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Waterwood VFD 936-755-0960

Architectural Control Board Kathy Samperi, Mike Ross, & Lisa Hayman

Have you read your deed restrictions or the Waterwood Policies for Residential Lots lately? The ACB is encouraging everyone to read or reread the deed restrictions and the Waterwood Policies for Residential Lots.

Just wanting to highlight a few things within the subdivision...

No clearing of any lot in Waterwood until you have submitted an application to build a house and has been approved by the ACB.

Tree Removal – removal of any tree, dead or alive, must be approved by the ACB. If trees are cut without the approval of the ACB, a fine can be imposed on the lot owner.

There is a leash law in San Jacinto County. Dogs are not to be let out to "do their business" by roaming the neighborhood. If a dog is on your property and you know the owner, please take a picture, and submit the picture and the name of the property owner. The property owner will get ONE warning letter and if a second complaint is received by the ACB concerning the dog, a fine will be imposed to the owner.

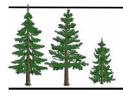
Vehicle, Boat, Trailer, ATV, Golf Cart, Personal Watercraft, All-Terrain Vehicles, Camper, Motor Home, Tractors, or similar vehicles or equipment may NOT be kept or stored on a lot UNLESS they are being stored in a carport or a garage or an approved ACB approved storage area. They MUST be screened from view of the street, adjoining lots, golf course, and lake.

No temporary canopy or tent may be used as a carport or shield for automobiles.

ANYTHING being done to the outside of a house must be approved by the ACB. A small improvement project application is required and may be obtained on the Waterwood Website at www.waterwoodwia.hoaspace.com under the ACB tab. After completion of the application, please drop it off at the WIA office.

A/C Units – No air conditioning condensing unit and fan evaporative cooler or other object, which in the opinion of the Board is unsightly, shall be placed upon or above the roof of any dwelling or other building except where it is architecturally concealed from view in plans submitted to and approved by the Board and then only when, to the satisfaction of the Board, the same is not aesthetically objectionable and is otherwise in conformity with the overall development of the property.

Remember, these are just a few of the violations that are reported to the ACB. Let's keep Waterwood looking like the beautiful place we all enjoy!



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Waterwood Women's League

Waterwood Women's League had a great first meeting of the new year on January 11th in the WIA Board Room. We are sorry that many members were unable to attend. Here is a recap of what you missed:

Sabina Varela is a **Woman Heart Champion** and spoke to us about women's heart health. She then told us her personal story and how we absolutely **MUST NOT ignore** any symptoms of heart problems.

*** Heart disease is the NUMBER ONE cause of death in women in America and our symptoms differ from men.

Facts to be aware of:

- 1) 1 out of every 2 women has high or borderline high cholesterol the plaque buildup from this can cause arteries to become narrowed limiting the amount of blood flow to the heart.
- 2) PAD is peripheral artery disease a type of heart disease affecting about 8 million people nationwide. This occurs when arteries most commonly in the legs, narrow and cannot circulate enough blood due to plaque buildup. Untreated it can lead to amputation or serious cardiac related issues.
- 3) ALMOST 7 out of 10 people with diabetes over age 65 will die due to heart disease. 14.9 million women have diabetes, 3.1 million are undiagnosed and 39.5 million have prediabetes

40% of women with diabetes are more likely to develop heart disease.

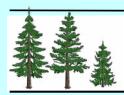
- 4) KNOW the warning signs for women:
- A) Chest discomfort, squeezing, burning, mild to severe pressure in center of chest
- B) Upper body discomfort, arms, back, neck, jaw or stomach
- C). Shortness of breathe with or without chest discomfort
- D). Dizziness, light-headedness, fainting, nausea and vomiting or cold sweats
- E). Feelings of anxiety, fatique or weakness unexplained or on exertion.

DO NOT WAIT if you experience any of these symptoms! Share with your friends and neighbors. Let's care enough about the women in our lives to be sure we are not a part of these statistics.

Our second speaker, Levine Wulf, a certified Yoga Instructor worked with us on **Balance Matters**. THIS will be covered in next month's newsletter. (BUT check out our FB page for exercises you can do at home any time and every day!)



