

Waterwood Neighborhood News

August 2022

Calendar

8-15 WIA Meeting

8-18 MUD Meeting

11-5 Veterans Event

It has been a HOT HOT Summer and the swimming pool is definitely the place to enjoy the sun! Just a reminder, that there are no food or drinks within 3 feet of the swimming pool. Drinks (even those with lids) cannot be in the water or on the edge of the pool. Also, animals are not allowed in the pool area. Please keep in mind that there is no diving into the pool, no running around the pool and especially no running and jumping or doing flips into the pool. Most of all, remember there are cameras that are in the area and they are monitored seven days a week. We want everyone to enjoy a place to have fun and cool off but we just ask that you do it safely while following the rules.

Lisa Hayman
Executive Director

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San Jacinto County Sheriff
936-653-4367

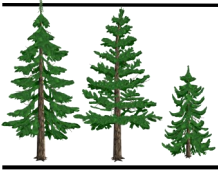
WIA Office
936-891-7710

Waterwood VFD
936-755-0960.

2022 Annual Meeting

The 2022 Annual Meeting is scheduled for 10:00am on October 8, 2022. All property owners are invited to attend. The meeting as in past years will be held at the Waterwood pavilion. At this meeting new Board members will be introduced and any election results will be announced. This meeting is an opportunity for property owners to ask questions of the Board. More information regarding the meeting will be announced as the date gets closer.

WIA has waterproof maps of Lake Livingston and surrounding communities for sale in the WIA office for only \$5 per map.



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Waterwood 2022 Annual HOA Fees

Larry Maas, WIA Board President

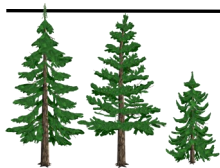
The Waterwood Improvement Association (WIA) will set the annual HOA fees for 2022 during the October 17, 2022 Board meeting. Also, the 2023 Revenue and Operating Expense Budget will be discussed and approved during this meeting. Projects such as road repairs, tree trimming, building repairs, vehicle replacements and other significant items to include in the budget shall be discussed during this meeting. All property owners are invited to attend.

As previously reported in past newsletters, the WIA Board has focused this year on collecting delinquent HOA fees. A special thank you goes to residents Crystal Butler and Pat Zappa along with Board member Phyllis Lavallais for preparing and sending out hundreds of delinquent letters. The number of hours to prepare these letters is significant and also requires WIA office staff time to prepare the invoices and balance statements. In addition, the Texas Property Code requires these letters to be sent by certified mail. Postage costs for sending these letters in 2022 has exceeded \$5,000.

The 2022 WIA Annual HOA fee invoices shall be mailed out in November and due into the WIA office by no later than December 31, 2022. If you do not receive an Annual HOA Charge invoice by November 30, 2022, please contact the WIA office. Property owners are required to pay their annual HOA fee on time regardless of whether an invoice is received or not. There is no grace period beyond December 31. Any payments made after December 31, 2022 shall incur an interest charge even if only a couple of days late. The WIA office staff will be instructed to calculate and charge interest on any payment made or post marked after December 31.

If you wish to pay your HOA fee in installments, you must contact and sign a Payment Plan contract on or before December 31, with your first payment due no later than January 31, 2023. If you establish your Payment Plan contract after December 31, you will be charged interest for the days up to the date of your first payment. If you establish a payment plan and miss a payment, your balance will become payable in full immediately and per the Texas Property Code, you will not be allowed to request a new payment plan for two years following the default.

The WIA Board is making every effort to collect from all property owners. So far this year, dozens of property owner accounts have been turned over to the Association attorney for collection. The WIA Board appreciates all property owners' attention and diligence in paying their HOA fees timely.



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Waterwood Maintenance Report

Rick Harlow, WIA Board Maintenance Director

It's been a busy couple of months. We had difficulties getting supplies for the pool. Mr. Tom Readal went on vacation, so I came off the bench and attempted to fill his position. We made it through his absence, but realize what an amazing job he does with the Waterwood Park area. Neighbors, please join me in thanking him if you see him on one of his many morning visits.

Residents and more were able to enjoy the Independence Day activities. A lot of people worked extremely hard to make it a wonderful event. Please consider donating to the Fireworks fund for next year. It is strictly by donation that they are possible. Let's make it the biggest and best display ever!

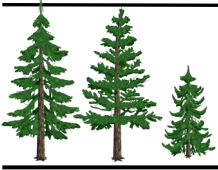
Dark sky certified street lights have been on order since January. I was informed that they shipped on August 4th. Sheco will be installing lights upon receipt.

