

Waterwood Neighborhood News

June 2021

Calendar

5-21 WIA Meeting
5-18 MUD Meeting
6-7 Heavy Trash
Pickup

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@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Nominations Committee

Time is passing quickly so start thinking about a way to serve your community! One of those ways is to serve on our Waterwood Improvement Association Board of Directors. Challenging, fun (at times), informative, and taken very seriously, serving on the WIA Board is a great way to learn more about the community and see the workings of the different committees. If you think you may want to serve on our Board, or know someone who would be a good candidate, give me a call or stop by the Real Estate office and we'll chat! I look forward to hearing from you! Won't be long and we'll be petitioning for candidates.

Melanie Cook

*A HUGE THANK YOU to Tom Readal
for the many, many hours you volunteer
year round overseeing our community pool.
We are so grateful for all you do, Tom!*

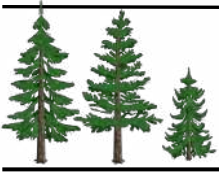
Sweet Summer Time!

Summer is here and everyone has been enjoying the pool and pavilion area. Please keep in mind that both of these areas are an asset to our community and we are proud of them. Please keep the areas free of trash so others are able to enjoy it as well. Reservations for using the pavilion for parties is encouraged. Please call the WIA office at 936-891-7710 to make your reservation. If you have a party, please be courteous. Please clean up before you leave and take your trash. It's a great place to have a party and enjoy family and friends. We want you to have fun!

Also a reminder about the household garbage site. If you arrive at the site and an automobile is sitting waiting, chances are, their garbage sticker has been deactivated. If you see that the automobile is attempting to enter as you are, please alert security (936-661-2800). Entering the site without a valid garbage sticker, is theft of services.

We offer many services and amenities to dues paying members in Waterwood. Please don't let others abuse the privilege.

Lisa Hayman, WIA Executive Director



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Maintenance

Rick Harlow

Hello Neighbors,

I'd like to begin by thanking you all for your help with leaf and limb pick-up issues we were having. The problem isn't completely resolved, but we are heading in the right direction.

Our contractors have been very busy the last few weeks in Greentree Village, clearing overhead hazards to the roadways. They did an amazing job, and WIA received great feedback.

Once finished in Greentree, they proceeded to Whispering Pines II, and Rosewood Loop. Contractors also trimmed a small portion on Waterwood Parkway to provide better visibility when exiting the park area. We completed as much as possible with dedicated funds from the 2021 Maintenance Budget.

Thanks again for all your help and understanding!

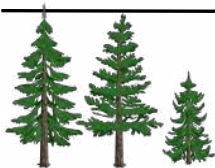
Rick Harlow

WIA Maintenance Director

Photo by K. Brashear



Photo by Dianne Chrestopoulos



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Ambulance

Anita Paul

Waterwood has a contractual agreement for emergency medical service with Allegiance Ambulance Services. During the daytime, they are domiciled in Point Blank at the San Jacinto County First Responders Building on US Hwy. 190 and Counts Road. From 7pm to 7 am, the ambulance services operate out of the Waterwood Volunteer Fire Station. There are three ambulances that Allegiance utilizes to cover the county and as they engage in calls that require an extended period out of service, the remaining vehicles are strategically realigned by Allegiance. This helps to provide the quickest response to residents.

PLEASE NOTE—Patient is responsible for fees related to hospital transport. These fees are not covered by WIA’s contract with Allegiance.

Architectural Control Board

Mike Duffey

Greetings Residents,

Many have said: “A picture is worth a thousand words”. I’m sure whenever you moved to Waterwood, you were well pleased with the beauty, solitude, and serenity,

Unfortunately, Waterwood in the past 3 years is slowly on the downside in some locations. Issues, such as excessive debris stacked around the house, yard maintenance, and broken down old cars not running on the streets are just a few. To help improve this issue, I would like to remind the residents that are not doing their part, to maintain their property per the Waterwood covenant and policies.

