

Waterwood Neighborhood News

April 2023

Calendar

04/12 Women's League Meeting

04/16 Easter Sunday

04/17 WIA Meeting

04/21 MUD Meeting

04/29 Women's League Garage Sale

05/06 WIA Spring Fling/Special Meeting

SAVE THE DATE

07/01 July 4th Celebration & Fireworks

Did you know...

If you have questions or about our subdivision, you can find most of your answers, along with a calendar of events and restrictions at:

www.waterwoodwia.hoaspace.com?

Also, there is a wealth of information exchanged at our monthly WIA Board meetings held the 3rd Monday of the month in the WIA conference room at 9am. Come get involved and stay informed!

Links

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Waterwood MUD
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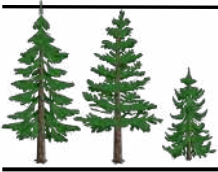
Waterwood VFD
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Roy Knapp,

Waterwood Municipal Utility District Board President

Spring is here and we are beginning to prepare our yards and homes. For those with irrigation systems now is the time to check for leaks which can add to bills. The MUD District has begun to replace older meters and bring spring maintenance up to date.

The March meeting concerned the District's plan for a new bond proposal. The application for bonds begin with our engineer formulating a Capital Improvement Plan or CIP. It will be the engineer's assessment of the district's most pressing needs that the board members, with the recommendations from Precision Utilities, will determine where the bonds will be applied. The District's bond advisor, RCB has advised us that we would qualify for \$2.1-\$2.3 million dollars. This amount will not affect the MUD tax. There are several regulations and procedures that will take time before the board can proceed with much needed improvements. Precision is now preparing a rate study which will allow the board members to discuss and determine where the district can raise fees. The next meeting for the MUD will be April 21st at 3:00 in the WIA building and we invite one and all to join us. The board wishes to extend to our friend, Marla Fink and family, our sincerest sympathies and prayers.



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Special Meeting of the Membership

A Special meeting of the membership of the Association is scheduled for 10:00 AM CT at the Waterwood Pavilion, on May 6, 2023. The Special meeting is to vote on reclassifying a lot in Park Forest Village from a single-family lot to unrestricted. The lot is intended to be the location of the multi-purpose building. Two other amendments to the governing documents related to short-term rentals less than 90 days are also on the ballot. The explanation for the revote on the short-term rental amendments is below:

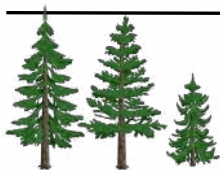
On February 20, 2017, Waterwood adopted a new amendment procedure under Section 211.004. The new amendment process reads (in pertinent part) as follows:

- “The members of the Waterwood Improvement Association, Inc. shall have the right, at any time hereafter, to amend the Protective Covenants, all on file with the County Clerk of San Jacinto County, and the General Warranty Deed filed at Vol. 141, pages 802, et seq, Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas, by a majority vote of the members of Waterwood Improvement Association, Inc. **who vote in the election, at a Special or Annual meeting at which a quorum is had, voting in favor of such amendment** to any or all of the restrictions, conditions, and protective covenants applicable to the Waterwood Subdivision, with each member who is eligible to vote being entitle to one (1) vote regardless of the number of lots owned in the Waterwood Subdivision.”

Since the adoption of the new amendment process, Waterwood has proposed amendments to the Governing Document. In years 2018, 2019 and 2022 votes were cast by mail-in absentee ballots and/or by the members voting in person or by proxy at the respective Annual meetings of the members at which a quorum was present.

However, the vote taken related to short-term rentals in December 2022 did not occur at an Annual or Special meeting as required by the adopted amendment process. Due to this interpretation of the amendment process, Waterwood’s attorney has advised the WIA Board to call a Special meeting of the membership to allow for a revote of the short-term rental amendment.

Ballots are expected to be mailed out by April 3, 2023. If you do not receive a ballot packet in the mail, please contact the WIA office. Please note, to be counted, the absentee ballot or proxy must be signed, dated, and received into the WIA office by no later than May 3, 2023. If you don’t plan to vote by absentee or proxy, you may vote in person at the Special meeting.



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Waterwood Women's League



Last month we ventured to Martha's Bloomers in Navasota. We had a delicious lunch there and then went on to a great tour at the **St. Francis Wolf Sanctuary**. IF you have never been it is a great experience full of knowledge and wonderful stories about all the wolf and half-wolf hybrids at the sanctuary. It's great for kids as well as adults.