Our friends from A&L Asphalt gave us a great deal on repairs for the entry to The Beaches. They also repaired the area over the culvert on Darkwood Ct. in Whispering Pines I. The county added asphalt to a sunken area on Latrobe Dr.

Due to severe drought, I'm asking property owners to look for and remove potential tree hazards to neighboring properties and vehicle/pedestrian traffic along WW roadways.

Finally, I'd like to take a minute to address Waterwood Parkway mowing. The Northeast end is mowed/maintained bi-weekly during the growing season. The plan is to mow the Southwest end median near FM-190 twice per year, in May and December, like the previous contractor did for many years. Twice per year, at most is to keep maintenance cost down. The county mows the road easements from the Welcome to Waterwood sign to FM-190 twice per year. It was brought to my attention that the county mowed Waterwood Parkway easements on August 2nd. I contacted the county. Mowing was done per timing, safety and fire concerns due to severe drought. It is challenging to come to a compromise on this matter, as many want WW Parkway consistently maintained while others have concerns about wildflowers in the area. These issues will be further addressed at the August WIA Board meeting. The mowing plan will be coordinated with the county to the largest extent possible.

Note: The remainder of the 2022 Maintenance Budget through December 31st will be retained for emergency maintenance.



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Waterwood MUD

Roy Knapp, President

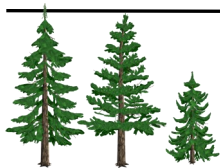
The Waterwood MUD officially welcomed Precision Utility on July 15th. Their office is located in the Palmer Realty office. The team is still arranging their office and compute systems. The field techs were busy their first two weeks and have done a fine job. Waterwoodians can pay their bills on line or in the office. Reports of water breaks or questions can be directed to the Houston office (281-456-9825) or the Waterwood office (936-891-7182). I ask our customers to have patience during this transition period

The next MUD meeting is scheduled for August 19th and will be in the WIA meeting room. The main topic will concern our tax rate. We will be advised of our options and will have Public comment and approval in our September meeting.

I encourage one and all to attend our meetings and see the issues the board must consider.

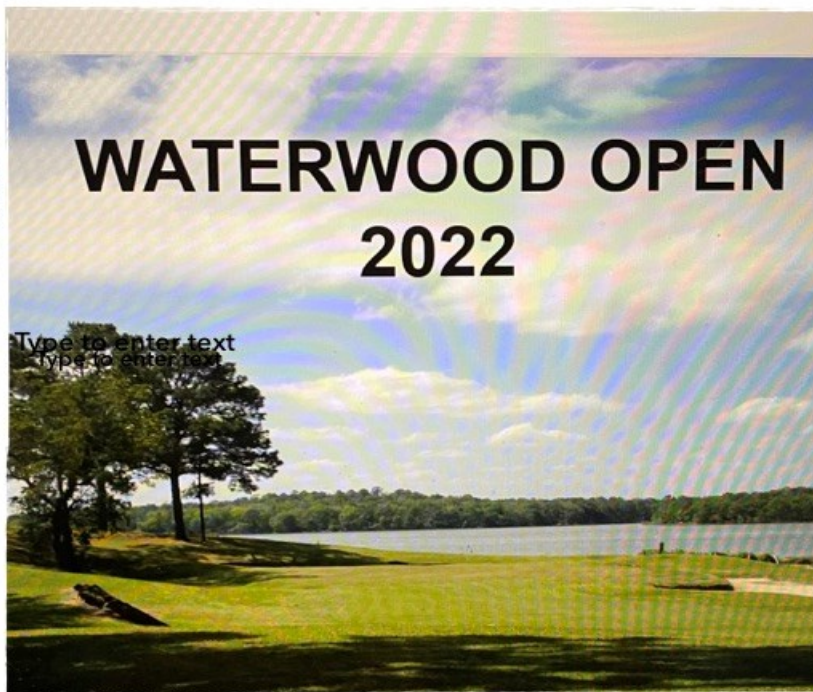


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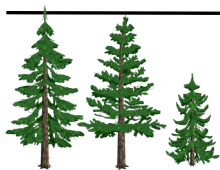
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MEET AND GREET

**Waterwood Women's League &
Waterwood National Golf &
Recreation Association**
August 27
10-12 am

Come out and meet your neighbors over coffee and donuts
in the WIA Meeting Room



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Waterwood Beautiful

By Maryann Readal

While driving down Waterwood Parkway, my eyes are always scanning from left to right to see if an interesting plant has popped out of the ground. Our iconic Parkway is fertile ground for some of the most beautiful wildflowers of the Piney Woods.