Click the link for our Facebook page and more information about the



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Fiber Optic Installation Year-End Update

LCS Fibercom Project Update

Hello Waterwood!

We are hiring!

LCS Fibercom is looking for a motivated and self-sufficient person to help build our project. Duties will include digging, pulling, lifting, and other heavy manual labor at times. Applicant should be capable of performing these activities continually in outdoor conditions which are not always ideal. Typical hourly positions begin at 8am and often continue until dark. Driver's license and experience helpful.

Personal Note

I just wanted to take the time to express my gratitude to the community as well as our current and future subscribers. This project is a large undertaking for a small local company and each and every one of you that subscribes to our service is helping our local community build and sustain your access to 21^{st} Century technology that will help improve the lives of those in Waterwood for years to come. It is not just about the technology, reliability, and speeds, it's a personal relationship with the community that makes this small business succeed. I work hard to make each subscriber happy and when I see the positive reviews on the Facebook pages I am proud of the work and relationships I have formed with all of you. So, thank you again for your patience, feedback, and support!

I also want to personally thank Lisa and Kathy at the WIA office for welcoming us into their work space and making sure we have a place to take a lunch break from the weather each day.

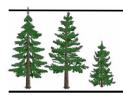
Progress Report

Progress over the past month has been slow, as expected. This time of year is colder, wetter, and has shorter days. We continue to struggle finding experienced main-line crews willing to come to Waterwood regularly. The government funded projects across the country have lured experienced directional drilling crews to hotspots willing to pay double the standard rates of 2 years ago when we established our budgets. Fortunately our main line construction is about 80% complete and we can focus on the cable management to get the houses along the finished areas connected. The recent drastic increases in Federal interest rates has affected our project costs substantially and shifted our focus from main construction to connecting as many homes along the finished areas as we can to maintain the budget. We are waiting for some materials that are in short supply but overall can maintain our connection rate over the coming weeks and months.

We had a 6.5 hour outage in January when a construction crew in Conroe cut a main cable for our transport partner. They did a really nice job bringing that cable back online quickly, which sometimes takes 12+ hours for that size cable. I understand the frustrations and hardships when service is lost and am working to find a backup connection for our system with other providers but the options are extremely limited in our rural area.

Moving forward we have identified the best construction process in the condominium complex at Bass Boat Village that should reduce the damage risks previously anticipated in that highly congested utility area. This will allow us to get those main buildings wired faster and safer. We have the exterior wiring in BBV tentatively scheduled for early and mid-March. We can then bring the main line down Marina Road to begin customer connections. The LaJolla area main construction is mostly complete except for a road crossing at Poland Springs that has been too wet to complete. The main cable has arrived and should be installed from Latrobe to the end of LaJolla soon. The areas of Piney Point, Putter's Point, and Fairway One are also high on the list. The main line construction is currently focused on Bay Hill Rd as crew availability becomes available. As the weather improves toward spring time there should be some better projections on timelines.

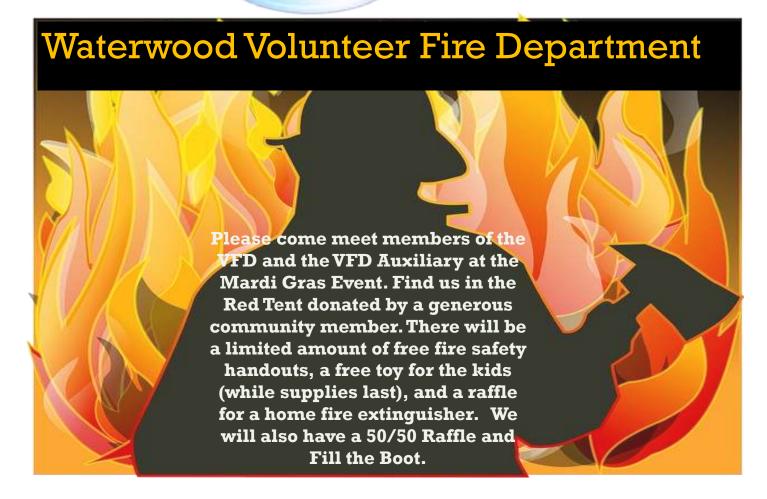
Waterwood Makes National News! The Fiber Optic Project has been highlighted in the Fiber Optic Association's February Newsletter. Click the link to take a look! https://www.foa.org/foanewsletter.html

