 1st voting date.)

*The deadline to file paperwork if you desire to run for office is February 12th at 5 pm.

*The paperwork is now being filed with HUNT county Elections Director, Jose Martinez ONLY. [Not with Kaufman or the State as some paperwork says.]

*The negotiations for Poetry are being made between the Poetry Elections Team and Jose Martinez, the Elections Director for Hunt County. [Lawyers are also being consulted]

*According to State Elections Ethics laws, no candidate can buy or put up any public sign or make verbal public announcement until all their paperwork is filed.

*The ELECTIONS TEAM is working on guidelines to provide for each candidate. They will need a current email. Currently, there are 14 potential candidates for the mayoral and five councilmember positions. Applications can be found on the website under "Poetry Elections—How Do I Run for Office?"

Helpful information can also be found at www.ethics.state.tx.us Texas Ethics Commission. Since this is our First Election, not everything applies to our specific needs. Therefore, the Elections Team are putting together packets to be emailed out. They can be found on the website or can be picked up at Poetry Tack & Ag as well when they are ready the first week in February AND at the February 9th Meeting.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS *Each Scheduled for 7-9 pm Faith Temple Baptist 2nd Tuesday of Each month*

FEBRUARY 9th -SIGN UPS/Teams & Updates
Road Team updates! Meet the Election Team members/Forum announced for Candidates

MARCH 9th “*VETTING THE CANDIDATES*”

APRIL 13th “*VETTING THE CANDIDATES*”

VOTE: SATURDAY, MAY 1ST

*Sign-ups for TEAMS included folks in the community including **Poetry Preservation, Beautification, Friends of Poetry, Road, Historical, Secretarial/Writing, and the Elections Team.** [These sign-ups will be at the February TOWN meeting as well. Time will be allotted to connect with your team members.]

Church WORK DAYS scheduled **FOR EACH 2ND Saturday.** Feb. 13th, March 13th, April 10th 9-5 pm. We will be serving lunch! Come have fun and meet your neighbors! Sign up online!

CHURCH ANNEX UPDATE!

David Emard, journeyman electrician, (on ladder) has donated numerous DAYS free of charge to the **Poetry Town Hall** project! We are SO grateful for his expertise! Alan Ingram, assistant, has also helped with numerous projects including siding, wood cutting and assisting with electrical rough-in as seen here below.



Simeon White, pictured here scraping the floors has donated numerous days to painting, scraping, putting siding on the exterior and splitting firewood for our fundraiser. Thank you, Simeon!



Happenings for the Town!

- *Renovations for future Town Hall (ongoing)
- *Met Alan Mitchell regarding road conditions in Poetry. [He recommends that we do the patch repairs as we are very capable of doing since even worst roads are not too bad at this point.]
- *Got amazing bid for Foam Insulation for both walls and attic—Labor FREE of charge!
- *Bought website domain and designed layouts.
- *Updated and researched Election requirements.
- *Prepared information for potential candidates.
- *Paid for and received final survey of Town.
- *Sent final maps to both county officials.
- *Sent map to Oncor Electric.
- *Established new Printing service for Newsletter- (Thank you to Print Tyme owned by the Harkreaders of Poetry for stepping up!
- *Fundraising with firewood sells and mail- box sales.
- * Falcon Hot patch Trailers is going to allow us to use their Trailer FREE of charge for a day!
- *David Martinez of Track-Time is going to allow us to use his Roller FREE of charge for a day!
- ***ROAD TEAM WORK DAY SCHEDULED TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH** –SIGN UP ONLINE at www.poetrytx.org