Ladies, coming soon we need to think about **elections for board officers**. We have 1 year terms (that are often renewed for 2 years) and we will need a Nominating Committee for a new President, and Secretary. PLEASE consider volunteering for this committee or for a board position.

MANY members have done more than ONE job over the years and it is not fair to ask them to be on the board AGAIN, when SO many new members might be able to lend some **new energy** into the League. The other **option** we have is to **change our by-laws** to read that a term for the board can be extended a year. This is something we will discuss at our April meeting.

Our April meeting will take place on April 12th back at Martha's Bloomers in Navasota.

We will meet at Palmer Real Estate at 10 am and arrive about 11:30 for lunch and shopping! If you are willing to drive let us know via our FB page or if you need a ride, same thing. PLEASE RSVP so we know how many ladies are going to lunch and we can let the nursery/restaurant know.

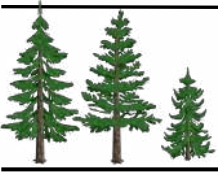
Mark your calendars for **April 29th our Garage Sale Fundraiser** here in Waterwood. We will need help on this day – PLEASE contact Debbie M for information or to rent a booth for the sale! (713) 962-9048

In the upcoming months we are going to be sending out a **survey** regarding the kind of activities you would like to participate in at our monthly meetings. We are working toward a balance of activities to take place here in Waterwood, as well as some away "Field Trips". Your participation in the survey will be very important in planning for the new incoming Board.

You will receive the survey by email so please be sure to fill it out. I am thinking we will have it ready to send out to members in April.

Hope to see all of you at our April Meeting.
Dianne

Click here for the [Waterwood Women's League's Facebook Page](#)



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Keith's Corner: *Waterwood Maintenance for April '23*

Welcome to the April version of our newsletter. *Before we get started, please remember that I have asked everyone to inform Lisa at wia@waterwoodwia.com whenever you see a maintenance issue around here. I have spent several hours logging down everything that has come to my attention so far on a document called the Maintenance Master List. Keep the observations coming, folks, and thank you.*

Right about now, we are trying to encourage the growth of wildflowers in the medians of Waterwood Parkway.

This month's newsletter will outline the issue of wildflowers for all of us. What we are doing about them, and why that sometimes causes conflict. I have talked to several people in the course of developing this. Most notably, thanks go to Tom and Marianne Readal, who spent quite a bit of time answering my questions about this subject.

There are several types of wildflowers that interest folks around these parts. There are Indian Paintbrushes (orange), Coreopsis (yellow), Bluebonnets (green), and gayfeathers (white / pink / purple). *Just making sure you are paying attention, Bluebonnet fans...*

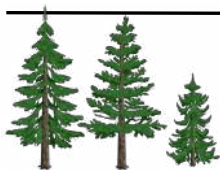
Most of these flowers bloom and seed pretty much right now. The time to 'not mow' them lasts from around March 1 (start of the natural growing season) through early May (after the blooms fade).

Gayfeathers aka 'Blazing Star' are different. They bloom and seed much later in the year. The window to not mow is longer, from March 1 all the way through about September 1. Luckily for the purposes of this neighborhood, the area that gets the most gayfeathers is out at the 190 entrance.

Here are the basic reasons that wildflowers can sometimes be controversial:

- ◆ Wildflowers in Texas are very pretty. Who among us has not experienced taking pictures with kids sitting in the middle of a patch of Bluebonnets in the spring? [Grandkids, wives, great grandkids, etc.] *As a kid once myself, I would probably have a picture in the attic of little Keith in some Bluebonnets, except that I was born before photography. There is a stone carving.....*
- ◆ How do you encourage wildflowers to grow? Basically, the main thing is to not mow them down. God takes care of the rest.
- ◆ When you stop mowing to encourage wildflowers to grow, the grass and weeds around them grow too.
- ◆ Any area within which we protect wildflowers can look un-kept and shabby – except for the beauty of the wildflowers of course.
- ◆ Tall wildflowers: "Good." Tall grass and weeds: "Bad." Unfortunately, they are all mixed together.
- Here's where controversy comes in. It seems like there are two types of people.
 - ◇ People to whom wildflowers speak a special language. People like this get deep appreciation from this natural beauty, especially since it lasts only a limited time.
 - ◇ People who enjoy the flowers to a certain extent but would rather see the subdivision look its best at all times. This would include neatly mowed common areas.

