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City of Copperas Cove Winter Storm Uri Update #2

Copperas Cove, Texas – The State of Texas continues to be under a Statewide Disaster Declaration for all 254 Counties, and the City of Copperas Cove remains under a Declaration of Local Disaster due to extreme conditions resulting from Winter Storm Uri.

All City of Copperas Cove facilities will remain closed on Wednesday, February 17th. Emergency services will continue to operate without interruption. Essential personnel will also continue to work as they are able to monitor and work to ensure essential services are provided as best possible.

This evening's City Council Workshop and Regular Meetings, as well as the City Council Retreat/Planning Session scheduled for this Friday, were all canceled. Meetings will be rescheduled to a later date.

Two temporary Warming Centers have now been established and are operational until further notice. For those in need of transportation, you may call Copperas Cove PD at (254) 547-8222 opt. 0 and ask for assistance. Officers will assist as they are able to help get residents to the warming centers:

- **Warming Center #1 – Copperas Cove Public Library, 501 S. Main Street**
- **Warming Center #2 – CCISD's Hettie Halstead Elementary – 910 N. Main Street**

The City continues to be in communications with Oncor reference the many power outages throughout the City, however an electricity restoration timeline has yet to be provided by ERCOT. More info as we know it will be posted to the City of Copperas Cove's Official Facebook page.

More severe weather is heading our way throughout the night and street conditions are expected to deteriorate. Streets will be evaluated and addressed as crews are able to tomorrow. Weather conditions continue to be hazardous and freezing temperatures are forecasted for the next couple of days. Various streets throughout the City are still marked with barricades and deemed unsafe to traverse; please use caution when driving in these areas. TxDOT and the City encourage all citizens to stay off the streets unless absolutely necessary.

Solid Waste collections have been halted since late last week and the City's contracted landfill is currently non-operational. As the weather clears and streets become safer,

operations will continue with an altered schedule. All residential customers are asked to remove any receptacles from curbside for the safety of all motorists. Once safe conditions allow, a notice will be posted with a collection schedule for all areas. Earlier today Solid Waste transported a roll off dumpster to the Town Square parking lot and set up a temporary collection site; it is anticipated they will return again tomorrow, Wednesday, February 16th, for a similar operation to assist residents in disposal of bagged trash. We will share this information on our social media pages once times are established, weather permitting.

Water Distribution operations are still functional, in other words water is still being delivered to most customers, however conservation is highly encouraged at this time. Just recently this evening we have experienced pressure loss on the Mountain Top Pressure Plain, which services residents in the Veterans, Skyline and Freedom areas. This situation is still being investigated to determine extent. Many other citizens experiencing water interruptions are likely experiencing frozen pipes on their end and we would encourage they research the internet for specific assistance and guidance to assist with restoration.

Sewer Department operations are still functional, with some concerns arising due to power outages. Limiting wastewater outflow is highly encourage at this time as residents are able.

The Municipal Court will be closed. All scheduled hearings and appearances have been postponed. Anyone having a summons to report should disregard and await further notice.

Utility Administration will be closed as well. Online and pay by phone options may still be available, as internet and phone lines remain active. There will be no late fees assessed and/or disconnections as a result of late payments.

Emergency notifications continue to 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>

Questions or concerns may be directed to Public Relations Director Kevin Keller at kkeller@copperascovetx.gov or (254) 547-4221 ext. 6243.

(Warming Centers Flyers)

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