Recently, I have spotted a native plant that is beginning its colorful show of blooms. The green spider milkweed, *Asclepius viridis*, has begun blooming again along the sides of the Parkway and in the median near Highway 190. This is a very unique plant for several reasons. One being that the flowers are a light yellow-green color with magenta florets in the center. There are not many flowers that have this yellow-green color.

But the real importance of this plant is that the Monarch butterfly depends on it to survive. The Xerces Society estimates that the population of Monarch butterflies east of the Rocky Mountains has decreased by 80% in recent years due to the loss of milkweed and other nectar plants. Our Waterwood community is on the twice-a-year migration path of the Monarch, and so our milkweeds are very important to their survival during their journey.

When the butterflies migrate between Mexico and northern United States, they stop to drink nectar from the milkweed, and then they lay their eggs on its leaves. The hatchling caterpillar eats the leaves and continues to mature into an adult Monarch and continues on its journey. An interesting fact about this process is that the sap in the milkweed leaves is poisonous, causing the butterfly wings to also be poisonous as a result of the caterpillar eating the leaves. Birds have learned that the butterfly wings are poisonous and they leave the Monarchs alone. It is nature's way of ensuring that the Monarch species survives. It is critical that we also do our part to ensure their survival by making sure there are enough milkweed and nectar plants for the Monarchs when they come through Waterwood.

In Waterwood, we are fortunate to have many different species of native plants and trees. A group of concerned residents are discussing ways to raise awareness of these natural resources and how to preserve them for the continued beauty of Waterwood and the health of its environment. Future newsletter articles will focus on more of the native plants in our area and what we can do to increase their presence. In the meantime, we encourage everyone to look around their neighborhood and their own gardens and consider what steps we can take to keep Waterwood natural and beautiful.

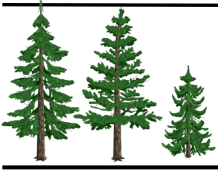
NOTE: Unfortunately, you will not see many of these milkweeds along our Waterwood Parkway. They were mowed down on August 2.



The green spider milkweed seed pod. Plants should not be mowed during this stage to ensure plant reproduction.



A Monarch butterfly enjoying the nectar of the green spider milkweed.



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American
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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 **Kaitlin Cook** 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

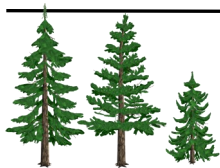
Heartsaver CPR AED- CPR course for individuals with little to no medical training who need a completion card for their job. \$50 per person

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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SAVE THE DATE!

Community **B-I-N-G-O**

Sponsored by Waterwood Women's League is returning!

**Join us for FUN this fall—October 22, 2022 at the
Waterwood Pavilion from 5:30-9:30 pm.**

**Hope to see every one turn out to support the
Women's League as they raise money for scholarships
for local high school students.**

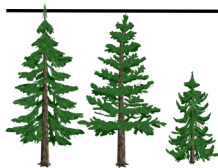
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Every Monday & Friday 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
at the Waterwood Pavilion**

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**Take a second class for only \$3
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Chair Pilates on Fridays
8 a.m to 9 a.m.**

**Taught by Susanne Sharrard,
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San Jacinto County Early Voting Location & Schedule

(Lugar y Horario de Votación Anticipada del Condado de San Jacinto)

November 8, 2022

(8 de noviembre)

General/Joint Election

(Elección General/Conjunta)

Location for Early Voting Polling Place

(Ubicación del lugar de votación anticipada):

Elections Administration Building (MAIN LOCATION)

Edificio de Administración de Elecciones

51 E Pine Ave.

Coldspring, TX 77331

Early Voting Dates & Times

(Fechas y horarios de votación anticipada):

Monday, October 24th (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Lunes, 24 de octubre 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 25th (7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

Martes, 25 de octubre 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 26th (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Miércoles, 26 octubre 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 27th (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Jueves, 27 de octubre 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday, October 28th (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Viernes, 28 de octubre 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 29th (7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Sábado, 29 de octubre, 7:00 am. - 5:00p.m.

Sunday, October 30th (Closed)

Domingo, 30 de octubre, cerrado

Monday, October 31st (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Lunes, 31 de octubre 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 1st (7:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.)

Martes, 1 de noviembre 7:00 a.m. -7: 00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 2nd (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Miércoles, 2 de noviembre 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 3rd (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Jueves, 3 de noviembre 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday, November 4th (7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

Viernes, 4 de noviembre 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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