The intent of dealing with a so-called 'wildflower policy' at WIA is to try and strike a balance between these two types of people. We're trying to keep the policy simple, easy to understand, and reasonably effective. Neither of the two sides will likely be 100% happy. The intent is also to give this a try for one year and see what happens next spring: have wildflowers come back stronger? If the policy has caused true hardship for any group, it is certain to have been brought up during the year. Next spring we will see if changes are needed for the policy and adjust it accordingly. Continued...



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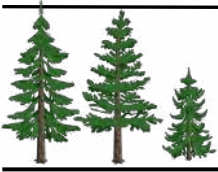
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Here is the 2023 wildflower policy:

- **Encourage wildflower growth by judiciously avoiding ‘general area mowing’ in the Waterwood Parkway [WWP] medians, all the way from Bob Christian Road to the 4- to 2-lane merge across 980.**
 - This area will not be mowed from Mar 1 through sometime in early May to encourage all the wildflowers except Gayfeathers.
 - The goal for re-starting mowing of this area is to have a cleanly-mowed median once again before the start of the Memorial Day weekend – but after the wildflower season.
 - Thus, we have a window of time between May 1 and late May to start mowing again. NOTE that with grass and weeds relatively high by then, it will take at least ‘2 mows’ before the medians get cut down to optimum grass height.
 - In May, conditions of the wildflowers will be monitored to adjust the actual Start Mowing date to assure that the wildflower season is over.
 - The primary thing that could prevent neat medians by Memorial Day would be extended periods of wet conditions in May, preventing the mowers from accessing all areas of the medians. Several areas of the medians get very soggy.
 - Mowing for the remainder of the growing season will proceed as normal, e.g. a well-trimmed appearance.
 - We will mow all side areas [far left and far right] per normal to keep ditches open and flowing.
 - We will mow a ‘skinny strip’ around the median edges to maintain traffic visibility, especially at intersections.
- **Ditto for the median segment at WWP and 190, from the ‘triangle’ at the merge to the end of the median at 190.**
 - The area between the ‘triangle merge’ and the next crossover is prime Gayfeather territory and will not be mowed until approx. September to encourage Gayfeathers. When we do mow, it may take as many as ‘3 mows’ to get this area down to optimum height.
 - The area between that crossover and 190 will be mowed in late May to encourage the other types of flowers.
 - Far left and far right side areas at this location will be mowed as ‘skinny strips.’
- **The 2-lane segments that our contractor takes care of will be mowed per normal practice to keep ditches open and flowing.** *NOTE the county takes care of much of the 2-lane sections of WWP.*
- We’ll keep applying the customary attention to the entrances (signs and flower beds) with no change planned to accommodate wildflowers.

Hopefully everyone who travels WWP can enjoy the wildflowers, and hopefully this will encourage them [the wildflowers] to come back even stronger next year.



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A WIA Sponsored Event

Invites Waterwood Residents to the:

