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Winter Storm Update #2

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. City facilities opened on a 1-hour delayed schedule this morning, Tuesday, January 31st, opening to the public at 9am. The decision has since been made to close all non-essential services at Noon today. Essential services such as Public Safety and some Public Works Depts. will continue to operate to serve the essential needs of our community. An update will be provided later this afternoon regarding any delays or closures for Wednesday, February 1st.

Public Works Depts. updates:

Street Dept.

Staff mobilized early this morning at 4am for aggregate spreading and barricade placement at known problem areas. They will continue to monitor, evaluate and address hazardous areas throughout the day spreading a sand/gravel mixture; like many Texas entities, we do not utilize salt. Any areas marked with barricades are deemed unsafe to traverse and motorists are encouraged to use caution when driving in those areas. The following streets have been closed due to hazardous conditions, and are continuing to be monitored:

Ash Street, Bonnie Lane @ Dryden Avenue, Colorado Drive, Freedom Lane, Hillside Street, Mueller Street, N. 7th Street @ Geri Drive, Ogletree Pass, Pecan Cove Drive

Solid Waste Dept.

The Temple Landfill remains closed today, and likely all day Wednesday as well. What does this mean for the City of Copperas Cove? We need to hold all trash until the landfill reopens, so residential and commercial collections for Tuesday and Wednesday are 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.

No concerns have been reported regarding the City's water system. 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.

*The Fairview Community Church, located at 1202 Veterans Avenue, continues to operate 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.

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>. and on the City's website at: <https://www.copperascovetx.gov/weatherinfo/>. Another great resource for information on the Winter Storm is the National Weather Service, find more info here: <https://www.weather.gov/>.

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