

Waterwood Neighborhood News

December 2020

Calendar

- 12-7 Heavy Trash Pickup
- 12-18 MUD Meeting 4:00pm
- 12-21 WIA Meeting 9:00am

View the entire Waterwood Calendar here:
[CALENDAR](#)

Disaster Preparedness Plan

WIA is in the process of bringing our Disaster Preparedness Plan up to date and for those residents in Waterwood who have special needs, WIA would like to offer you an opportunity to be listed as a person who needs to be checked on in the event of a disaster. This will be voluntary on your part and will be kept confidential to the general public but would be made available to the Disaster Preparedness team as well as first responders. The plan calls for there to be block captains in each section of Waterwood and this person will come to you first in the event of a disaster. If you would like to be listed as a Special Needs Resident please contact Lisa Hayman at the WIA Office (936-891-7710).

If you have Special Skills and Resources and would be willing to volunteer your skills and equipment in the event of a disaster please contact Lisa Hayman at the WIA office (936-891-7710) to be added to the list. Examples of special skills include ability to utilize chain saws, drive utility vehicles, own trailers, etc.

Links

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[Waterwood Website:](#)

[Waterwood MUD](#)

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Wiboardsocialmedia@gmail.com

Waterwood Security
936-661-2800

San Jacinto County Sheriff
936-653-4367

WIA Office
936-891-7710

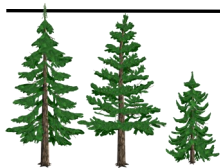
WIA Dues Payment Plans

WIA dues payment plans are available. Please contact the WIA office and a plan will be created to help with your payment needs.

Updated Trash Dumpster Area Hours

Waterwood Dumpster area is now open from 6am-9pm.

Please remember to break down your boxes and abide by dumpster rules.



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WIA Board of Directors

Larry Maas - President
 Sam Butler - Executive Vice President
 Tana Davis - Secretary
 Randy Ayers
 Melanie Cook
 Michael Duffy
 Rick Harlow
 Anita Paul
 Lynn Spencer

Lisa Hayman - On-Site Manager

Committee Chairs

Audit/Financial

Chair-Larry Maas
 Member-Sam Butler

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Chair-Michael Duffey
 Members-Randy Ayers,
 Anita Paul

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Chair-Melanie Cook
 Members-Pat Zappa, Kevin Cook

Community Communications

Chair-Tana Davis
 Members-Sandy Singletary,
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Chair-Tana Davis
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Chair-Sam Butler
 Member-Lisa Hayman

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Chair-Randy Ayers

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Nominations

Chair-Melanie Cook

Security

Chair-Randy Ayers
 Member Lynn Spencer

Strategic Planning

Chair-Lynn Spencer
 Member-Sam Butler



Holiday Home Decorating Contest 2020!

Deck out those homes and yards and show Waterwood your Holiday Spirit!!!

Judging will be held on the evening of Sunday, December 20th, so be sure to have your lights on.



Prizes will be awarded in four categories:

Grand Prize

Small Dwelling (Under 2,000 sq. ft)

Large Dwelling (Over 2,000 sq. ft)

Condo/Apartment



THANK YOU!

Special Thanks to Christel and Sam Butler, Rob Davis, Mary Fox, Rick Harlow, Debbie and Larry Maas, Anita Paul, Michael Paul, Julie and Mike Ross, Sandy and Richard Singletary, Myra and Lynn Spencer, Kathy and Steve Turchi, and Pat and Leonard Zappa for their hard work decorating our community for the Holidays!

We appreciate you!!!





Save The Date!!!

Saturday, December 12th

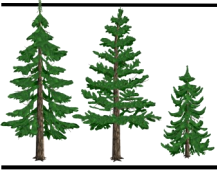
3:30PM-5:00PM

Polar Express Santa Visit! Santa will be here for photos and to find out what the kiddos want for Christmas this year. Also, the Polar Express Train will be here giving free rides.

Stick around after sunset for an outdoor Christmas Movie, hot cocoa and other winter time goodies courtesy of Palmer Real Estate.



**Events sponsored by Palmer Real Estate and
WIA Social Committee.**



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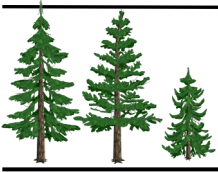
Come Join Us For a Day of Christmas Fun! Saturday, December 12, 2020!