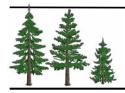


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Roy Knapp, MUD Board President

I would like to take this time to put the spotlight on those folks that keep our Infrastructure running and keep on needed repairs and request for services. If you have not met JJ or Cameron, do so. These two field techs are responsible for maintaining the upkeep and updates for our operations. Both JJ and Cameron find ways to improve our operations and in many instances save the District money. The Precision office is overseen by Marla Fink. Marla answers questions and goes beyond to help every customer with their concerns. The fact that she lives in Waterwood, I believe, confirms the board's decision to maintain an office in our community. These people work hard sometimes far into the night making repairs often in harsh weather to minimize the inconvenience of losing water services. We are lucky to have these folks and would hope you will come to appreciate them as much as the board does. The next meeting for the MUD District will be February 17th at 3:00 in the WIA building.





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Keith's Corner: WIA Maintenance for February '23

Welcome to the Valentine's version of our newsletter. Men, time to step up for your Special Lady. And, no matter what, don't goof Valentines' Day up. The pressure's on, fellas.

I have a request for all of you – all residents - this time around. It is reasonably easy, and will end up helping you out in the long run.

Can you take a bit of time and let us know anything you see in the neighborhood that will require attention from Maintenance, in your opinion?

We all call WIA when there is an emergency situation, such as a dangerous pothole or a tree fallen down. While we're glad to hear of these things, we usually hear about them all the time. Urgent things like these nearly always get lots of attention from everybody.

I need the most help on items that are worrisome but not 'urgent.' Things that will get worse if we leave them unattended. I can't tell you exactly what to look for, but here are a few suggestions:

Pavement that is breaking down / buckling / always wet or especially, seemingly moving (sinking or heaving) as time passes.

Dips across the road, these may indicate pipe or culvert underneath that is failing

Danger situation while driving. One example is at Pebble Beach and Latrobe where visibility in both directions is hampered by bushes growth and the big utility boxes.

Sinkholes

Bad drainage / flooding, especially if this is a changing event [it gets worse and worse as time passes].

Things that simply don't work, such as the electricity at the subdivision entrance signs

Overhanging limbs blocking the road, or perhaps interfering with power lines

Tree problems that aren't urgent but may become so. Example: on the golf course there was a dead leaning oak tree near the bathrooms on 12. It was that way for months. The first week in January I was in my yard when I heard a loud "crack" – so loud that I drove in that direction to investigate. The oak had fallen, completely, all the way down to the stump, all at once. Six months ago, when this tree died, it had been marked for cutting. While WIA does NOT have jurisdiction on the golf course [WNGRA and the course owner do] similar situations exist all over the subdivision. If you see something similar, let us know.

Why am I asking all of you for help? Ain't this my job?

Yes, it is my job. However, there are 25 miles of road in this subdivision. One set of eyes simply cannot cover every foot of road, easement, and pavement. It is better that we use you, the residents, as "eyes and ears" for things like these. Most of you know what worries you about your surroundings, especially in the area right around your residence. Tell us those things if you can, they will help us.

Why is this important?

We are trying to execute a Maintenance Plan that will start to improve things around here rather than just react to emergencies. This pro-active effort started with Rick Harlow and I am trying to make progress past his foundational start. To really do this correctly, we need a list of "everything." Then, with a complete list, we can assign priorities and work steadily towards the goal of making things better. Your input helps us develop our Master List of "everything" sooner and more accurately.

So, what should you do if you have an item that you feel needs attention?

Tell us what the need is, and why it needs attention.

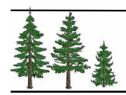
Give us a **good LOCATION** – this is important. If we don't know where it is, we cannot fix it. Try a street address, or a street + cross street, or a landmark.

Take a picture or pictures if needed to show the problem. Sometimes pics are easier than trying to describe with words.