Spring Fling

BBQ Meal with all the fixings

Come enjoy great

food and fellowship

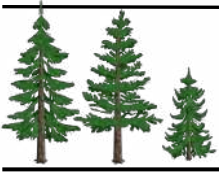
NO TO GO PLATES

Saturday, May 6th

At the Waterwood Pavilion

50/50 Raffle | Live DJ

Plant Drawing Raffle



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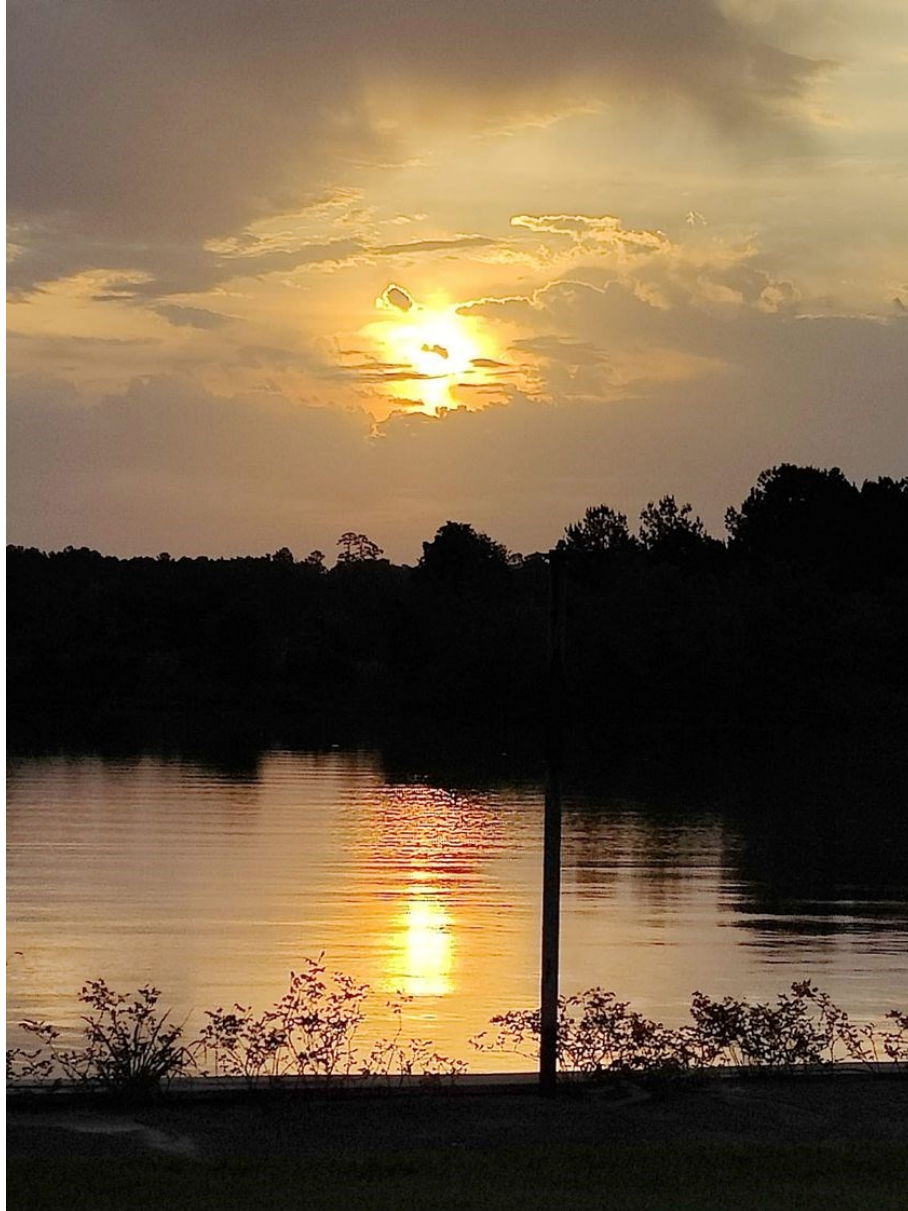
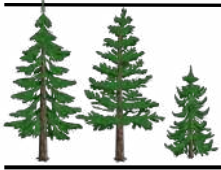


Photo courtesy of Debbie Danford,
Palm Sunday Sunrise

Wishing you and yours a very blessed Easter!



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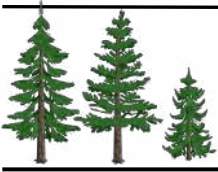
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WNGRA Needs You!

WHAT? Our Community Fundraiser Golf Tournament

WHEN? Saturday April 22, 9am Registration, 10am Tee Time

WHY? To Fund and Maintain our Golf & Greenspace and Preserve Property Values

HOW? More Registrations and Hole Sponsorships! We're at 60+ Registrations and 11 Hole Sponsors

WHO? YOU! Please Click the Link to Register, then Share with Everyone You Know!

<https://waterwood-open-2023.perfectgolfevent.com/>

With Gratitude. Your Tournament Committee.

Cavin, Alex, Dianne, Keith, Ray, Rod, Sharon, David, Mike, & Al

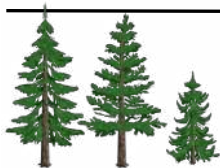
**2023
WATERWOOD OPEN**



4 Person Scramble
 April 22, 2023 ♦ 10am ♦ \$75 Donation Per Player
 Call (713)560-8972 or alrincon@kw.com

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Waterwoodians In & Out, Out & About!

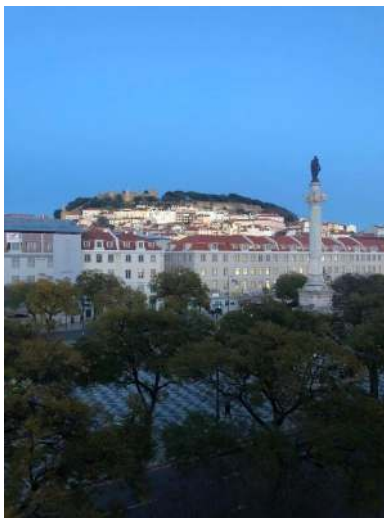
In this new segment of the WNN, we will feature our residents (past & present) in their travels. We will pick photos posted on Social Media to share so we can live vicariously through them while they enjoy life. Feel free to share your travels with us here at news.waterwood@gmail.com!

