

Waterwood Neighborhood News

August 2021

Calendar

8-16 WIA Meeting
8-20 MUD Meeting
8-2 Heavy Trash Pickup

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Fiber Update

Jamie Groskopf

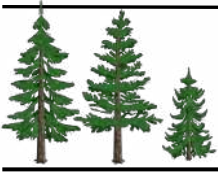
If you are cruising around Waterwood admiring its beauty, take a drive down Waterwood Parkway to Greentree Village. This is where the excitement is beginning! Drive by, give the workers a friendly wave, and admire the fiber installation.

Construction has begun in Greentree Village with the installation of fiber. Active construction will take approximately one month until finished. Construction is ongoing on Waterwood Parkway. Construction is almost complete at 190 and testing in that area will begin this month (August). Pedestals have arrived and you will begin seeing them being installed in Greentree Village as well. The electronic equipment is in route and LCS is anxiously awaiting those products.

LCS Fibercom intends to access utility easement to install a new utility service to or beyond your property. As a reminder, under Texas law, a property owner cannot obstruct, delay, or otherwise hinder this intended work.

FREE INSTALLATION!!!! Don't forget to sign up now ONLINE and take advantage of the free installation period. There is no obligation to sign up and it helps the installers know how much materials to plan for daily. After the free installation period, in your neighborhood, there will be a \$149 installation cost per residence. Click this link to sign up now!! www.lcsfiber.com





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Volunteer Fire Department

Chief Tim McGrath

The Waterwood Volunteer Fire Department is in need of volunteer firefighters. We will train and outfit you at no cost so that you may meet the requirements of the position. The time commitment is flexible; however, there are requirements for monthly training hours and percentage of calls made per month. If you have a question regarding whether this is for you; please call us at our non-emergency number – 936-755-0960 – between 9am and 7pm Monday through Friday. We are more than happy to discuss the scope of work and types of call that we respond to.

We are very pleased to announce the promotion of Robbie Gibson to Assistant Chief. Robbie is a third-generation firefighter in our county; and has well over 20 years of experience. He has in excess of 40 training certificates, four level certifications; and four training certifications for each level for which he has attained certification. This level of experience is a rare find; and we are truly fortunate to have this high-level firefighter, who lives adjacent to Waterwood and has deep family history of providing service to our community, on our team. Please join me in congratulating Assistant Chief Gibson on his new role at Waterwood VFD.

As the weather continues to heat up; we are seeing more accidents and small fires. Please continue to be vigilant in watching out not only for yourselves; and also for your neighbors.

Enjoy and be safe; and remember that school will be starting again soon. Please be aware of school buses and their pick-up and drop-off of students.

Thank you,

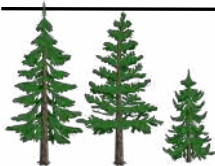
Chief Tim McGrath

Waterwood National Golf and Recreation Association News

At Sunday's WNGRA meeting, we were given a check for \$1,000 to be used to off-set the cost of the pumps and motors. The stipulation was that there had to be a match for an additional \$1,000 from the membership. These matching funds cannot be in place of a normal monthly donation. If you want to dedicate a matching amount you must make two donations. One should be earmarked as your monthly donation and the other as your matching donation. We want to thank the individual for their generosity and hope that we can raise the funds so we can utilize it.

James Schwebach, Calvin Bailey, John Heil, and Alex Chrestopoulos

2021 WNGRA Board



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Architectural Control Board

Mike Duffey

Now that the rain has subsided a little bit, it's time to groom that lawn. The most important expression of you is how you keep your lawn and outside appearance of your property. Please always put it in your schedule to allow for time to maintain your residence.

There are plenty of lawn services nearby that can get the job done if you don't like yard work. So there is really no excuse for those untidy lawns.

Trash is another important topic that needs discussion. Whenever depositing your trash at the Waterwood dumpsite, please ensure that all trash that is dropped on the pavement by you is picked up. This prevents maintenance from spending a lot of time picking up what you should have done to start with.

Any accumulations of debris, trash, etc. around your property need to be taken care of as well. If the items are not allowed in the dumpsters, please find time to take it to the nearby dumpsites that charge a small fee.

Everyone should always strive to make Waterwood a clean place to live. Remember, each and everyone that lives in Waterwood is an important part of the Team to help Waterwood progress for the future.

Thanks Again!

Special Thanks to our 2021 Fireworks Show Sponsors

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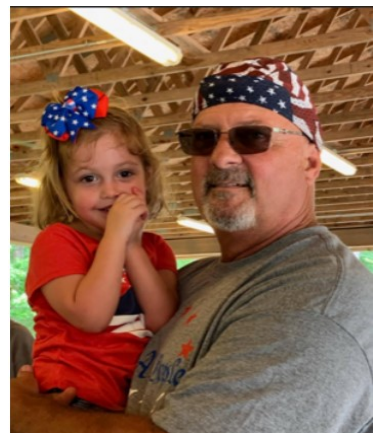
A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated last fall to the 2021 Fireworks Fund!!!

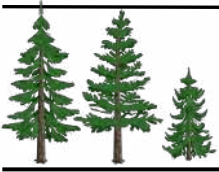
Our community looks so forward to the WIA July 4th Celebration each year and it is completely funded by donations.

Please consider donating to the 2022 July 4th Fireworks Show. Donations can be made by cash, check or credit card in the WIA office, by mail (62 Waterwood) or by phone at 936-891-7710.