Tell WIA by e-mail. Put MAINTENANCE LIST on the subject line. WIA's e-mail address is wia@waterwoodwia.com

We will add it to our Master List, and keep the List up to date with "everything." This will help us try and get ahead of our projects and start whittling down the huge backlog that we all face.

Thank you for anything you can do regarding this issue, we appreciate it.



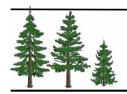
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The Waterwood National Golf & Recreation Association has hit the ground running in 2023! Grounds maintenance and upkeep is in full swing with our mowing crew taking care of some much needed dead tree removal while we're in the slow-growing season (about 50 trees). Events and Projects planned for this year include, golf clinics, installation of exercise stations for walkers & joggers to take a stretch now and then, a youth camp with activities on and around the golf/greenspace such as fishing and golfing contests! This year we're very excited to announce we are hosting TWO Golf Tournaments on site at Waterwood National Golf Course! We will host one on April 22nd and another later in the Fall, likely in October. The great news is, we've already received commitments for 6-9 teams from Hillary Ziegler, Golf Pro at Rayburn Country Resort Golf Course, Larry & Chris Westerdahl's golf group, Ray Ramirez's friends at Lake Estates Golf, and several of our own community golfers! Our gross revenue goal for the tournament is \$13,000! Last year we had 128 golfers and EVERYone had many great things to say about their experience playing our legendary course! With your help gathering volunteers, hole sponsorships, and player registrations, we will surely meet or exceed the goals we've set. You can expect to begin to see some tournament marketing collateral soon. When you do, we ask that you share it far and wide. Remember, the proceeds from these events will go directly to course & greenspace maintenance and continued enhancement.

Another major initiative your 2023 Board is focused on this year is to increase WNGRA membership. As of today, we have 57 members who have paid their 2023 Dues of \$35 and 13 members who have graciously provided some level of Monthly Voluntary Contribution. On behalf of the community, we thank you for your generous contribution! The goal is to increase Member count to 100 as soon as we can possibly get there. When I asked the Board members to articulate the benefits of being a Member, they responded with 1) Unlimited Golf with no Tee Times Required!, 2) A Voice in the Direction of the Organization, 3) Inclusion in the Benefit of a Property Value-Enhancing Amenity, 4) Access to Walking Paths Among a Beautifully-Natural Environment, and 5) Participation in Fun/Outdoor Events as a Community! For all of these reasons, we ask that you consider becoming a formal Member by contacting Alex Chrestopoulos, at <a href="majority-achievements-achievement

Your Board in Servant Leadership, Alex Chrestopoulos, Calvin Bailey, and Al Rincon

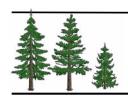




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Corn Hole Tournament Fun

<u>-1st Place Winners</u>: Phil and James (Whispering Pines II) Received \$25 Chili's Gift Cards

<u>-2nd Place</u>: Adrian and Raymond (The Beach) Received \$15 Whataburger Gift Cards

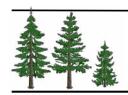
Championship Round: 21-4

Thanks to everyone who came out to play! A FUN time was had by all!

Larry Westerdahl, WIA Social Chair







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Young Waterwood Resident Authors 1st Book!

Quinn Westbrook and her family have been Waterwood residents for almost 3 years. The family relocated from the Houston area in the middle of COVID for quiet time and reflection and have never looked back on leaving the city life. While school is a little different as she and her brother both attend online, her natural drive for learning has not changed! Quinn has been writing books since she could hold a pencil. Her love of the arts started early in life as her mother, Doireann Greene, who has a background in education and teaching, gave her every opportunity available to grow mentally and physically.



"Quinn was reading and writing well before she started Kindergarten," her mother says. "She's always had a natural drive to learn new things and I realized I wanted her to reach all her goals no matter her age."

The Adventures of Color Splat Blue is only one of the several stories Quinn has written over the years. Every year when school is finally out and summer begins, Quinn sits to think of new subjects to write about by mapping ideas from her own adventures such as equestrian lessons at Camp Cullen in Trinity, Sheriff's Deputy training in Groveton, or some funny anecdote she created on her own. Her mom would help her print copies, laminate, and bind the stories to go out in the mail to family members who could not wait to see what she had come up with.

