

### **April 2022**

### **Calendar**

- 4-5 Heavy Trash Pickup
- 4-15 MUD Meeting
- 4-18 WIA Meeting
- 4-30 Spring Fling
- 6-4 Ice Cream Social
- 7-2 July 4th
  Celebration

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**WIA Office** 936-891-7710

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### <u>Membership Vote for Multi-Use Building & Amendments to</u> Residential Policies – WIA Board of Directors

Larry Maas, WIA President

The ballots for the vote on the multi-use building and the Waterwood Policies on Residential lots were due into the WIA office by March 31, 2022. The final results of the voting are as follows:

<u>Multi-Use Building</u> – 171 votes in Favor; 64 Against. Proposal passes.

The building is designed to contain a covered mail cluster box (including small parcel boxes) area large enough to handle future growth, a 24/7/365 day parcel room, security personnel office/apartment, EMS office/apartment and a recreation/workout/yoga room.

The building will be located along Waterwood Parkway between Marina Access Road and Latrobe on property already owned by WIA. There will not be a charge for post boxes. Construction will commence once funding is secured.

<u>Waterwood Policies on Residential Lots</u> – 145 votes in favor; 44 Against. Proposal passes.

The Policies will take effect immediately.

### Spring is here and SUMMER is coming soon!

2022 Pool Passes are now available at the WIA office from 7:30am - 4:30pm, Monday-Friday.

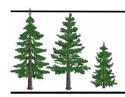
The 2022 swimming pool pass is \$20, as long as you bring back last year's pass. If you have lost, misplaced, or loaned your card, the pool pass is \$20 PLUS a \$75 replacement fee for last year's pool card. Everyone purchasing a pool card will be required to complete new paperwork and sign a new set a rules. Please remember that there are cameras at the pool and in the WIA office that are monitored daily while the office is open and from security.

Hope to see you soon!!!!

Lisa Hayman

**Executive Director** 





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### **Spring Fling**

Larry Westerdahl, WIA Social Director



# Waterwood is celebrating 50 years 1972-2022!

Please join us for the celebration during our annual Spring Fling on April 30th at the Waterwood Pavilion from 11:00-2:00.

### Waterwood Security

Randy Ayers, WIA Security Director

Recently, we have had some questions regarding routine times for daily Security patrol throughout Waterwood. This is to inform residents that the Security patrolling times change on a daily basis for each area of the community.

I would also like to thank all the residents that call in to security when they see things that could be a potential security problem in Waterwood. I feel our security team has done an excellent job of making sure that all are residents are protected and safe.

Our security team is comprised of Tom Alyea, Jon Kegerreis, Shane Turman and James Little. Our security phone number is (936) 661-2800.

Thank you,

Randy Ayers-Director Security



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### **Disaster Preparedness**

Sam Butler, WIA Vice President

We last tested our plan back in April 2021 so it is time to test the plan again. The date for the second test will be announced at the Spring Fling and will also be announced in the WWN in next month's edition.

Planning and training is in motion among our Block Captains and soon will be for our Boat Captains as well. We know we will have more residents participating this time and the desired result is that we make contact with all the residents who have provided their contact information to their Block Captains. We are hoping for better communication from the Fire Chief to the Block Captains and have plans in place to make that happen. Thanks to our Fire Chief, Block Captains, Boat Captains and residents for their preparation.

The Boat Captains Disaster Preparedness Plan will have some modifications from last year. Instead of residents going to a boat house near them they will instead go to a designated muster pickup point in Waterwood. Planning is in place to designate these pickup points and this plan will have final details prior to the second annual test.

Sign up for residents who wish to participate is still available in the WIA office so please take care of this as soon as possible. Once residents are signed up they will be contacted for instructions on how to use GroupMe on their cell phones by their Block Captain.

