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Fall Fun Coming Soon!

As fall quickly approaches, we'd love to bring the community together with a Fall Festival or Trunk-or-Treat event! To make it happen, we're looking for volunteers and donations. If you're interested in helping with either—or both—please don't hesitate to reach out. Every bit of support brings us closer to a fun and safe event for families in Poetry! poetrypost@poetrytexas.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

* Poetry Town Meeting September 18, 2025

We would love to see you there and encourage all community members to attend!

* Poetry Farmers Market Exchange Sept. 20, 2025

8:30 am
18688 FM 986
Poetry, TX 75160

Join us in celebrating the heart of our community by shopping local. From fresh produce and homemade goodies to handcrafted treasures there's something for everyone.

Discharging Firearms on Private Property: Safety and Responsibility in Focus

As rural communities continue to grow and evolve, concerns about firearm use on private property have become more pressing. While Texas law permits the discharge of firearms on private land under certain conditions, local officials and residents are calling for increased awareness and responsibility to ensure community safety.

What the Law Says

Under Texas law, individuals may discharge firearms on their private property outside city limits, provided they meet specific safety requirements. These include:

- The property must generally be 10 acres or more for centerfire and shotguns, or at least 1 acre for some air guns or .22 caliber rimfire firearms.
- Shooting must be done in a manner not considered reckless or dangerous to others.
- It is illegal to shoot across property lines, public roads, or toward buildings without proper precautions.

Safety Comes First

Landowners should consider the following before discharging any firearm:

- Use a proper backstop to prevent bullets from traveling beyond the intended target.
- Be aware of homes, livestock, and roads nearby.
- Notify neighbors if you plan to shoot recreationally or for training purposes.
- Always ensure that minors are supervised and trained in gun safety.

When to Report

Residents are encouraged to report any gunfire that seems unsafe or suspicious. Non-emergency reports can be directed to the Kaufman County Sheriff's Office or Hunt County Sheriff's Office. In an emergency, always dial 911.

Meet Your Constable: Matt Woodall – Precinct 3, Kaufman County

Constable Matt Woodall proudly serves as the elected Constable for Precinct 3 in Kaufman County, Texas. With a strong commitment to public safety and community service, Constable Woodall leads his office in carrying out essential law enforcement duties, including serving civil and legal documents, providing court security, executing warrants, and assisting with community policing efforts.



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Friends and Neighbors,
I hope this message finds you well. I want to take a moment to share some encouraging news and express my appreciation for the continued spirit of cooperation across our community. Our Town Council has been working closely and effectively, staying focused on both the daily needs of our residents and the long-term vision for Poetry. From addressing immediate concerns like road maintenance and drainage to planning for the future, our team is committed to making thoughtful decisions that protect what makes us special.

We've seen real progress lately—culverts have been cleared, road edges are being rebuilt, and we've had strong support from our Commissioners and law enforcement, who are helping ensure our roads are safer for everyone. As always, my door is open. Let's continue working together to preserve the small-town values we all cherish while making improvements that benefit us all.

Warm regards,
Mike Jaffe
Mayor of Poetry,
Texas



Poetry at a Glance

A big thank you to Kaufman County Precinct 3 and Commissioner Kelly Lane for your continued work improving our roads. We also appreciate the Constable Deputies and Sheriff's Office for monitoring traffic and keeping Poetry safe!



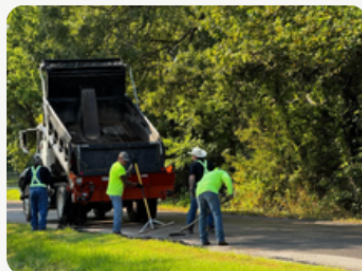
This culvert was previously covered with dirt and grass, blocking proper drainage and causing water runoff issues. It's now cleared and fully functional, helping prevent road damage and improve water flow.



Work is underway on County Road 249 to rebuild and strengthen the road edges, improving stability and making it safer for all drivers.



Both Kaufman County Constables and the Sheriff's Office have been actively patrolling Poetry roads to help slow down traffic and improve safety.



Kaufman County Commissioner Kelly Lane has been out with his team, hands-on and hard at work to improve roads in Poetry.



Farm to Market Roads Keep Poetry Connected

Poetry remains a proudly rural community, and our local Farm to Market Roads—FM 1565 and FM 986—play a vital role in supporting that way of life. These roads are essential routes for local farmers and ranchers, who regularly use them to transport livestock, crops, feed, and equipment between ranches and nearby towns.

As you drive through the area, please remember: slow-moving tractors, trailers, and even animals may be on the road. Your patience and caution help keep our roads safe for everyone—and support the hardworking families who keep our agricultural roots strong.

Let's all do our part to share the road and respect rural life in Poetry!

Get Involved!

Town meetings are held the 3rd Thursday each month. Our next meeting will be September 18, 2025.

Town Hall hours Thursdays 1 pm to 5 pm.

Do you need assistance, but can't make it during office hours? Just give us a call or drop us and email. We will be happy to work out a time to meet with you.