After Santa visits with all the kids at the WIA office (young and old) and they're tuckered out from the Polar Express train rides, stick around for more fun across the street at the Palmer Real Estate office parking lot where we'll host our second drive-in movie night! Bring your lawn chairs, golf carts, pick-ups, whatever makes you comfortable, and favorite beverage...then kick back with your blankets as "**A Christmas Story**" plays on our 18' screen! Lots of fun to be had in the great outdoors! Popcorn and goodies provided. Dress warmly and we'll see you there!

Call if you have any questions!

*Melanie Cook
936-891-5200*





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Waterwood Women's League

Deb Harlow



Hi neighbors!

The November meeting of the WWL was a wonderful luncheon followed by a professional cooking demonstration at Carolina Creek Christian Camp. The Craft/garage sale in November was successful. We made a good deal of money for student scholarships. We are hoping to have another craft sale in the spring. We'd love to get donations of bird related items for the sale, such as homemade feeders and bird houses, just to name a couple.

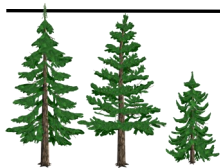
Our collections for September and October were phenomenal! Shirley Morrell took 283 pair of socks, 24 sweatshirts, 24 sweatpants and 5 blankets to the VA in Coldspring for our needy Veterans! Your generosity does not go unnoticed. Our food drive for November Thanksgiving baskets was also a great success, Thank you to all who donated! Our collection for December is "Toy For Tots." Let's help our marines bring the joy of Christmas to less fortunate children. Our donation box is currently in place at the Palmer/Windstream office until Dec.16th. Please take unwrapped gifts in gift bags to the collection site or bring them to the Dec. meeting.

The Quilting Guild and knit & crochet classes have been cancelled until mask mandates have been lifted.

Our next meeting will be a festive Christmas ornament exchange at Carolina Creek on Dec. 9th at 10:00 am. Cost for the ornament should not exceed \$10. Cost of lunch will be \$10 as well. Please bring cash or check for your lunch. **If you haven't submitted your RSVP, please do so right away by e-mail or on the FB page.** We need to let the venue know how many to expect ASAP!

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page for upcoming events! WWL is a 501(c)3 organization. Our main goal is to provide educational scholarships for local students. Please join us, we have a lot of fun, do great things, and we'd love to have you!

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Waterwood Women's League (Cont)

December Meeting on December 9, 10:00am

Directions to Carolina Creek:

84 Wimberly Lane

The turn is past the big gated sign for "The Wild."

- Take 980 North toward Riverside.

- TR on 3454 /Thomas Lake Road (about 10 miles)

- TR after about 1.5 mi. on Wimberly Lane.

*- Proceed through gates of camp and fork to left to Lakeview! - Past the pool on the left is a great big building.
Two sets double doors.*

Bring \$10 CASH OR CHECK for lunch and your exchange ornament!

Reminder

Waterwood National Golf and Recreation Association (WNGRA) Annual Meeting



The annual WNGRA membership meeting will be held on Saturday December 12, 2020 at 9:00 am. Location will be the Waterwood Pavilion. Meeting is open to members and non-members alike. New officer election results will be announced as will 2021 budget approval results.

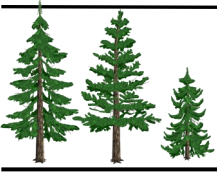
Bring your clubs with you. A round of golf is planned immediately following the meeting.

Waterwood Women's League

Toys for Tots Donations

Waterwood Women's League is requesting donations throughout the year for various organizations. This month we're collecting "Toys for Tots." Please donate new, unwrapped toys in gift bags without tissue paper. The donation box will be in place Dec. 2 - Dec. 16. You can also bring donations with you to our December Ornament Exchange. Let's help our Marines "bring the joy of Christmas to less fortunate children."





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The sound of drumming fills the air...

Listen and you will hear Waterwood's amazing woodpeckers

By Ruth Massingill

You may hear them drumming away in the forest more often than you see them, but Waterwood is fortunate to be the year-round home of several varieties of woodpeckers. Although many people think only of "Woody Woodpecker" with the bright red head and black and white body, more woodpecker species inhabit the East Texas Pineywoods than in any other region of the state.

Woodpeckers generally need older trees and dead snags for foraging and nesting, so undeveloped areas of Waterwood offer ideal habitats. Woodpeckers peck into trees either in search of food or to create nests. Both males and females also drum in a rapid musical way to establish their geographical territory and to attract mates.