### **Waterwood Post Office Boxes**

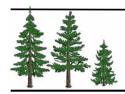


Melanie Cook, Palmer Real Estate

As many of you already know, after visiting with me or seeing it on Facebook, I will continue offering USPS mail service at the Palmer Real Estate office here in Waterwood. Even with the possibility of a new facility and contrary to the rumor mill, I will NOT be closing the current boxes so for those of you who would like to keep your address as is, we're here for the long haul. As an update, two new clusters have been ordered and should arrive within the next two weeks. There will be more than enough boxes to meet the needs of the current waiting list. Being at the mercy of a contractor who meets the requirements, my hope is they will be installed by the end of April. Stay tuned as I will keep you updated on the progress. And thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,

Melanie Cook



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#### Maintenance

Rick Harlow, WIA Maintenance Director

We have several areas in the community under repair. Sinkholes on Bayhill and Latrobe have been stabilized and are ready for asphalt. Two utility connections that were previously repaired, are being readdressed under warranty. The county confirmed the culvert on Latrobe is at an acceptable elevation and is also awaiting asphalt.

The large hole at the household garbage area, has been addressed and awaiting repair as well. The contractor responded to the emergency sinkhole issues but must finish their job in Houston before doing all the asphalt work. Waterwood is scheduled for 11 April.

I plan on continuing with the five year roadway tree trimming program within the next few weeks.

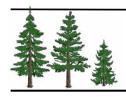
Please look at your properties. Several have dead trees that could be hazardous to structures and roadways that need to be removed. When necessary, WIA sends out notification letters to the property owners. There are several tree companies to choose from. Thank You in advance for eliminating the liabilities to your neighbors.



Photo Courtesy of Mike Ross



Photo Courtesy of Tom Readal



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#### **WNGRA**

Rick Harlow, WIA Liaison to WNGRA

The following letters are from WNGRA and address current and future projects as well as revised agreement for Golf Course use. Be aware WIA donations to the course only pay for mowing of the perimeter outside of fairways. All other work done on this course is completed and financed by members of WNGRA. There are currently only 59 members, many of which don't even play golf WNGRA needs all the financial support as well as volunteers from this community it can get.

#### Waterwood Board Update From WNGRA

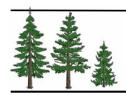
Spring is approaching!! We thought we'd update our membership on what is going on and what has transpired with our golf course. Many projects are in the process of being completed or are completed.

- 1. The pumps and motors are being delivered the week of March 14. Once onsite Keith Caulfield and Raymond will be leading the team in hooking them up and putting them online.
- 2. Calvin is getting ready to start pouring the concrete for the bridge piers on number 7. Any assistance you can provide will be welcome. Please contact Calvin.
- 3. As most of you know, the bridge connecting holes 7&8 was completed. If you haven't gone over it in the evening you should. The solar lights provided by John Heil provide a professional patina.
- 4. The switch boxes for the pumps will be going in under the supervision of Calvin Bailey. This will occur around the time of the new pump installation.
- 5. The leak at number 7 has been repaired and is ready for testing once the pumps and motors are installed.
- The first fertilizer application and the Goose and Crabgrass killer will go on the week of March 14.

Bids will be solicited for the course maintenance currently handled by Oscar's Landscaping.

#### Upcoming projects

- 1. The bathrooms will be receiving a much-needed renovation. Blue rock will replace the existing paneling and the lights will be replaced with motion detector sensors in order to save on electrical costs. This project is already being planned by James Schwebach.
- 2. The greens will receive a monthly application of fertilizer and we will double the water application this year.
- 3. All the damaged valves and pipe leaks will be repaired.
- 4. Our first tournament will take place July 9<sup>th</sup> at Bearcat Golf Course (formerly Raven Nest). It will be coordinated by one of our newest members, Christin Dietze and Al Rincon. Details will be forthcoming.
- 5. The exercise equipment will be installed for our non-golfing members.
- 6. In October we will continue our onsite tournament (The Norman Sapp Memorial Tournament). Hopefully, by then, we will have rehabilitated the greens and will be able to strut our stuff with our beautiful Pete Dye course. This tournament will be coordinated by Christin Dietze. Al Rincon will be turning over the reins to Christin.



