

# WATERWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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### ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There will be five (5) positions open for the Waterwood Improvement Association Board of Directors this year. If you are a property owner, you are eligible to run. The Waterwood Neighborhood News encourages those of you Waterwoodians that really want to participate in your neighborhood's business, to run for the Board. Please stop by the WIA office and get an application . The deadline for applications to be back to the office is Wednesday, July 31, 2019. Now is the time to step up and contribute to the enhancement of our community.

“Actions speak louder than words.” Your community needs YOU!

### LEADERSHIP

By Teresa Brown, Editor

Waterwood Improvement Association (WIA) is governed by a Board of Directors (BOD) comprised of nine elected WIA members. They set the direction and long-term objectives for WIA, establish budgets and fees, oversee operations and projects, and address issues and problems facing the community. (copied from waterwoodwia.com)

Who can run for the Board? If you are a homeowners or property owner – you can run! Retired folks, full-time workers, part-time workers, independent employees, mothers, fathers, singles, walkers, runners, bikers, swimmers, nature watchers, and Waterwood lovers! Basically – YOU can run. Your life experiences will be a positive asset to all of us here in WaterwoodI when you are on the Board.

If you feel you can contribute positively to our community, pick up an application today!

## How are Your Annual HOA Dues Spent?

Prepared by: Larry Maas – WIA Finance/Audit Chair

Ever wonder what services you receive when you pay your annual homeowner’s association (HOA) dues? Did you know that the annual HOA dues you are billed only cover 60% of WIA’s annual operating expenses? The other 40% is covered by the interest earned on the Association’s bond portfolio and other miscellaneous revenue sources. Without the interest earned and other revenue sources, the 2019 HOA fee would be \$862.61. The table below provides a summary of the services each property owner receives in return for their annual HOA fee.

<b>WIA Annual HOA Dues by Expense Category</b>			
<small>Based on 2019 Approved Budget</small>			
<b>Expense Categories - Summarized</b>	<b>Funded by HOA Dues</b>	<b>Funded By Bond Interest and /or Other Sources</b>	<b>Total HOA Dues</b>
Payroll, Contract Labor & Related Costs	<b>131.71</b>	80.85	212.56
Common Area Grounds Maintenance	<b>114.45</b>	69.50	183.95
Road, Buildings & Other Repairs	<b>83.94</b>	50.98	134.92
Ambulance & Fire Services	<b>69.85</b>	62.17	132.02
Utilities	<b>38.77</b>	23.54	62.31
Garbage Services	<b>17.36</b>	10.54	27.91
Professional Services (Legal & Audit)	<b>15.01</b>	9.12	24.13
Office Expenses, Postage & Printing	<b>13.78</b>	8.37	22.15
Insurance	<b>12.85</b>	16.23	29.08
Vehicle Operations, Repairs & Maint	<b>11.75</b>	7.14	18.89
Real Estate Taxes	<b>3.73</b>	2.26	5.99
Social Events (primarily funded by donations)	<b>1.80</b>	6.91	8.71
<b>Annual HOA Dues by Funding Type</b>	<b>\$515.00</b>	<b>\$347.61</b>	<b>\$862.61</b>
Percentage of Expenses by Fund Type	<b>60%</b>	40%	100%

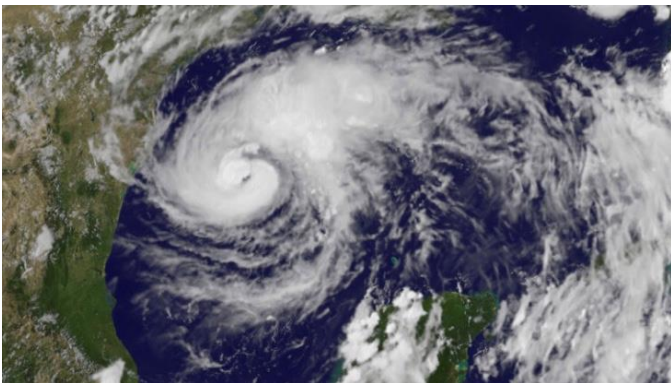
Please note: Not all services are an exact 60/40 split due to some services are funded through other, miscellaneous revenue sources.

# HURRICANE PREPARATION CHECKLIST

Prepare both your home and your family so you can be ready when storm season strikes. Build a hurricane kit filled with the basics to help you and your family survive comfortably if you are temporarily living without electricity or water during a storm.