This is especially important during this time. Already many people are choosing to move from the city and purchase land and build a home. Waterwood is just now starting to progress in more land purchases and development of housing. Waterwood needs to be a promising destination NOW.

The more Waterwood becomes an attractive place to live, the more capital will be available for improvements to be made.





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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

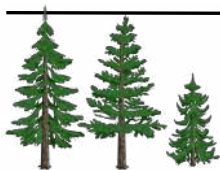
SUNDAY | JULY 4th



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.

Special July 4th Custom "WIA The People" Tee's Order in WIA Office or call 936-891-7710

WIA the People July 4th Tee Shirts



kid friendly back of shirt

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T-Shirt prices

Kid sizes adult sizes small-X Large **\$20 each**

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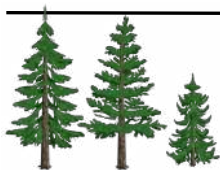
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***your choice of shirt back (with or without the sentence in red with alcohol reference)**



Last day to order is Wednesday, June 16th



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Waterwood Women's League

Deb Harlow

Hello ladies!

I hope you were able to attend our final meeting of the year at the WIA Pavilion. It was a bit chilly (well, freezing for me) but after the meeting and a wonderful lunch, we had some fun!

Special thanks goes out to Maryann Readal and the ladies from the Texas Thyme Unit. The presentation was amazing and the Kokedama planters were beautiful! Everyone had a great time!

We voted on and elected our new officers for the coming year as well:

President- Dianne Chrestopoulos

Vice President- Lalla Goka

Secretary- Trista Byrd

Treasurer- Pat Chandler

Thanks so much for stepping up! Please remember, these ladies need our support! They can't do what they do without volunteers from our membership.

If you'd like to get involved in a wonderful organization, please think about joining us this fall when meetings resume in September. Membership cost is only \$20 per year unless there is a slight increase for next year. We should have a full slate of events now that COVID is (hopefully) no longer keeping us from enjoying social events!

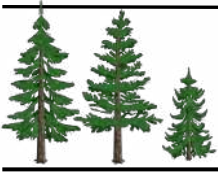
Don't forget to check out our Facebook page for upcoming events! WWL is a 501(c)3 organization. Our main goal is to provide educational scholarships for local students. Please join us! We have a lot of fun, do a lot of great things and we'd love to have you!

See you in September!

Deb Harlow, Secretary

Waterwood Women's League





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WNGRA

Al Rincon, Events/Tournaments Chair

**1st Annual
Norman Snapp Memorial Tournament**

4 Person Scramble
June 19, 2021 ♦ 10am ♦ \$60+/- Donation
Call (713)560-8972 or alrincon@kw.com
WATERWOOD NATIONAL GOLF & RECREATION ASSOCIATION




THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU Waterwood!

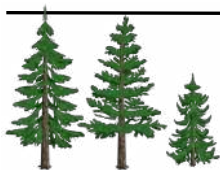
You have rallied together like Champions for this event!



We are up to 115 Golfers, the majority of which are all Residents, Relatives and/or Friends of Waterwood Residents. Members of WNGRA are now focused on tidying up Tournament Day details including Raffle prizes, volunteers, course condition prepwork, weedeating, detailed greens prep, signage and banners, etc. Some really cool Raffle items are already coming in, for example Beachfront Condo long weekend, Custom woodwork tables with commemorative Norman Snapp golf flag inserts, Masters Championship Autographed Golf Ball, Charles-Hubert of Paris Pocket Watch, Wine Baskets, Golf Baskets, etc. We have the food nailed down, but if anyone has a connection for someone in the beer industry, we could sure use a good contact. We are also very excited to announce we have achieved 170% of our initial Gross Revenue Goal! And we're not done yet! We look forward to funding some of the cool ideas and greenspace maintenance which we've all wanted to do for such a long time. Please spread the word that we still need a few more Hospitality Volunteers and more Raffle Prizes. Please contact us if you're interested or have a raffle prize contribution. Lastly, please share the registration link once more and let people know that the cutoff date for Hole Sponsor signs is June 1st! <https://waterwood.perfectgolfevent.com/>

Thank you for all the help and participation you've provided thus far! God Bless You.