Publishing Quinn's first book faced many challenges. Finding a publisher, illustrator, and being able to trust someone while making sure it is a success can be stressful. There were many days and nights that Quinn sat and edited her writing to make sure the words were exactly as she meant them to be. The arduous work finally paid off in January of 2023 as her first book to be published, The Adventures of Color

Splat Blue, went live on Amazon for preorder on the Kindle app, with hardcover and paperback options on the horizon.

When asked how she felt about her new success and finally being done with her first book, Quinn says "It was exciting and I'm ready to publish the next one!"

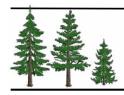
The costs associated with publishing books can be expensive, so to offset fees, Quinn has a few groups on Facebook, 'Quinn Westbrook – Aspiring Author' and 'Quinn's Lemons' that she uses to fundraise. While Quinn earns a small bit of money from doing chores and from an allowance, she is still determined to earn the money on her own.

The Adventures of Color Splat Blue is available now on Kindle for \$9.99 with hard copies expected to be available in the next few days for \$12. All proceeds will go towards continued publication of Quinn's stories. To help support Quinn, please go to Amazon.com and order the Kindle copy early or keep an eye on her Facebook pages to see any updates about when the hard copies will become available. See the QR link below and please share what our young Waterwood entrepreneurs are up to with your neighbors and friends.



Open your camera's phone and point at the QR Code above for more information!

Way to go Quinn! You make Waterwood Proud!



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Those Pesky Dandelions

By Maryann Readal

Not much is blooming this time of year, especially after our recent freeze. However, I spotted some dandelions just the other day asserting themselves in a grassy area. Here is some "food" for thought before pulling out those dandelions in your yard or spraying them with an herbicide.

Dandelions were used as a medicine in the 10th and 11th centuries. The "officinale" part of its botanical name, *Taraxcum officinale*, indicates that indeed they were used as a medicine at some point in history. The ancients used the roots and leaves to remove toxins from the blood and as a diuretic to improve the functioning of the digestive system. Today, herbalists use the plant because it is rich in Vitamins C, E and A, as well as calcium, potassium, zinc, and iron.

Dandelions are an edible, perennial plant. Some botanists say that their roots can grow 12 feet into the ground. The very young leaves can be tossed into a salad. Older leaves are bitter but can be cooked with vinegar and warm bacon grease for a tasty vegetable. The flower petals are also edible and can be used in salads. The green sepals at the bottom of the flower should be removed first. Some people make wine from the flowers, too. Roots can be roasted and ground into a caffeine-free coffee. If you are planning to use dandelions as food, make sure the plants come from an area that has not been sprayed with chemicals and is not frequented by dogs.

An interesting fact about dandelions is that during World War II, scientists began looking at its sap as a possible source of scarce rubber needed for the war effort. Once again, scientists are looking at a species of dandelion as a source for a heavier rubber for tires, for latex, and as a possible source for ethanol.

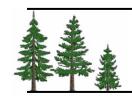
Dandelions are very important to bees in the early spring when nothing else is blooming. Speaking of bees, we all should encourage bees and butterflies to visit our yards. A few zinnias for the bees, salvias for the hummingbirds, parsley and fennel for the swallowtail butterflies, and milkweed for the monarchs will help to encourage these beautiful insects to make Waterwood their home.

There are several well-stocked plant sales in March to help you find plants that are good for our area. These sales are manned by knowledgeable and enthusiastic gardeners who can help you find plants that will enhance the beauty of your yard. Proceeds from these sales go toward scholarships and educational programs.

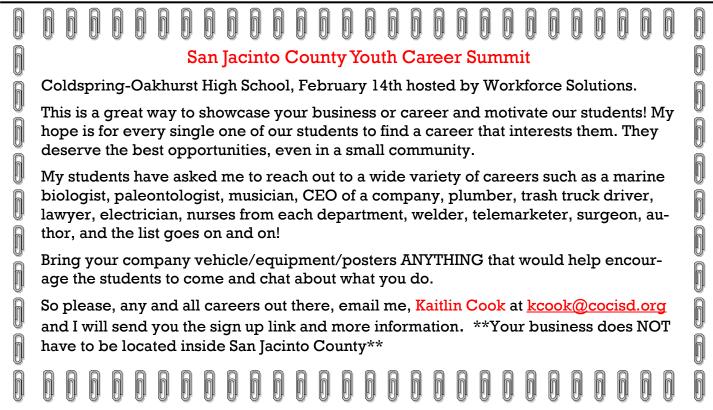
MARCH 11: Walker County Master Gardener Plant Sale, 102 Tam Road, Huntsville. 8:00-Noon.

