

Waterwood Neighborhood News

July 2021

Calendar

7-19 WIA Meeting
7-16 MUD Meeting
7- 5 Heavy Trash
Pickup

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

Board of Directors Election

There will be one (1) position open for the Waterwood Improvement Association Board of Directors this year. If you are a property owner in good standing, you are eligible to run. We encourage those of you, who would like to be involved in making important decisions for our community, to consider throwing your name in the hat. Stop by the WIA office to pick up your application.

The deadline for submitting an application to the WIA office is August 1, 2021.

Links

(Click to follow)

[Waterwood Website:](#)

[Waterwood MUD](#)

[Waterwood Pictures](#)

[Classified Ads](#)

[Click here to place classified ads on the new website.](#)

Add your own pictures to our new Waterwood Website by sending them to:

Wiaboardsocialmedia@gmail.com

Waterwood Security
936-661-2800

San Jacinto County Sheriff
936-653-4367

WIA Office
936-891-7710

Waterwood VFD
936-755-0960.

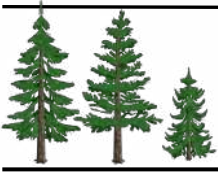
Many of you have noticed bright yellow trucks in the neighborhood. LCS is preparing to begin installation. 30 miles of fiber optic cable has arrived and now the digging begins. You will be able to watch the progress as it begins at Highway 190 near the Waterwood billboards in the first steps to bringing fiber optic Internet to your homes. The network engineer is setting up pathways with an integrated payment and management website. Pedestals are arriving next and will be strategically placed throughout the neighborhoods. TXDOT and San Jacinto Commissioners Court have approved LCS to access all TXDOT and county Right of Ways to include private utility easements for the purpose of installing cable and equipment.

Free Installation!!! Don't forget to sign up now and take advantage of the free installation period(no obligation). Once fiber is brought into your neighborhood, there will be a \$149 installation cost per residence. Your WIA vote did not sign you up, follow this link www.lcsfiber.com to sign up now!

Thank you to all of those that have already signed up and the support of the community. Looking forward to next month so LCS can report where we are and where our next stop is.

Thank you, Jamie Groskopf, LCS Fibercom LLC





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Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tim McGrath

Last weekend the Waterwood Volunteer Fire Department firefighters participated in a Landing Zone Training class at the Coldspring Volunteer Fire Department. The class was organized by San Jacinto County First Responders and facilitated by PHI. The topics covered Landing Zone preparation, pilot and flight staff interaction, site safety and patient loading.

We, again, have been provided disaster preparedness supplies by the American Red Cross with a donation of 30 emergency cots. These supplies help bolster our Emergency Preparedness Plan for Waterwood as we enter the Hurricane Season. We have also received additional smoke alarm and emergency supplies from the Red Cross for evacuation planning. Please call to make an appointment for an assessment – 936-755-0950.

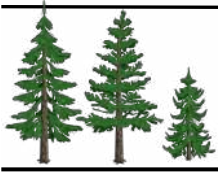
The station has accepted one firefighter application; and is currently reviewing another.

We can't stress enough that help is needed as we enter the wildland fire season.

If you have any questions about how you can help your community; members of the fire department will be readily available at the July 4th festivities with applications.

Enjoy and be safe during the holiday. Stay safe and hydrated; and continue to keep an eye out for smoke and fires.





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By-Laws and Covenants

Melanie Cook

We are in the process of reviewing our governing documents for items that may need amending, tweaking, or removal altogether. These will be presented to the WIA Board of Directors at the July board meeting to decide whether they need to be given to the community for a vote. These documents are crucial in maintaining an appealing, well-functioning community where people want to retire, vacation, or raise families. If you are aware of any restriction, covenant, by-law, or other document you think needs to be addressed, please contact Melanie a melanie@palmerrealestate.com or 936-661-7767.

Architectural Control Board

Mike Duffey

First of all, I want to say outstanding work Waterwood, for the maintenance and yard cleanup improvements that have been made in each subdivision.

Also please continue your efforts in keeping trash off the streets, and parkway.

Second, I would like to mention that several cars and trucks are speeding on the parkway, down Latrobe, and on Gleneagles. Please adhere to the speed limits in each subdivision. This is mainly for your safety as well for the other residents. Remember we have pedestrians that run, ride bicycles, walk with their pets, walk with children, drive golf carts and sometimes unexpectedly a deer that may jump across the street. Safety should be everyone's concern.

Finally, please follow the policies and covenants in your subdivision whenever starting projects. The WIA board also welcomes each one of you to STAY INFORMED and attend the meetings, scheduled on the 3rd Monday of each month. Remember we are working as a team for the improvement of Waterwood.