Al Rincon, Tournament Director



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Floods are right up their alley Hérons and Egrets, oh, my!

By Ruth Massingill



After a spring in which Waterwood lived up to its name, with rains coming almost every day for weeks, the lake level is high, and the fishing is fine for the herons and egrets of East Texas. The standing water in ditches and fields provides even more places for these year-round residents to find edibles.

Waterwood's lakeside location, forested areas and warm climate attract at least a half dozen different herons and egrets. Many people think of herons and egrets as being the same, and although they do belong to the same avian family, they are different genera, so they do not interbreed. Both have long necks, medium to large bodies and long pointed bills, but egrets are white, while herons exhibit various colors. Herons typically perch high in a tree when resting, but egrets tend to stand in shallow water. When they do take flight, herons are smoother and more graceful.

Perhaps the most frequently spotted member of this family is the Great Blue Heron, which is the largest and the most abundant heron in North America. Sometimes you may hear the Great Blue's distinctive hoarse, [frog-like call](#) before you see the bird. They have long legs, a sinuous neck and a thick, daggerlike bill. Head, chest and wing plumes give a shaggy appearance. When hunting, Great Blue Herons wade slowly or stand statue-like stalking fish, amphibians or reptiles. They also eat small mammals, insects and other birds. If frightened, they take flight and glide gracefully at speeds up to 20 to 30 miles per hour.

The largest colonies of Great Blues in Texas are in forested east inland areas, where groups gather in 'heronries' to build stick nests high off the ground. The males collect the materials, and the female weaves a platform and makes a nest lined with pine needles, moss and such. Nest building can take up to two weeks.

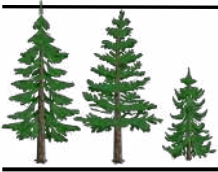
The Great Egret is sometimes mis-identified as a heron, but they are slightly smaller and more svelte than the Great Blue, although their hunting techniques and diet are similar. The Great Egret is pure white with black legs and a yellow bill. They were hunted almost to extinction for their showy plumes in the late 1800s, sparking conservation efforts and some of the first laws to protect birds. The Great Egret is the symbol of the National Audubon Society, which was founded in 1905 to protect birds from being killed for their feathers.

The Great Egret male builds a nest platform high off the ground, often over water, before pairing up with a female. He grows long plumes on his back and participates in elaborate courtship displays. The female may lay as many as six eggs, but aggression among the chicks is common, with larger nestlings often killing their smaller siblings, a behavior known as siblicide.

In addition to the Great Blue Herons, there are several smaller herons that you might see in Waterwood, especially if you go bird watching in the evening. The Black-crowned Night-Heron and the Yellow-crowned Night-Heron are much smaller, stockier birds than the Great Blue Heron or the Great Egret, with purple-gray colors and black or yellow plumes. Also, the similar-sized Green Heron can be spotted around our lake and ponds, where it frequently drops twigs or insects into the water as "bait" to lure in a fish dinner.

Perhaps the most unusual of all the birds in this family is the Cattle Egret, which does not fish in lakes or ponds, but spends most of its time in fields where there are grazing cattle that stir up insects or frogs and provide ticks for additional snacks. This stocky white bird with yellow plumes either forages at the feet of grazing cattle or rides on their backs. Cattle Egrets are native to Africa, but have spread over most of the world, arriving in the United States in the early 1940s. You will likely see them in any field near wetlands where cattle or horses are kept.

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With this abundance of herons and egrets in our area, you are almost sure to spot one when out walking, biking or golfing near the lake. And, you will probably see Cattle Egrets when you drive past a pasture with livestock. Enjoy!

Fun Fact: Cattle Egrets have many names around the world, usually referencing the grazing animals they team up with to forage. In various languages they are known as cow cranes, cow herons, cow birds, elephant birds, rhinoceros egrets, and hippopotamus egrets.

Have you seen any or all of these birds around Waterwood? You can contact Ruth at: ruthmassingill@yahoo.com



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