## An EMERGENCY SUPPLIES KIT should include:

- At least a 3-day supply Of WATER (one gallon per person, per day)
- At least a 3-day supply of non-perishable FOOD per person (and per pet!)
- At least one change Of CLOTHINC and shoes per person one BLANKET or sleeping bag per person
- FIRST-AID kit
- Battery-powered weather radio,CELL PHONEand charger
- EmergencyTOOLS
- FLASHLIGHT, LED lantern, and extra batteries
- Extra set of CAR KEYS
- Credit card andCASH
- SPECIAL ITEMS for infant, elderly, or disabled family members (and pets!)
- Prescription and non-prescription MEDICINES



# **WATERWOOD MUD NEWS**

By Marty Cristofaro,  
MUD Board President July 2019

As a reminder to all customers, Inframark has now officially taken over the water billing. You should have received a notice in the mail regarding the change. The mail out includes payment options and phone numbers for customer service. Payments are no longer going to be accepted at WIA. There has been a question about mailing payments in. That will be an option using the following address:

Waterwood MUD  
P.O. Box 684000  
Houston, Texas 77268-4000

Accounts that remain delinquent will be receiving certified letters stating what date the meter will be removed if the account is not current.

Plans are in the works for a complete system shutdown to replace the valves that caused issues in May. You will be receiving formal notification of this project once it is scheduled. There will be no water while the valves are being replaced and the system will be under a boil water notice afterward while samples are collected and analyzed to ensure the water remains safe. The boil water should only be in effect for 24 hours.



Photo by – Joyce Hubbard



9-25 - Quilting Guild 9:30-2:00-ish at WIA office. Please feel free to come for all or whatever time frame you can attend. Bring snacks and/or lunch.

10-11 - B-I-N-G-O. This time, we'll conduct Bingo on a Friday from 5pm-9pm. We'll have dinner and snacks for purchase as well as raffles, door prizes, and awesome silent auction items. This is our big Scholarship Fundraiser for the year. Please mark your calendars and come out for a great evening!

Waterwood Women's League is a great way to meet new ladies in the area, learn something new and give back to our wonderful community. Monthly meetings are held September-May and many fun social events are planned throughout the year. Please note that there are no minimum meeting attendance requirements, so please consider joining even if you're currently employed, or a part-timer here in Waterwood!

Dues are currently \$20 per year. If you have any questions or wish to become a member of WWL, please contact us at [Waterwoodwleague@gmail.com](mailto:Waterwoodwleague@gmail.com).

We'd LOVE to have you join us!

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

By Tana Davis

The next meeting of the Waterwood Women's League will be on Wednesday, September 11th at 10am in the WIA office. Our meeting theme will be "**Baby Shower**" with special guest speaker, Kathy Hazelwood. Kathy is the director of the Pregnancy Care Center in Huntsville. PCC has been a big focus for us this past year as we have enjoyed supporting this important local non-profit with many handmade items such as baby quilts, baby booties and baby hats. If you haven't tried our crafting days, I highly recommend it! It's a great time to spend with friends and you do not need to be an expert as we have jobs for everyone on these collaborative projects. It is a fantastic way to learn a new craft!

### Save the Date

9-11 - Meeting at 10am at the WIA Office. Members are asked to please bring an unwrapped baby gift to donate to the Hope Closet Project at Pregnancy Care Center. We'll enjoy light refreshments after the meeting.

9-18 - Knitting, crocheting, loom work and pet toys to benefit Rita B. Huff Animal Shelter  
9:30 am at WIA office. Please bring knitting or crocheting materials.

Thank you, Lynn Spencer for making our Women's League sign!

