

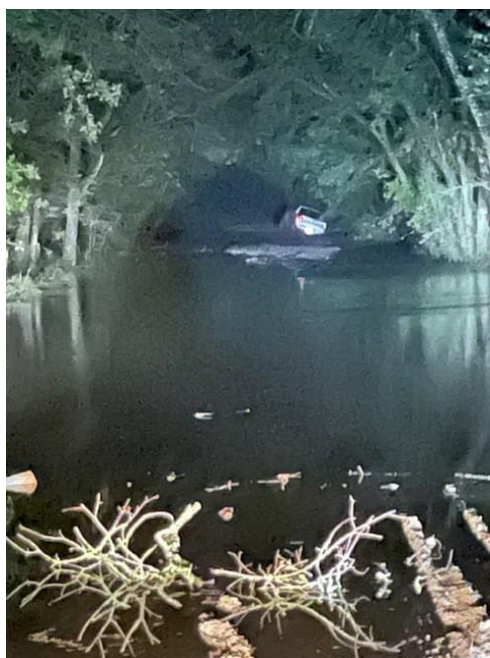


POETRY POST

November 2023 Town Newsletter



Kaufman County celebrated 175 years since its formation. Kaufman hosted a parade on October 14th to celebrate the anniversary, along with its annual Fall Festival. Mayor Tara Senkevech and Kaufman County Judge Jackie Allen are shown here in vintage 1850's style clothing for the occasion.



Saturday, October 28th, flood waters flooded many roads in and around Poetry. Shown here is a stranded truck on north CR 2400. Thankfully, the driver got out safely!

Synopsis of October 19th Workshop, Workshop & Regular Meeting at Faith Temple Baptist Church:

6:30 pm Workshop Meeting: Three solid waste vendors, Blackjack, Cards, and Titan each presented to Council and discussed their best plan for serving the town.

7:30 Regular Meeting:

Mayor reported September end and Sales & Use tax receipts reports.

CM Fowler reported on the State Fire Marshall's occupancy rating of 41 for the Town hall building and a few items to correct.

- **Approved** Minutes from the September meeting.
 - **Approved** paying legal bill of \$1487.39
 - **Listened** to citizens on Solid Waste issues and discussed the possibility of an exclusive provider. No action taken.
 - **Listened** to Town Attorney David Berman regarding issues with SB2038. No action taken.
 - **Denied** the Smith petition based on insufficient survey.
 - **Denied** the Hibbs petition based on insufficient survey.
 - **Approved** spending monies on Town Hall tree felling, landscaping soil, roofing, and skirt. Other items deferred waiting on more information.
 - **Approved** Community Fall Cleanup day for Saturday, November 11, 2023, 7am to 7 pm.
 - **Updated** the Rules of Procedure & Decorum Policy to add the new town hall address and a service provision for council among a few other edits.
- The meeting adjourned at 10:33 pm.

****Approved solid waste vendors for the Town of Poetry are now CARDS, Titan and Texas Contractor Roll-offs only. Note: CRS and AWT sold to CARD in June and August 2023. In March 2023, Cards sold to Kinderhook Industries, a private equity firm located in New York City.**

See a solid waste violation? Send pictures to contact@poetrytexas.org. The franchise fees are one of the few ways the town funds itself. All council and mayor are unpaid.

Concerned about your family's descendants selling out to just any developer? Idea: Ask for your will to have specific deed restrictions prior to selling.

Let's Keep Poetry, Poetry!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, November 2nd, Workshop on Zoning and Special Meeting to address legal deadlines will be at Poetry Town Hall 6:30 pm.

Town Fall Cleaning Day is Saturday, November 11, 2023, at the Town Hall parking lot.

The next Regular Council meeting will be Thursday, November 16th, 2023, at Poetry Town Hall at 5671 CR 323 Poetry, TX 75160. The council will be discussing solid waste among other items. See Poetrytexas.org for more information.

(Left) Volunteer Sound Engineer, Bob Boles, sets up another speaker at the Town Hall, in the vestibule for overflow seating. (Right) Kevin Senkevech, volunteers to install solar lighting in the Town Hall parking lot.



Town Hall Finishing Touches



Poetry's resident, Patti Harrison, of Acclivus, Inc. in Addison, donated the blue leather chair, and cherry professional desk set as partially seen here. The company also donated the

audio cart, a storage cart, a polycart, a microwave cart, two additional blue chairs, rolling file cabinets and misc. items. The leftover items which did not fit into the town hall will be sold and monies used for the remaining Town Hall projects. The company was moving and had many items to donate to the Poetry school as well. Thank you Acclivus! Your donations have made a huge difference! The "Daniel in the Lions' den" painting shown here was from the original Campground Church Sanctuary.

Councilmember Tom Anderson puts some finishing touches in the secretary's office.



(Right) Beau Dempsey, of Longhorn Organics, Inc., volunteered his time and equipment to remove trees at both Town Hall and in the parking lot Thursday, Oct. 26th. His donation saved the town \$550!



COMMUNITY-WIDE

Fall Cleaning Day

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11
5671 CR 323 POETRY, TX 75160
7 AM TO 7 PM**

We invite our Poetry friends & family to help us preserve the beautiful place we all call home.

Volunteers are encouraged to adopt a mile of Poetry's roadways and help clean by:

- PICKING UP TRASH
- REMOVING MATTRESSES/FURNITURE
- TABLETOP APPLIANCES
- BAGGING TRASH FROM CLEANING ROADWAYS

This does **not** include:

- BARBED WIRE/STUMPS
- BRICKS/ROCKS/CONCRETE/CONSTRUCTION ITEMS
- BOATS/TRAVEL TRAILERS
- DEAD ANIMALS
- TIRES/BATTERIES/MOTOR OILS/RAILROAD TIES
- PAINTS & LACQUERS/INKS & RESINS/ASBESTOS
- INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS
- LARGE APPLIANCES/INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS

Once collected, trash & debris can be dropped off at the Town Hall Dumpster with Proof of ID or your Poetry Water Bill.

Orange safety vests will be available for use to check out at Town Hall for the day.

Special thanks to Card Recycling, Titan, & Texas Contractor Roll-Offs for providing dumpsters for the town!

Thank You, Poetry!