

POETRY POST

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JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY 6TH-Bingo Night at
Poetry Community Christian School.
For more information:
givebutter.com/c/poetrybingo

FEBRUARY 19TH-Town Council
Meeting 5:30pm at Town Hall

MARCH 3RD-Election Day- Primary
Election Day-various polling
locations in Hunt and Kaufman
Counties depending on your
address, check with your county.

MARCH 7TH-Spring Cleanup
more information to be announced.
Reach out if you would like to
Volunteer.

MARCH 7TH-Poetry Farmers Market
at Poetry Community Christian
School. For more information:
<https://www.facebook.com/share/1DMqWQ9KxV/?mibexid=wwwXlfr>
If you are a vendor interested in
participating in the Farmers Market,
more information can be found at
<https://forms.gle/Ld32rrEDM9Dp6rEQ8>



Regular Town Council Meeting
Thursday, February 19, 2026
5:30pm

PLEASE NOTE:

At Poetry Town Hall
5671 County Road 323, Poetry, TX

County Officials Issue Burn Ban Due to Dry Conditions

Following a burn ban is critical to protecting lives, property, and the environment, especially during dry and windy conditions when fires can spread rapidly. Even small outdoor burns can quickly become uncontrollable, putting homes, first responders, and neighboring communities at risk. By obeying a burn ban, residents help prevent wildfires, reduce strain on emergency services, and play an important role in keeping their community safe.

Kaufman Burn Ban was instituted on
Tuesday, Jan 20, 2026.
<https://www.kaufmancounty.net/493/Outdoor-Burning>

Hunt Burn Ban was instituted on
Thursday, Jan 8, 2026.
<https://www.huntcounty.net/page/hunt.homelandsecurity>

Rockwall County –
No Burn Ban currently in effect.
<https://www.rockwallcountytx.com/1344/Outdoor-Burning-Regulations>



Leadership Spotlight: Chief Robert Caughron

Chief Robert Caughron serves as the Fire Chief of the Terrell Volunteer Fire Department, leading a dedicated team of volunteer firefighters committed to protecting lives and property in the Terrell area. As head of the department, Chief Caughron oversees emergency response operations, training, and coordination with county and neighboring agencies—an essential role in a volunteer-based system. Beyond Terrell, Chief Caughron and his department play an important role in aiding the Town of Poetry, providing mutual aid and emergency support when needed. Like many volunteer fire departments in Kaufman County, Terrell VFD assists surrounding rural communities that may not have the same level of resources or staffing, helping ensure timely response during fires and other emergencies.

Through leadership, cooperation, and service, Chief Caughron helps strengthen regional public safety, demonstrating how volunteer fire departments work together to support both their own communities and nearby towns like Poetry.



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

February 2026
Neighbors,

This month we'll continue our conversation about Town of Poetry Road maintenance. Roads are important to all of us. The smoother the better. Unfortunately, roads don't last forever, and they begin deteriorating from the moment they're built no matter how well they're built. The biggest enemy of our roads is water getting under the pavement either through cracks or because of drainage issues along our ditches. This water softens the dirt and rock base below, allowing the surface to move, creating cracks and eventually potholes. In a perfect world, and we don't live in one, we would repave our roads every 10-15 years and life would be good. And the only thing stopping us from doing this is money. As a reminder, we have 29.32 miles of road that is our responsibility and rebuilding 1 mile of road cost around \$500,000. Also, as a reminder our total town revenue for one year is \$215,255.11. Simple math shows we aren't going to be rebuilding any roads anytime soon. But there's good news. We have Interlocal Agreements with each of our three counties, Rockwall, Hunt and Kaufman that allow them to assist us with road and right of way maintenance. Our current strategy for road and right of way maintenance is working with our county partners, as their schedules allow, to perform work in our town. We identify a project, send it to the appropriate Commissioner and receive a quote to complete the work. Our town Council approves the expenditure and the work is performed. These agreements allow this work to be performed at a significantly lower cost than using private contractors. Now, before anybody starts raising the "we pay county taxes flag" let me remind us that when we incorporated to become a town, we walked away from 100% of the tax money we pay each year towards our property taxes. Said another way, the Town of Poetry receives \$0 from your property tax payment. I am grateful to our county leaders and their teams for their support of our town.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN POETRY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT?

Are you interested in joining the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and helping support Poetry Emergency Management during times of need?

The Rowlett CERT Team is offering a training class for newcomers who want to become CERT members and assist the Town of Poetry. The class will be held in Rowlett and is open to those interested in serving their community through emergency preparedness and response.

More information about the class is available at:
https://rowlettcitizencorps.org/wp/?page_id=471

Questions?

Please contact Councilmember Doug Kendrick at
cm.kendrick@poetrytexas.org

POETRY, TX
FARMERS MARKET
EXCHANGE

Poetry Farmers Market
Saturday March 7, 2026
Poetry Community Christian School
18688 FM 986 Poetry, TX
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

POETRY COMMUNITY
BINGO NIGHT
Feb. 6, 2026

DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM - BINGO @ 7:00 PM

\$45
Individual Ticket
\$350
VIP Table for 8

INCLUDES 10-BINGO Sheets, Dealer, Goodie Bag, Dinner, Drinks
\$50 Individual Tickets @ Door
Flat Rate "Poetry Night Out" Children (ages 4 & up) for \$10 (includes dinner & drinks)
@ 10:15 CHAS, 10:45 ABEL

Love is in the Air

- Community Fun during January!
- Ages 12 and up
- Dress the Theme: **Red, Pink, White**
- Dinner included
- Flat Rate Children 4-11 yrs
- Fun Contests to gain more Bingo Sheets! New & Great Prizes!

<https://live.givebutler.com/c/poetrybingo>

TICKET

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Terrell VFD's Support of Poetry

The Terrell Volunteer Fire Department (TVFD) supports the Town of Poetry primarily through mutual aid and regional cooperation, which is common among volunteer fire departments in Kaufman County and other rural Texas areas. Here's how that support typically works:

- **Shared Resources and Equipment:** Volunteer departments often rely on one another for specialized apparatus, water supply support, or additional personnel during larger incidents, especially in rural areas where hydrant access may be limited.
- **Regional Emergency Coordination:** TVFD coordinates with county emergency services and neighboring departments to ensure coverage across jurisdictions. This teamwork helps maintain continuity of fire protection for smaller towns like Poetry.
- **Training and Experience Support:** By working joint incidents and drills, departments strengthen operational readiness across the region, benefiting communities that may not have full-time fire staffing.

Through these efforts, the Terrell Volunteer Fire Department helps ensure that residents of Poetry have reliable emergency fire protection, reinforcing a regional safety net built on cooperation, volunteer service, and shared responsibility.



Get Informed

Did you know the Town of Poetry has a Zoning Ordinance. Be sure and take a look at it to make sure you're up to date on the latest changes in Poetry. You can find the link at PoetryTexas.org

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.