# SPECTACULAR SUNSETS!



Photo by Deb Harlow



Photo by Lindsey Hail



Photo by Rob Davis



Photo by Lucy Lindauer

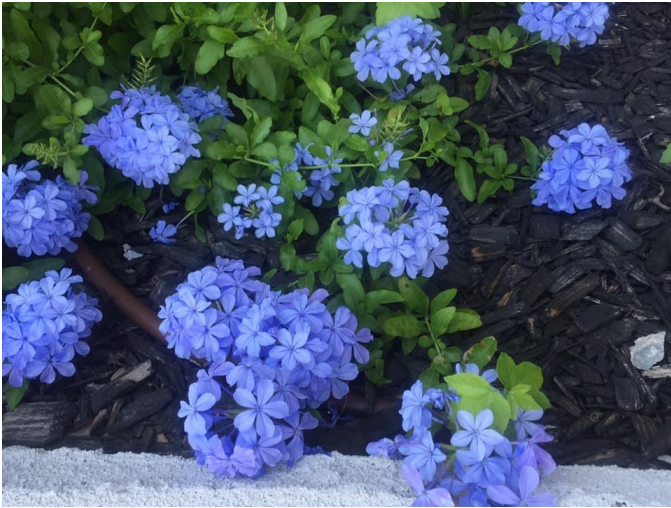


Photo by Vickie Gomez Dick

**BE A BEE PROTECTOR! WE NEED THEM!**

## Yellow Strikey Things That Buzz



Pieces of Soul

### Carpenter Bee

- Acts tough but really can't hurt you
- Lives in your fence
- Flies aggressively to intimidate you



### Honey Bee

- Most helpful bee
- Very social
- Excellent pollinator
- Able to sting only once



### Bumblebee

- Also pollinates stuff very well
- So fat it's a miracle it can fly
- More like a flying panda
- Will let you pet it without getting agitated



### Hoverfly

- Only looks scary
- Can't actually hurt you
- Hangs out in fields
- Follows you if it likes you



### Paper Wasp

- Looks scary, but will only attack if provoked
- Sting hurts like a banshee
- Will chase you if swatted
- Has no concept of personal space



### Yellow Jacket

- Wants your food & will fight you for it
- Never leaves you alone
- Will sting you just because
- Total jerk



Photo by Vicki Dick

## **GARDENING – CURCUMA**

By Deb Harlow

Most gardeners will tell you that no plant is completely deer-proof; however, there are many considered deer resistant ...even in Waterwood! Just so you know, I'm no expert! I'm just a plant enthusiast like many of you, sharing what I've learned about one of my favorite deer-resistant plants, Curcuma, a member of the ginger family. It's often grown for medicinal or culinary purposes, such as the spice turmeric. I grow it for the beautiful tropical foliage and the spectacular bracts, often thought to be the flowers in hot pink, purple, white, and vivid orange, to name a few. It does well in my little patch of dirt in full sun with at least 1" of water per week, unless it rains. It also thrives in partial shade with a couple hours of sun each day. In addition, they can be grown in pots as long as they aren't allowed to become too dry between watering. The rhizomes can also get large and could crack a pot; therefore, they should be managed every few years. Like other tropicals, they are

relatively pest and disease resistant, but watch for slugs and snails. Depending on the variety, average height is 2-5 foot tall. The bracts/flowers last for weeks and rebloom all summer into fall.

Curcuma goes dormant in the winter, but returns in our area by late spring. Rhizomes must be lifted where prolonged frost is an issue in order to come back the following year.

My favorite varieties are Siam Pink-hot pink bract with tiny purple flowers, Indian Surprise-purple tipped white and green bracts, and White Siam Tulip-palest pink with green tipped bracts and tiny purple flowers.

You can find plenty of additional information about this plant such as fertilizing needs, propagation and soil requirements on the internet. It can be found growing in pots at big box garden centers once in a while, but I usually find rhizomes online.

Curcuma is unique, it makes a great cut flower, it's very easy to grow and perhaps best of all, our 4-legged foragers tend to leave it alone! What more could you ask for? Consider growing Curcuma in your Waterwood garden.



Photo by Trista Byrd – Purple Sage



# 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY ACTIVITIES

by Mike Bercu, WIA Social Committee Chairman

## THE DAY UNFOLDED AS FOLLOWS:

**8:15 AM: Nine Hole, Par 3 Scramble-** The 9 hole, par 3 golf scramble was played by 13 Waterwoodians and their guests. The field was made up of 3 teams of 3 and one team of 4. After a fun round of golf, two teams tied with a score of 2 strokes over the par. A play off was held on hole #18 to determine the winner. When both teams pared the hole, the prize money was combined and split between the two teams. The WNGRA donated money for 3 certificates for Waterwood logo tee shirts. The McVay/Brown team agreed to give the certificates to the Fletcher/Burrows/Barry team. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who played. Thanks also to ASGI who donated bottles of cold water and drink koozies for the players.

Thanks to Carol McVay and the Waterwood National Golf and Recreation Association for organizing.

### 10:45 AM: Parade

We had wonderfully decorated golf carts and people decked out in their best July 4<sup>th</sup> apparel, following the Waterwood Volunteer Department fire truck.