From tongue to tail, woodpeckers are uniquely equipped for these activities:

Woodpeckers have VERY long tongues, often covered with barbs or sticky saliva.

A woodpecker tongue can be extended to nab ants and insect larvae in deep crevices. For storage, the tongue is curled around the back of the head between the skull and skin.



Woodpeckers protect their eyes and noses. Bristly feathers over their nostrils prevent inhaling wood particles and special eyelids close just before impact.

Woodpeckers have zygodactyl feet, with two toes facing forward and one facing back, so they can easily hop up a tree.



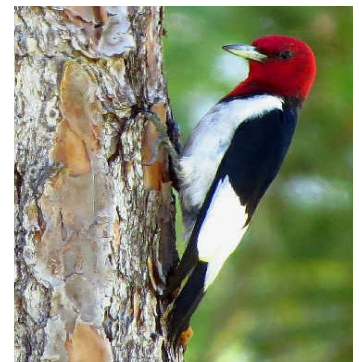
Pileated Woodpecker

Woodpecker tail feathers are stiff to provide tripod-like support while the bird climbs and hammers on tree trunks.

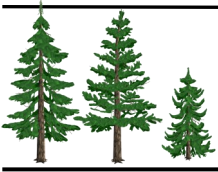
Of the various woodpeckers that inhabit Waterwood, my personal favorite is the largest woodpecker in North America, the Pileated Woodpecker, a black, crow-sized bird with a red crest and white neck stripes and chin. Sometimes called an Indian Hen, the pileated is a bit shy, but I often hear them calling from the woods near my house. Occasionally I am favored with a visit to the trees in my yard. Listen to their unique call at

The Cornell Lab site: [https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Pileated Woodpecker](https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Pileated_Woodpecker)

Showy Red-Headed Woodpeckers can be seen year-round in Waterwood. They visit my feeders to dine on suet and sunflower seeds. Red-Heads are robin-sized, with a scarlet head, snow white body, and ebony and white wings. In spring and summer, they like open areas such as the golf course, and in the winter they forage for acorns. Unfortunately, these birds have declined severely because of habitat loss, so I treasure our residents.



Red-Headed Woodpecker



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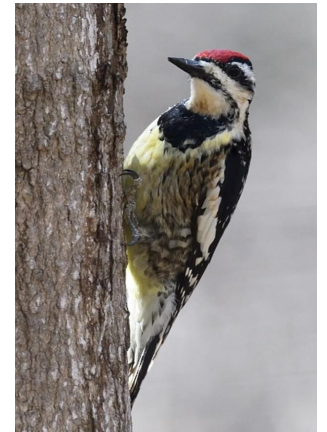
Much more numerous, but sometimes confused with Red-Headed Woodpeckers, Red-Bellied Woodpeckers also call Waterwood home. Similar in size to the Red-Head, the Red-Belly is a black-and-white bird whose pale belly has only a hint of red. They are easily identified by their striking barred back. The back and top of the males' heads are bright red, but the females only have a red nape. Of all our native woodpeckers, the Red-Bellied has the longest tongue—three times as long as its bill!



Red-Bellied Woodpecker

You may also occasionally see a Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker, which looks somewhat like the Red-Bellied Woodpecker but has a bit of yellow on the belly, as you might expect! The Sapsucker drills horizontal rows of holes in live trees to create sapwells and is only in Texas during the winter. Rounding out the Waterwood woodpecker family, there are the lookalike sparrow-sized Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers. The males have red caps and black and white plumage.

All woodpeckers are classified as migratory nongame birds and are protected by the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act. In addition, scientists consider them to be a 'keystone species' because their unique pecking behavior benefits other species. Various animals live in the cavities woodpeckers create and find food exposed by the excavating. Even more important, woodpeckers eat various invasive insects, helping protect forests across North America.



Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker

So, the next time you hear that rhythmic drumming or hear the distinctive call of a Pileated Woodpecker, you will know what a natural miracle you are witnessing.

FUN FACTS about that drumming: Woodpeckers hammer their heads into trees with a force of 15 mph, 20 times a second. Over the course of a day, that can be as many as 12,000 pecks. You might expect them to injure their brains, but their heads are constructed to withstand the force of all that drumming. I sometimes hear them drumming on the metal flashing of my chimney, which I rather like; it seems like a greeting from the outdoors.

If you would like to do a Waterwood bird walk (with social distancing), contact Ruth at: ruthmassingill@yahoo.com. All photos from The Cornell Lab of Ornithology website.

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