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As you can tell, we've accomplished a lot and will continue to explore other areas of improvement such as repairing the electronic watering controls, repairing the damaged railroad ties and replacing the split rail fencing. We have spent a lot of money this year and the tournament as well as donations from Matt Landreau and Joe Nocito were a big boon, but not as impactful as your monthly donations. As you enjoy the course remember that you can set up your monthly donation as a direct payment from your account, the same way you set up your bill pay. Your donations make a huge difference and we can only have a positive effect based on your kindness and generosity. This course belongs to the residents of Waterwood and we would hope your stewardship commences or continues. You can remit your donation to: WNGRA, 18 Waterwood, Huntsville, TX 77320 or drop your donation off at the WIA office.

Lastly, we would like to thank WIA for their continued support. We certainly could not exist without them.

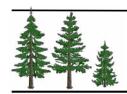
REVISED AGREEMENT BETWEEN WATERWOOD NATIONAL ASSOCIATES, L.P. (WNA) AND WATERWOOD NATION-AL MEN'S GOLF ASSN., herein and henceforth referred to as WATERWOOD NATIONAL GOLF AND RECREATION AS-SOCIATION (WNGRA).

(Replaces both the original Agreement Between Waterwood National Associates, L.P. (WNA) and WATERWOOD NA-TIONAL MGA dated June 15, 2009) and the Revised Agreement between Waterwood National Associates, L.P. and Waterwood National Golf and Recreation Association (WNGRA) dated January 19, 2019.

1. The Waterwood National Resort ground(s) is hereby dedicated (rededicated 10/01/2021) for the recreational use of all property owners and property owner's long term tenants in the Waterwood Community at no cost to said owners, residents and long term tenants for any safe type use such as hiking, biking, golf, bird watching, fishing and the like. No motorized vehicles except golf carts and golf course maintenance equipment are allowed on golf course property. WNGRA will pay all costs associated with the maintenance of the golf course unless otherwise agreed with WNA. WNGRA may receive voluntary contributions from owners, long term tenants and WNGRA members to help defray those costs but in no case will contributions be required of any Waterwood Resident or the long term tenant of any property owner for the above described use of the resort grounds. Short term guests of WNGRA members and residents will be asked to make a donation of \$25.00 per player when playing the golf course. The property owners or long term tenants whose guests are playing the golf course are responsible for collecting the donations and forwarding them to the Treasurer of WNGRA.

The stated purpose of the donations is to help defray the cost of course maintenance. WNGRA is not authorized to charge a fee for golf course usage (a greens fee). However, WNGRA is designated as a 501-C7 organization under the rules of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and is thus authorized to receive donations to defray the costs of course maintenance. In no case will donations be required of any WaterWood resident for the above-described use of the grounds. All other donations are, and will remain, strictly voluntary.

- 2. WNGRA will reimburse WNA for all electricity used to operate the golf course irrigation system and the maintenance barn.
- 3. WNGRA assumes all costs for any breakdowns of water pumps, irrigation system, bridge repairs etc., unless otherwise agreed with WNA. Also included are any other problems such as disease or insects that might affect the appearance and or playability of any portion the golf course and the turfgrasses thereof.
- 4. WNGRA assumes all water use cost under the terms of the Trinity River Authority (TRA) LIMITED RAW WATER SALES AGREEMENT presently in place and renewed in November 2018 for five years ending December 31, 2023. (At present the TRA water agreement calls for payment of \$9500.00 annually plus the cost of any overages in actual water use (over 100 acre feet). That cost is \$95.00 per acre foot. The water use agreement exists between WNA and the TRA. When the payment is due WNGRA will pay WNA and WNA will pay the TRA. Typically this occurs in December.



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- 5. WNA may, at any time, sell the resort or begin the process of redevelopment. In any such case WNGRA agrees to relinquish all rights to the operation and use of the golf course upon receipt of written 30-day notice from WNA.
- 6. WNGRA will ensure that any resident of the Waterwood Community will be able to enjoy any safe recreational pursuit without conflict with those who primarily utilize the golf course. Rules of safety will be in effect and will be presented by WNGRA to all residents, long term tenants and guests of property owners and said tenants.