Thanks

ACB Team

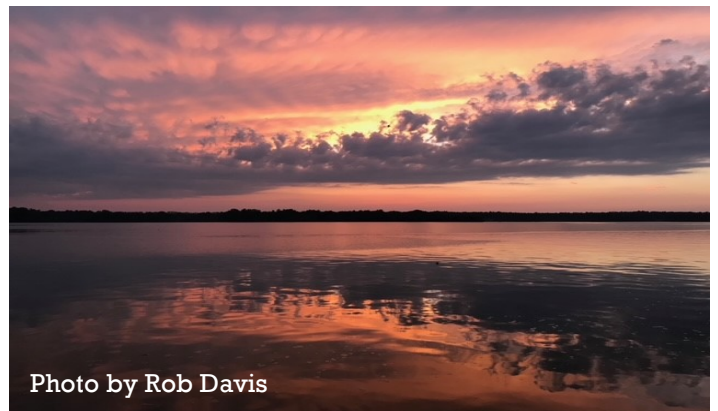


Photo by Rob Davis



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WATERWOOD IMPROVEMENT



4th of July

11am-1pm - Luncheon in the
WIA Pavilion
Golf Cart/Bike Parade &
Decorating Contest



6:30-9:30pm-Party at the Marina
WIA's Awesome Fireworks Show

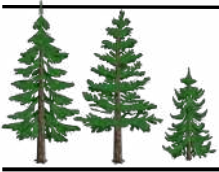
SUNDAY | JULY 4th



GAMES - Live DJ - FACE PAINTING
Water Slide- Food Vendors
Snowcone vendor- Door prizes



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 936-891-7710



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Water Yoga The W. I. A. Social Committee will make water yoga available to our community this summer at the community pool. It's a great way to socialize with neighbors and get some exercise at the same time. Water yoga utilizes modified movements and principles of yoga to accommodate people of all fitness levels. Due to its low-impact nature, water yoga is beneficial for everyone, including individuals with physical impairments, such as arthritis, stiff joints, sciatica and obesity. Aquatic exercise typically results in increased strength, mobility, endurance and flexibility. *There will be two classes per week on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9 A. M.; during June, July and August. *Four classes are \$30.00/ bi-weekly, payable in advance. *W. I. A. issued pool passes are required. (Available at W. I. A. office.) *We will use two pool noodles. Some will be available to use, or you may bring your own.

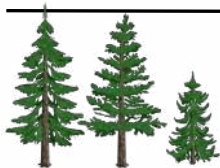
Please call or text Jane Presley at 713-859-9022 to register.

Drive-In Movie Night

Melanie Cook

For those of you who have joined us on our movie nights in the Palmer Real Estate office parking lot, we had to take a short break in the spring but will be back soon. We have more fun activities we've planned for late summer/early fall so stay tuned and keep an eye out on the Facebook pages for updates!





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Waterwood Women's League

Maryann Readal

Waterwood Women's League Chooses Scholarship Winners!

On behalf of the Waterwood Women's League, the Scholarship Committee (Maryann Readal, Chair, Sally Charlton, and Mattie Licciardoni) recently awarded scholarships to Virginia Boyce and Karris Peachee.

Virginia Boyce of Onalaska Junior/Senior High School was awarded the Academic Scholarship, valued at \$1,200/year for four years. Virginia graduated eighth in her class. She was president of her senior class and has gone to state and regionals in public speaking events for UIL and FFA. She will be attending Sam Houston State University and plans to major in public relations.

The \$1,000 Technical Scholarship was awarded to Karris Peachee of Coldspring Oakhurst High School. Karris is entering the two-year dental hygiene program at Lone Star College-Kingwood. She has been president of her Future Farmers of America chapter for two years. Karris commented that "Without college, I won't be able to accomplish the goals that I have set for myself."

The applicant pool from both schools was very strong this year, which made final decisions difficult. Undoubtedly, these scholarships will make a difference in the success of these bright, young students.

The Women's League is also funding two scholarship winners from past years until they finish their college degrees.

Our recent graduate, Victoria Newport, will be finishing her degree this summer at Texas A&M. She recently expressed thanks to the members of the WWL: "I wanted to let you ladies know how appreciative I am of everything you have done for me these past few years. My success could not have been achieved without the generous help you all have given me. Yesterday, I accepted my dream job offer in Dallas, & I will be starting in July. I'm super excited to open this next chapter of my life."

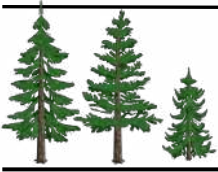
Hats off to WWL members, who through their fundraising efforts, have made success for these students an achievable reality.



Sally Charlton, Karris Peachee, Maryann Readal



Sally Charlton, Mattie Licciardoni, Maryann Readal, Virginia Boyce



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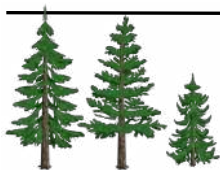


Norman Snapp Memorial Golf Tournament

A big thanks and shout out to the organizers and contributors of the Norman Snapp Memorial Golf Tournament! We have a great group of volunteers who keep this starlet of all golf courses up and running with all their efforts. I am proud and honored to have been invited to be a title sponsor and it was humbling and a privilege to have been able to treat a few of those who serve our community and other surrounding areas to a day of recreation and fun. A policeman, a paramedic, an EMT/San Jacinto County First Responder, a Lineman for Sam Houston Electric Cooperative, and Texas State Representative Ernest Bailes all took time out of their busy schedules to enjoy a great day playing a beautiful course. Thanks to Sam Houston Electric Cooperative for sponsoring two holes, contributing swag bag goodies and loaning us a lineman (even though he was on call and got called out). Also, push up to the San Jacinto County First Responders (a couple of them residents of Waterwood) who were on stand-by to offer on-site care. A heart-felt thank you to all who participated.