You enjoying your vacay could be featured in the next newsletter!

Check out these beautiful photos of Steve and Kathy Turchi's recent trip overseas! Thanks for letting us share!



Shrub & grass wall, Madrid, Spain



Lisbon, Portugal...notice the castle on the hill!



Palacio Nacional de Pena (Sintra)

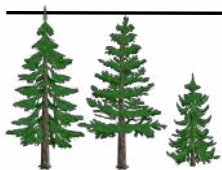


Douro Valley, Portugal. Most vineyards are terraced and the grapes are still picked by hand.



Steve and Shirley Morrell enjoying the beaches of Florida!





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Heading out...going to see sights and visit friends in Mexico!

Guess who?! Expats Steve and Lisa living the good life in Mexico! They send greetings to their friends in Waterwood...



They were the best hosts and tour guides! Mayan ruins, sight-seeing, watching iguanas sunning, roadside stands, fantastic food & drink, and catching up... Thanks Steve and Lisa! See y'all this fall!

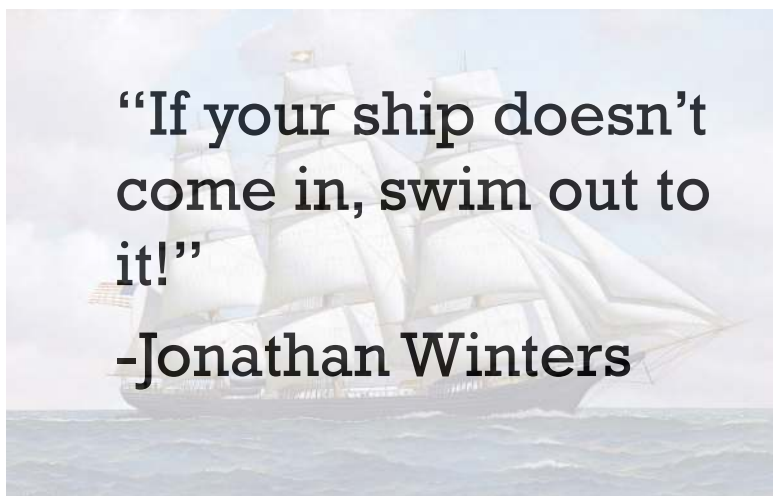
Did you know there is a facebook page for those who may be looking to find homes for stray dogs?

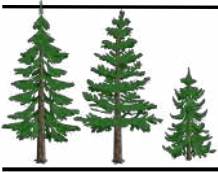
Check out the page at the link below!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/418193832091156>

“If your ship doesn’t come in, swim out to it!”

-Jonathan Winters





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11 am - 1 pm - Luncheon in the WIA Pavilion

Sponsored by the WNGRA

Golf Cart / Bike Parade & Decorating Contest

6:30 - 9:30 - Party at the Marina

WIA's Awesome Fireworks Show

SATURDAY | JULY 1ST

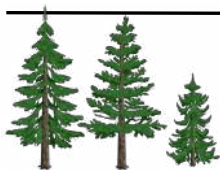
The firework display at the marina has been along standing tradition in Waterwood, Waterwood over the years has had the best fireworks show on Lake Livingston this has been made possible by generous donations from the community.

I am asking that we continue this tradition. *Please Donate.*

Anyone donating \$50 or more will receive two free meals

Donations can be made in the WIA Office.

Thank You, Larry Westerdahl (Social Chair)



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**Water Yoga - Starting May 15th
Every Monday & Friday 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
at the Waterwood Pavilion**



**Cost: \$10 drop-in (or) \$30
for 2 weeks**

**Sign up prior to start day
by texting or calling
Susanne Sharrard,
Certified Yoga Teacher
936.355.1536
(Pending Board approval,
vote in April)**

Let's get some Waterwood representation in San Jacinto County! Coldspring-Oakhurst Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees elections are being held Saturday May 6th, 7am-7pm, with early voting April 24-28 & May 1-2, 8am-5pm. Get out and make your vote count!



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