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Winter Storm Update #1

Copperas Cove, Texas – The City of Copperas Cove continues to monitor the severe winter storm which has entered into the Central Texas region. The storm is expected to remain with us through mid-week and brings with it freezing temperatures, precipitation and icy conditions.

Fairview Community Church, located at 1202 Veterans Avenue, has opened a 24-hour Warming Center and Soup Kitchen to provide assistance to anyone in need. Citizens needing this type assistance are encouraged to stop by the church.

All City of Copperas Cove facilities will have a 1-hour delayed opening on Tuesday, January 31st, opening to the public at 9am. Updates will be provided if operations change due to the evolving situation.

Public Works Depts. are preparing for the storm in their various areas as follows:

Street Dept.

Staff will mobilize Tuesday morning at 4am for aggregate spreading and barricade placement for known problem areas. They will continue to monitor, evaluate and address hazardous areas throughout the day. Any areas marked with barricades will be deemed unsafe to traverse and motorists are encouraged to use caution when driving in those areas.

Solid Waste Dept.

We have been notified by the Temple Landfill that they will be closed on Tuesday and most of Wednesday. What does this mean for the City of Copperas Cove? Essentially, we will need to hold all trash until the landfill reopens, so residential and commercial collections for Tuesday and Wednesday will be delayed. The Transfer Station will also remain closed for public dumping on these two days. Weather permitting and when the landfill reopens, all remaining trash collections will be completed as follows:

Thursday, February 2nd – Areas 3, 4, and 5

Friday, February 3rd – Areas 6, 7, and 8

*Recycle collections are on standby for remainder of the week. Customers may bring recyclables to the Transfer Station for free disposal, or hold until the next regular collection.

Water Distribution Dept.

Citizens are encouraged to evaluate and monitor their private water lines to help prevent freezing and/or damage. A few recommendations for all customers include: ensure outside faucets are properly insulated, allow interior faucets to drip, open cabinet doors to assist with keeping lines warm, etc.). In the event a customer requires emergency water shut-off, please call (254) 547-8718 during regular business hours (8am to 5pm), or (254) 547-8222 outside of regular business hours.

Any emergency notifications will be distributed to our residents via the CodeRED Emergency Notification System. Citizens not yet registered may enroll at this link: <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BF83F34F056B>. We will also push updates on the City's Official Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/cityofcopperascove>.

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