MARCH 25: Texas Thyme Unit Herb Society of America Herb Festival at the Wynne Home, 1428 11th Street, Huntsville. 8:00-2:00.

Come and support the Waterwood Women's League Booth at the Herb Festival at the Wynne Home.



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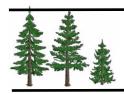


This year I taught CPR/AED to 31 people. That's 31 MORE individuals properly trained on how to react in an emergency! Stop waiting for help and be

Stop waiting for help and be the change. Sign up for a CPR class today. Let's double

that number for 2023!!! Groups are welcomed. Check out info on the next page and contact Kaitlin Cook today!

sjcfresponders@gmail.com



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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*

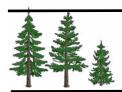
Stop the Bleed- Free to the public. Max class size is 20 individuals.

Contact Kaitlin Cook by:

Email- sjcfresponders@gmail.com

San Jacinto County First Responders





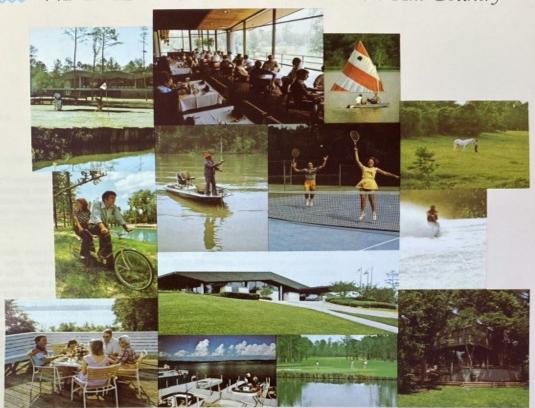
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BLASTS FROM THE PAST

Glimpses of Waterwood History

Snippits from the Archives of Waterwood





LEISURE and SPORTS LIVING

What better place to relax and enjoy life than the new hill country? Whether you seek the quiet of a dawn fishing expedition or the exhilaration of active sports like golf and tennis, you can find your leisure paradise at

FAMILY LIVING

Waterwood's special blend of country living and recreational convenience provides activities for all family members. A wooded "island" provides areas for swimming. "island" provides areas for swimming, picnics, canoeing and fishing. Play equipment has been selected with younger children in mind, while almost-teens and teenagers choose from the development's multitude of recrea-tional facilities and activities. For year-round residents, Waterwood is served by the Coldspring School District.

50 MILES of LAKE LIVING

The wide-service Waterwood Marina is your own private gateway to beautiful Lake Livingston, 90,000 acres of deep, clean water teeming with many species of catfish, bass, brem and crappie. The marina not only provides gasoline, bait and boat stalls, but also has available fishing gear, boats and experienced fishing guides. If water skiing and other water sports are what you have in mind, there's no better place than Lake Livingston.

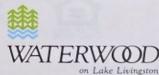
EXECUTIVE LIVING

Busy executives who long to get away from it all but must still take care of business will find Waterwood's conference facilities extremely well furnished and staffed. Overnight accomodations and meeting rooms are available to serve groups of all sizes. After the day's business activities are concluded, guests can enjoy golf, fishing, swimming, tennis and a variety of other recreational activities provided with relaxation and enjoyment in mind

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DINE and ENTERTAIN

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Whether you choose to entertain a few friends
in your home overlooking the lake or to make
use of Waterwood National Country Club's
dramatic facilities to host a larger group,
entertaining in the new hill country is an
experience you will savor. The club's dining
facilities offer a wide range of well prepared
food, and the lounge with its dance area is just
the place for fun and entertainment after the
sun pore down.



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