Thanks for your support!!!



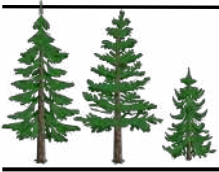


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More July 4th Fun...





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Waterwood Women's League

Deb Harlow

Hello ladies!

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! We will not be getting together for regular meetings until September; however, we have a special event planned for our members and anyone interested in joining the league.

We are having a "Coffee & Donut Meet & Greet" on Aug. 28th at 10:00 a:m in the WIA Conference Room! If you'd like to get involved in a wonderful organization, please come out and get to know everyone! Membership dues are only \$25 per year.

Some of you may have seen on Facebook or noticed in that last paragraph that the executive board decided to raise dues from \$20-\$25. It's a very small amount, but will help us continue to support student scholarships.

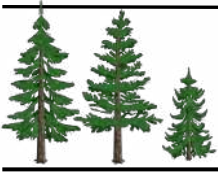
We have a full slate of events planned for the 2021/2022 season. It should be a great year for WWL. Dianne has been keeping us all very busy to make absolute sure of it!

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 a lot of great things and we'd love to have you!

See you all on August 28th!

Deb Harlow, Social Chairman

Waterwood Women's League



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What is that humming sound?

Enjoy Waterwood's Ruby-Throats a few weeks longer

By Ruth Massingill

If you have hummingbird visitors in your yard, you certainly know the strumming sound the tiny birds make as their wings beat a furious 53 times a second. Despite their diminutive size—about 3 ½ inches long—hummers' confident aerobics are extraordinary.

Although there are more than 330 species in the hummingbird family, the Ruby-Throated Hummingbird is the only species regularly seen—and heard—in Waterwood. These migrants typically arrive in mid-March to nest and raise young, and by September they are headed for their winter homes in Central America.



Female at Flower

In the meantime, these smallest of birds—they are true featherweights at 0.1 to 0.2 ounces—entertain us with their precision flying and dazzle with their metallic green feathers. To add to the spectacle, the adult male sports a brilliant ruby red throat or gorget. The female's throat is white, and juveniles are similar in color to the females.

All Ruby-Throats are completely at ease in the air, whether flitting among flowers or visiting a feeder. They can fly up to 30 mph while moving forward but can also fly upside down or backwards and can stop in an instant, hanging motionless in mid-air. Hummingbird wings don't just flap up and down, but work in more of a figure 8 pattern, giving them lift and control, much like a helicopter.

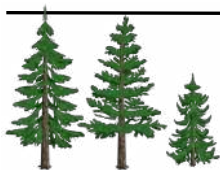
As you have probably noticed, male Ruby-Throats aggressively defend favorite flowers and feeders, putting on dramatic aerial chases and dogfights. Ruby-Throats are not just fast in flight; their hearts beat at more than 1,200 times a minute, compared to human heartbeats of 60 – 100 beats per minute. Even at rest, hummers are taking 250 breaths per minute.

All of this activity requires lots of fuel; hummingbirds must eat at least half their body weight in sugar every day, and they typically feed five to eight times every hour. Their diet includes insects for protein. Ruby-Throats can devour up to 1,000 mosquitoes, gnats, fruit flies and spiders a day. For energy, they need the nectar provided by flowers—red tubular blooms are preferred—or the sugar water in feeders.



Juvenile Ruby-Throat

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Bright red hummingbird feeders are popular and safe if some precautions are taken. Glass feeders are usually recommended to avoid possible BPA contamination and for ease in cleaning. Make sugar water mixtures with about one-quarter cup of table sugar per cup of warm water. (Boiling is not needed.) Red dye is unnecessary and harmful. Change the water before it grows cloudy or discolored and remember that during hot weather, sugar water ferments rapidly to produce toxic alcohol.

Take care in where the feeder is placed; put feeders high enough to avoid ground predators and pay attention to windows the birds might fly into. (Feeders should either be within three feet of a structure or far away.) Feeders should be cleaned regularly with non-toxic cleansers. [Hummingbird Central](#) is just one website with extensive information on creating hummingbird gardens and using feeders effectively.

While the Ruby-Throated Hummingbirds are here, they find mates and build a thimble-size nest 10 to 20 feet high on a shaded leafy tree branch. The female builds the nest of thistle or dandelion down held together with strands of spider silk and sometimes pine resin. She lays two white jellybean size eggs and feeds the young. The pair communicates with a rapid, high-pitched squeaky, chipping sound.

When the business of raising young is completed, the Ruby-Throated Hummingbirds are ready for their next amazing feat—a non-stop 500-mile migration across the Gulf of Mexico to Central America, which can take 18 hours or more, depending on the weather. Some do not make it, but many do and then make the return trip in spring to the Eastern US or Southern Canada.

The good news is that once you have created a welcoming habitat for the Ruby-Throats, they are likely to be back. Researchers have found that hummingbirds have an innate ability to remember their favorite feeding locales and return there year after year.

So, enjoy the humming and acrobatics in your yard this month; the Ruby-Throats will remember what a welcoming host you are and will come back next spring!

Fun Fact: Hummingbirds' flight abilities are especially useful since they can't walk or hop. Their feet are too short for them to use for walking. They can only use their feet to perch or shuffle from side to side.

Share your hummingbird tips with Ruth
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Ruby-Throat Male

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