The Golf Cart decoration winners were:

First Place – Tom and MaryAnn Readal

Second Place – Wayne Morris, Carole Magee, David Cravins

Third Place – Teresa Brown and Robbie pup

The Best Decorations Costume winners were:

First Place – Victoria Mbise

Second Place – Adeline Mbise

Third Place – Carson Jackson

Thanks to Sally Bercu and Mary Walters for judging the costume and golf cart contests.



The Turchi's showing their patriotism!

### 11:00 -1:00 PM: Lunch and Fund Raiser at the Pavilion-

served by the Waterwood and 980 Volunteer Fire Departments. The menu was BBQ, chips, drinks, and homemade desserts by Anita Paul. Thanks to Pat Zappa for decorating.

WIA President Jack Zimmerman presided over the giving of prizes and highlighting why we here on this important American Holiday.

Bob Lane organized this event who is a WIA Director and a member of the Waterwood Fire Department. A big thanks to Bob!

**4:00: Boat Parade Contest-** The 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade had 10 entries. Each boat was decorated very patriotically, and they all looked great. The boats declared the best decorated were Tom & Mary Ann Readal first place and Rick & Teresa Brown second place. Congratulations to you winners and thanks to all the others who participated! Each winner received the highly coveted boat oar decorated by Lynn

Spencer...thank you Lynn. A special thanks to those who came out to watch and the three judges, Ilene & Jack Zimmerman & Shirley Morrell.

Commodore Carol McVay of the Waterwood Boat Club organized.

### **9:00 PM: Evening July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks**

We got a large crowd at this event. It looked like three rows of vehicles on the field next to the Lake and about 15 Boats and its passengers observed the Fireworks display. There were many others milling around. There were many comments that this year's Firework display were among the best. We owe this great event to Rick Harlow and his crew. They organized the fireworks for effect, fused them together, delivered them to the Marina and shot them off without a flaw. Rick's expert crew consisted of Michael Sanvido, Sam Butler, Lynn Spencer, Paul Fink, James Schwebach and Rick's grandson Lucas Paulo.



Photo by John Charlton

Thanks to Billy Carter for providing security and keeping people off the bulkhead. The Waterwood and 980 Fire Departments inspected the Fireworks and were diligent during the display.

Rosa of **Tacos and More** provided delicious Mexican Food at the Marina during the Fireworks display. Her restaurant is next to Buckshots on 190.

Thanks to ASGI for their donated items.

Justin Farley, a new owner at Bass Boat Village helped with the cleanup.

The area around the area the next morning was extremely clean. Either the crowd diligently picked up their trash or we owe a special thankyou to anonymous individual/individuals.

### **Newsletter, Flyers and Photography**

Thanks to Trista Byrd and Teresa Brown for promoting and recording the events of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Special Thanks to Roy Knapp**

Roy was my right-hand man. Without him I couldn't get the many tasks done that came up at the last minute. Lisa and Anita from the WIA office handled a lot of tasks in the weeks preceding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities.



Photo by James Schwebach – Fireworks!

# 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY GOLF SCRAMBLE



**WINNER'S WERE THE  
FLETCHER TEAM!**



**4<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
COSTUME CONTEST**



**AWARDS PRESENTED BY JACK  
ZIMMERMANN, PRESIDENT OF WIA**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE VICTORIA MBISE  
2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE ADELINA MBISE  
3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE CARSON CRAVENS**

**CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!**

# GOLF CART PARADE AND DECORATING CONTEST



Photos by John Charlton

- 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - TOM AND MARYANN READAL**
- 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE - WAYNE MORRIS AND CAROLE MCGEE**
- 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE - TERESA BROWN AND ROBBIE PUP**



# FIRE DEPARTMENT BBQ LUNCH



Photos by John Charlton



# WATERWOOD BOAT PARADE



**FIRST PLACE – THE READAL’S**



Photo by Vicky Gomez-Dick

**SECOND PLACE – THE BROWN’S**



**GREAT DISPLAY OF BOATS! SO MUCH FUN!**



Photo by – Trista Byrd  
**JUDGES – JACK AND ILENE ZIMMERMANN AND SHIRLEY MORRELL**

# CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT



Photo by Pat Zappa

## TOURNAMENT WINNERS – THE TURCHI'S !



Photo by Pat Zappa



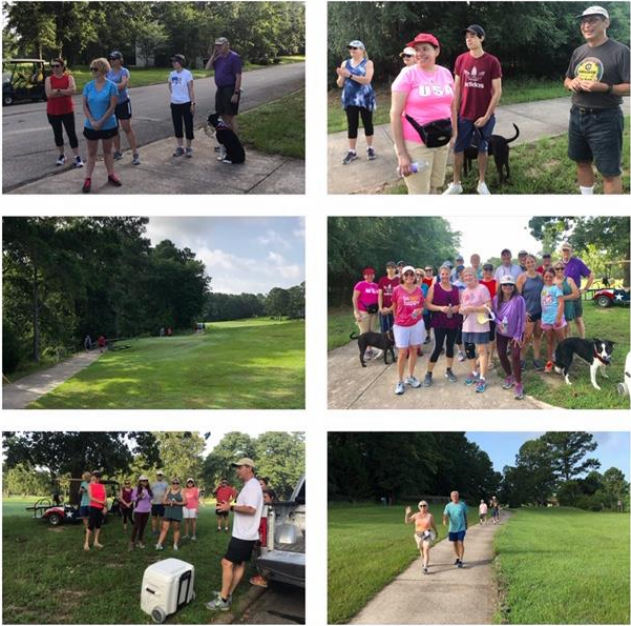
**A SPECIAL THANKS TO CHRISTEL AND SAM BUTLER, VICKY AND DOUGLAS DICK FOR ORGANIZING ALL THE FUN!**



**5-K WALK FOR FUN  
SATURDAY, JULY 6TH**



**22 WALKERS ENJOYING  
OUR WATERWOOD  
GREEN SPACE!**





## **SAFETY FIRST!**

### **ELECTRIC WATER SHOCK**

This article was taken from Facebook, because of a sad tragedy from electric water shock around a boat dock. **Please read and take all necessary precautions.**

#### **AVOID TRAGEDY.**

#### **SAFETY TIPS INCLUDE:**

- Use a plastic ladder, rather than a metal one, so it won't help transfer electricity into the water.
- **If you start to feel a tingle in the water, swim away from the dock, which is where most electrical issues occur.**
- Check all of the wiring around your dock, including your ground fault circuit breaker.
- Purchase a [Dock Lifeguard](#), a device that detects electricity on your dock and in the water around your dock. (Disclaimer - We are not endorsing Dock Lifeguard.)



## MORE FUN PHOTOS.....



Having fun! Left to right, Mallon 2 yrs, Sloane 18 months, Cate 5 yrs. Parents are Jordan and Sarah Barry. Grand parents are Wayne and Beth Fletcher



Sam and Christel Butler and John Samperi – a smiling trio!



Douglas and Vicky Dick are the cutest!



Carol and Earl McVay are showing their patriotism!



Sally Charlton all smiles!

## **NOTE FROM THE EDITORS RICK AND TERESA BROWN:**

We love Waterwood photos! Please send us your photos of pets, gardens, boats, wildlife, family fun gatherings, etc. to [waterwoodwnn@gmail.com](mailto:waterwoodwnn@gmail.com).

## **CONTACT EMAILS**

Sometimes we have questions about Waterwood and we want answers right away!

The email address for general questions concerning Waterwood is [wia@waterwoodwia.com](mailto:wia@waterwoodwia.com). You may also go to the website, [www.waterwoodwia.com](http://www.waterwoodwia.com) and you will find information about covenant and deed restrictions there as well as an abundance of other helpful information. The WIA Office phone number is 936-891-7710.

The email address for articles and pictures for this newsletter is [waterwoodwnn@gmail.com](mailto:waterwoodwnn@gmail.com). This email address is not monitored daily, so please, do not send an email to this address if you have an email that is needing a timely answer.

## **CLASSIFIED ADS**

**Classified ads accepted at no cost.**

Please note the email for classified ads: [waterwoodwnn@gmail.com](mailto:waterwoodwnn@gmail.com). Deadline is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month and must be submitted each month. Keep it short and simple. Space will be limited to 10 ads per month in the newsletter.

## **WATERWOOD SERVICES**

Provide name and contact information for providers of services to Waterwood such as A/C, Plumbing, Stump grinding, Tree Service, Housekeeping, Handyman, etc. Send an email

[waterwoodwnn@gmail.com](mailto:waterwoodwnn@gmail.com) to have a service added.