REVISED WATERWOOD AGREEMENT, OCTOBER 01, 2021 WATERWOOD NATIONAL ASSOCIATE, L.P. (WNA) MATT LANDREAU, Owner's Representative

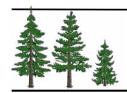




Bunday Couples Golf







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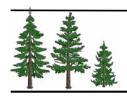
Progress on the new bridge thanks to Calvin, Krista, Alex, Dianne, Richard and Keith! Be sure to check the WNGRA Facebook page for updates and help requests. Our community is fortunate to have these talented, hard working volunteers who make Waterwood a better place for all to enjoy!







Let's Play! Click here to save your spot! https://waterwood.perfectgolfevent.com/



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### LCS Fibercom, LLC Project Update

Jamie Groskopf

#### Hello Waterwood!

Here is your monthly update on the fiber optic project through the end of March. To date we have installed well over 50,000 feet of cable to bring service into Waterwood! We finally received our large plow machine back from Ditch Witch after an extended delay due to COVID related parts backlogs. This should allow us to speed up installation in some areas.

Greentree Village is 95% completed! There are several homes awaiting the resident to be available for installation but the network is online and many customers are connected. I encourage those who are online with us to share their experiences! This will complete Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the project. We are now planning Phase 3, 4, and 5 for the summer construction period. This was purposely left flexible to respond to the areas of highest interest at the time of construction. Based on the percentage of signups in certain areas we are tentatively designating the following tasks to these phases. The order of construction on these phases may overlap or flip-flop depending on conditions.

### Phase 3 – Whispering Pines 1 and parts of Whispering Pines 2

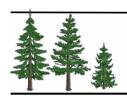
This phase will build into Whispering Pines 1 and portions of Whispering Pines 2 along Waterwood Parkway from the previously installed main line. This will include main construction and connecting the homes that have signed up.

#### Phase 4 – Main Line Extension FM-980 to Bay Hill Rd

This phase will extend the main line from FM-980 to the East into Waterwood. The final path may change a bit but tentatively this will consist of installing the main cable along Waterwood Parkway, through Lakeview Estates at GlenEagle, onto Latrobe at Pine Valley, to Doral and finally to Bay Hill Rd. There will also be legs extended to Fairway One from Pine Valley at Latrobe, Marina Rd to Bassboat Village/The Beach and Doral to LaJolla. This phase will not focus on individual installations as much as getting the main line installed to major areas of Waterwood for those future local installations.

#### Phase 4B – Main Line Adjoining Areas

This phase will go back along the Phase 4 main line to connect homes in close proximity. Tentatively these areas will include Fairway 1, parts of Lakeview Estates, Putter's Point, and homes along Doral to Bay Hill Rd. From a network standpoint these areas require several different connections which is why it was broken out into a separate portion of the Phase 4 work.



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### Phase 5 - Doral and LaJolla Peninsulas

The Doral and LaJolla areas have both expressed a very high degree of interest with the vast majority signed up for service. The high level of interest has moved the priority of these areas up from previous plans. This phase will extend the main line to the remaining portion of Doral and to the end of LaJolla and connect all the interested homes along these portions.

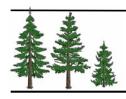
These plans are subject to change based on conditions. Once completed, these phases will bring the project toward the final phases as we work to fill in the remaining areas along that main line. We expect construction to continue into next year. Please take advantage of the free installation period for your respective areas. We are already having to go back into the network to add homes in Greentree Village that could have been connected the first time through now that their neighbors are giving good reviews. We may have to put these late requests on hold to keep the main construction on task.



Please consider donating to our 2022 Fireworks Show to be held on Saturday, July 2nd.

We are still under our goal and would love to be able to provide the same kind of show that we have all come to love and appreciate each year. This year we will deal with price increases and need to place our order soon to ensure availability. If you would like to donate, please stop by the WIA office, drop an envelope in the afterhours mail slot, or mail check to 62 Waterwood. You can also donate by credit card over the phone by calling the WIA office.