Melanie Cook





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A bird born to run

Greater Roadrunners are more interesting than the cartoon

By Ruth Massingill

Although many people think of the Warner Bros. cartoon when they hear “roadrunner,” the actual bird is much more intriguing than its fictional counterpart. The Greater Roadrunner can outrace a human, kill and eat a rattlesnake and thrive in harsh habitats.

Lucky for us, this fast-running bird of the cuckoo family, once found only in the Desert Southwest, has in recent times extended its range eastward as far as western Louisiana. That means you are likely to see Roadrunners zipping across Waterwood streets and along natural paths and streambeds. They even come into yards to drink from bird feeders and search for a tasty lizard or insect. Several Waterwood residents have seen nesting pairs in the neighborhood. Since they do not migrate, you may see them any time of the year.

Greater Roadrunners are easy to recognize; they are crow-sized but more slender, with long tails, swift legs, speckled plumage, a bushy blue-black crest and a curious attitude. They look nothing like their cuckoo relatives, but their dovelike call sounds like “coo” rather than the “beep beep” of cartoon fame.

As their name indicates, Great Roadrunners are terrestrial birds that prefer to walk or run rather than fly. They can fly when necessary, but are awkward and only fly for short distances. On the ground, however, they are the fastest of any bird that also flies; Roadrunners can run up to 15 miles per hour, with sprints as fast as 26 mph, using their long tails for steering, balancing and braking. Roadrunners have zygodactyl feet, with two toes pointing forward and two toes pointing backward. These feet leave X-shaped footprints that are easy to recognize.

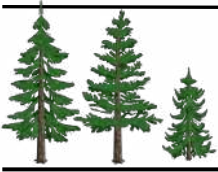
Greater roadrunners are omnivores; they eat both plants and animals. They munch on insects, spiders, snakes, scorpions, centipedes, lizards, birds, eggs, rodents and some carrion, as well as fruit, seeds and other plant material. As a bonus, Roadrunners provide free pest control service — their appetite for insects and rodents is a benefit to humans.



Roadrunners attack and eat rattlesnakes!



Vintage Native American Roadrunner pin.



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Greater Roadrunners eat poisonous prey, including venomous lizards and scorpions, with no ill effect, but their most amazing eating feat is killing and devouring rattlesnakes. This is often done by a team of two Roadrunners. One bird distracts the snake by jumping and flapping, while the other sneaks up and pins its head, then bashes the snake against a rock. If the snake is too long to swallow at once, a roadrunner might walk around with a length of snake still protruding from its bill, swallowing it a little at a time as the snake digests.

Roadrunners are also called earth-cuckoos, chaparral cocks, snake killers and ground cuckoos. These amazing birds mate for life and renew their vows each spring with courtship dancing, calls and food sharing. The male brings nesting materials, and the female builds a nest, usually in a shrub or tree not far from the ground. Both parents work together to guard and care for their babies, who can run and begin to catch prey when they are three weeks old, but are not fully mature for two to three years.

Although Greater Roadrunners are not on the endangered list, they do face serious threats, including illegal shooting and agricultural pesticides. An even bigger threat is habitat loss since Roadrunners need room to roam and increasing development eliminates prey and nest sites. Household pets, feral animals, pedestrians and traffic can also displace or kill Roadrunners. And, despite the antics of the cartoon roadrunner, coyotes often do catch and eat Roadrunners although Wile E. Coyote never did.

The real Greater Roadrunner, named the state bird of New Mexico in 1949, has long been honored by indigenous and Mexican peoples, who considered the birds to be good luck as well as symbols of strength, courage, speed and endurance. The Roadrunner's distinctive X-shaped footprints are used as sacred symbols by Pueblo tribes to ward off evil. The X shape disguises the direction the bird is heading, and is thought to prevent evil spirits from following. Roadrunners play a role in religious beliefs, folklore and legends of many Native American tribes and are often depicted in paintings and jewelry.

So, if you are lucky enough to see one of our Waterwood Roadrunners cruising around the neighborhood, give it a brake and expect good luck!

Fun Fact:

Stylized roadrunner images are frequently used for commercial logos ranging from motorcycles to moving companies, but the most famous faux roadrunner is the one created by Chuck Jones in 1948 for Warner Bros. The bird first debuted with his nemesis, Wile E. Coyote, in 1949, and has appeared in cartoons, comics, commercials and video games as well as the movies *Who Framed Roger Rabbit* and *Space Jam*.

Ruth Massingill is a Master Naturalist and an avid bird watcher. Greater Roadrunners are one of her favorite Waterwood birds. She can be reached at ruthmassingill@yahoo.com.



Roadrunners can sprint up to 26 mph.



The Greater Roadrunner is the state bird of New Mexico.

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