### **Realty**

Amy Bunyard, Walzel Properties  
Phone: 713-962-7523  
Contact: [amywbunyard@gmail.com](mailto:amywbunyard@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.amybunyard.com](http://www.amybunyard.com)

Melanie Cook Owner/Agent  
Palmer Real Estate  
800-824-9416  
936-891- 5200  
936-661- 7767 cell  
[melanie@palmerrealestate.com](mailto:melanie@palmerrealestate.com)  
[www.palmerrealestate.com](http://www.palmerrealestate.com)

Amanda Mitchell  
713-829-4606  
AmandaMitchell@kwrealty.com

Michele Kimmons Properties LLC  
641 Hwy 156  
Point Blank, TX  
936-520-6424  
713-213-1755

Donna Pinon, Broker  
White Ivy Real Estate  
936.291.9000  
[WhiteIvyRealEstate.com](http://WhiteIvyRealEstate.com)

### **Photography Services**

Melanie Cook  
936-661- 7767 cell  
Engagement, senior, events, and more

## **Pizza**

Simple Simon's Onalaska

936-646-7743

Hours 11:00 to 9:00 PM

Buffet 11 to 2 daily and Tuesday 5 to 8

## **Embroidery**

Mary Fox

936-891-5180

## **House Cleaning**

Dust Bunnies Housekeeping Services

Waterwood resident

Contact Debbie Neal

281-610-1678

Excellent References

## **Churches**

Point Blank Community Church

432 Robinson Way

PO Box 274, Point Blank, TX 77364

936-218-963

[www.pointblankcommunitychurch.com](http://www.pointblankcommunitychurch.com)

Grace Community Church

6801 FM 980 N

North of WW Parkway, past Poole Creek on the  
Left

Onalaska Church of Christ

13570 Highway 190 W

936-646-3517

Sunday classes 9am worship 10 am and 6 pm

Wednesday classes at 6:30 pm

## **Computer Service**

A Bit Personal (Tim Bryant)

Highway 190 & FM3186

Onalaska, 77360

Phone: 936 433 1643

## **Movers**

Mover Professional Moving Labor

936-828-0080,

[Tomthemovingman@yahoo.com](mailto:Tomthemovingman@yahoo.com)

Piano Movers of Texas

214-418-5237,

[gordon\\_bolton@yahoo.com](mailto:gordon_bolton@yahoo.com)

[pianomoversoftexas.com](http://pianomoversoftexas.com)

Paragon Auto Transport

832-830-5555

1329 Sam Houston Ave StB

Huntsville, TX 77320

<https://www.paragonautotransport.com/>

## **Piano Tuner**

Madeline Loosier, 936-581-0094

## **Refurbishing**

B Family Masterpeace

Kendell Bermingham

[berminghamkendell@gmail.com](mailto:berminghamkendell@gmail.com)

936 581 8683

All types of furniture and also do small wooden  
signs and tables

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Wanda's Decorative Art

Custom Stained Glass by Appointment Only

Wanda Gardner

936-891-1145

[grmbellewanda@aol.com](mailto:grmbellewanda@aol.com)

## Tree Service

Carlos Burleson  
936-439-7035

## Storage

TX HWY 19 Storage  
3150 Hwy 19  
Huntsville, TX 77320  
Sara Odat  
936-436-9111

Dry Safe Storage  
9531 US 190 E  
Point Blank, Tx. 77364  
Jimmy & Lori Zoch  
936-377-4392

## Beauty Products

Mary Kay products  
Call for an appointment  
Janas Goldsmith  
936-891-7743  
janal22@windstream.net

## Lawn Care

Metz lawn care and pressure washing  
Servicing Waterwood  
936-355-9014

## Winery

Teysha Vineyard  
Lynn Zimmerman  
577 Dodge-Oakhurst Rd.  
Huntsville, TX 77320  
281-744-2353  
Hours- Thurs 2:00-7:00pm  
Fri-Sat 12:00-7:00pm  
Sun 1:00-6:00pm

## **WNN ARTICLE DEADLINE**

Send pictures and articles of interest to Teresa Brown at [waterwoodwnn@gmail.com](mailto:waterwoodwnn@gmail.com). Deadline for articles and pictures is the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

*Quote of the Month.....*

*“When the weather is hot,  
keep a cool mind.*

*When the weather is cold,  
keep a warm heart.”*

*- Ajahn Brahm*

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE  
WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS  
NEWSLETTER. WE  
APPRECIATE IT SO MUCH!  
THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER  
WILL BE PUBLISHED MID  
AUGUST. **STAY COOL YA'LL!****