Your support is greatly appreciated!!!



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#### Waterwood Women's League—Minutes from March 9, 2022

Trista Byrd

Dianne Chrestopoulos opened our meeting. There were 25 ladies present. We met at the WIA Office.

Trista read the minutes from the Jan. meeting and they were approved.

Shirley collected 30lbs of toiletries. Carol Magee and Marla Fink delivered them.

The new member to the club was announced: Elizabeth Harris

There was open discussion on ideas of fund raising, as we are in need of scholarship money.

The Plant Sale will be at the Herb Festival - March 26<sup>th</sup>. More discussion to come and it was noted that if we are going to do these fund raisers, we need people to volunteer to help and participate. Signup sheets were available for people to volunteer for the various fund raiser jobs.

Pat Chandler gave us the Treasurer's report stating that we have \$30,504 including the CD The report was accepted.

We are in need of a Vice President and Social Media/FB Page and WIA Liaison for next year, so if you are so inclined, please contact Jane Presley 713-859-9022. She will explain the job duties so let her know.

There is still a need for elementary age boys' clothes. If you have items that could be used please call Marla Fink at 9817-726-1395 or Shirley Morrell 713-825-1952.

Water Yoga will start up again in the summer.

Discussion about gourds that some of the ladies have been painting was had which was headed up by Debbie Maas and will be sold at the Herd Festival booth. Some were sold at this meeting-they are beautiful. Volunteers will be needed to help at the festival on March 26<sup>th</sup>- 8am to 2 pm. 2 shifts will be available 7:00 to 10:30 and 10:30 to 2pm set up will start on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup>.

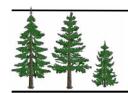
Many members are making items to sell at the Herb Festival booth. If you have anything that you would like to make and sell, contact Debbie Maas. Wanda will be making one of her beautiful stained glass art items to sell.

Let Trista Byrd (tbbyrd612@yahoo.com) or Deb Harlow (rdrharlow.2@aol.com) know if you are coming to the April 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting. We are going to Kim's Garden Center. Carpooling will be available. Meet at the parking lot of the pavilion at 9:20. Lunch will be at La Mission on the Hwy 45 feeder in Huntsville.

Dianne introduced our speaker for the day: Ruth Massingill-Birds of Waterwood. The talk was fascinating and we learned a lot. Did you know that there are 18,000 species of birds and 657 in Texas? They have fantastic memories, can travel very long distances based on the season, and have their own language.

A lunch of Quiche and fruit was served.

Our final meeting of the year will be in May 11. It will be a painting party at the Pavilion. All supplies will be provided. Cost is \$30 CASH OR \$35 PAY PAL.



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#### Perky, persistent and plentiful

### Carolina Wrens feel right at home in your yard

By Ruth Massingill

You have no doubt seen the perky little cinnamon-colored birds with a white eyebrow and a long, upward cocked tail hopping around your yard. And, if you leave your garage door open for awhile, they are likely to start building a twiggy nest in an old boot, a box or on a shelf. Carolina Wrens are not picky about nesting sites. They will gladly inhabit a nest box, but will also use flowerpots, mailboxes or hanging ferns; even a wreath on a front



Carolina Wren Adult

Although they are the largest wren species in eastern America, Carolina Wrens are tiny—only 5.5 inches from their bill to the tip of their long tails—but they have plenty of personality, and they are VERY loud and insistent. When you hear the high-decibel *teakettle-teakettle!* song, you are listening to a male marking his territory. The female doesn't sing, but she does make the chatter alarm sounds that signal a perceived threat. Smaller than a sparrow, male and female Carolina Wrens look alike in plumage, but the male is somewhat larger.

Carolina Wrens are, appropriately enough, the state bird of South Carolina, but the petite songbirds are found abundantly in the eastern United States, where they are year-round residents. Since they are watchful of predators such as blue jays and hawks, they like to perch in dense vegetation, so you might hear them more often than you see them. Brush piles are particularly attractive hiding places.

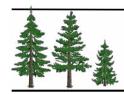
When not sheltering in thick vines or bushes, Carolina Wrens search for food on or near the ground. Surprisingly, the little birds are weak flyers that make quick flights over short distances, but are more at home hopping on the ground to snare insects and spiders, which make up the bulk of their diet. They even like to dine on cockroaches! They sometimes eat lizards or frogs and a small amount of seeds and berries. In the winter, they will visit suet-filled feeders.

These tiny birds are fiercely loyal in their family relationships. Carolina Wrens are monogamous, and the pair will stay together for life, foraging and moving around their territory together. They never take a vacation from singing or defending their homeland. In East Texas, Carolina Wrens build nests less than 10 feet off the ground starting in late February and extending to late August, typically having up to three broods a year. Nests are constructed from a variety of materials, often including a piece of snakeskin. Multiple nests are built to confuse predators such as squirrels, foxes, rat snakes and racoons, which consume eggs and fledglings. If you choose to set up a nesting box for a breeding pair, be sure to attach a protective predator quard.

Nest of Baby Wrens



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When they feel threatened, Carolina Wrens go on the offensive, first scolding and chasing the intruder. If that doesn't work, the wrens may destroy the nests and eggs of larger cavity nesters, such as sparrows and cardinals, which they see as competition for nesting sites. Once a Carolina Wren pair has settled in an area, they're likely to stay there and mate together for a long time, reusing the same nest more than once.

The Carolina Wren's persistent vigilance pays off—although they are one of the smallest songbirds, they have adapted and thrived, often living in close proximity to humans. While many bird species' numbers are declining, the total breeding population of Carolina Wrens is estimated at 14 million and their numbers are increasing.

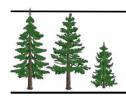
Enjoy the antics and serenades of our local Carolina Wrens and look carefully for tiny winged nest builders before closing your garage door!

**Fun Fact**: If it seems that you frequently hear Carolina Wrens when you are out in your yard, you are correct; a single male Carolina Wren can sing as many as 40 different songs – up to 3,000 times in a single day. That's a lot of birdsong!

Share bird stories with Ruth at:ruthmassingill@yahoo.com



Carolina Wren Fledging



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Come and learn how to push hard and push fast your way to a CPR certification! Heart disease is the number one killer of men and women in the United States. Early detection and intervention could be the contributing factor to saving a life.

Learn to recognize life threatening bleeding and how to properly intervene. From identifying types of bleeding, packing a wound, to accurate placement of a tourniquet, this hands-on class is a great way to prepare yourself if an emergency arises.

My name is <u>Kaitlin Cook</u> and I am the Vice President of the San Jacinto County First Responders. My goal is to get as many SJC citizens educated and trained in CPR and bleeding control. San Jacinto is a very large county, which means it could be a while until help arrives. Take the steps now to educate you and your family on emergency procedures.

#### Below you will find class descriptions and prices.

#### **CLASSES:**

**BLS**- CPR for Healthcare Providers \$50 per person

**Heartsaver CPR AED-** CPR course for individuals with little to no medical training who need a completion card for their job. \$50 per person

**Family and Friends CPR-** This course is a hands-on informative class that does not certify you. You will receive a course completion card at the end. Great for parents, grandparents, kids, and community members. \$20 per person. \*Get a group of 10 together and price will go down to \$15 per person\*

**Stop the Bleed-** Free to the public. Max class size is 20 individuals.

#### **Contact Kaitlin Cook by:**

Email-sjcfresponders@gmail.com

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#### Hello, Bridge Players!!

We are a local (Coldspring) bridge group that hosts regular weekly daytime bridge games, and occasionally, a weekend game. We are currently seeking bridge players who represent all levels of experience. If you're new to the game or have been playing as long as you can remember, or anywhere in between, we'd love to play bridge with you.

We're looking forward to hearing from you, and we're especially hopeful that you'll be joining us!

Please contact Zelda at the following email address for more information:

jones.zelda@gmail.com

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