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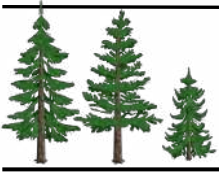
JOB OPENING-NEW WIA OFFICE POSITION

During the December 2022 WIA Board Meeting the Board of Directors unanimously voted to create and hire an additional office staff position. The new position is Administrative Clerk. The position will require a minimum of 24 hours per week (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday), up to a maximum of 40 hours per week. Pay for the position is \$12.50 per hour.

A Job Description, including job roles and educational requirements and an Employment Application are available at the WIA office. This job opening will also be advertised in various local newspapers.

Did you know?

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 Volunteer Fire Department News

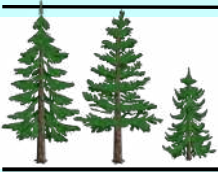
As recently announced, Robbie Gibson was named the Waterwood Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) Fire Chief. Two of the most challenging areas the fire department has encountered over the past several years is lack of recruitment and fund raising. To address these challenges, Carole Magee has volunteered to form a WVFD Auxiliary Group with the mission to plan and lead fund raising events and assist Robbie in recruiting fire fighters. Of course, Carole cannot do this on her own and will need all the volunteers she can get to join the Auxiliary. Without members of the Waterwood Community volunteering to become members of this Group, this effort will fail from the start. Carole, Robbie and I invite you to a kick-off meeting next Saturday, January 14, 9:00am at the Waterwood Pavilion. We hope you will attend and help the fire department reach its fund raising and recruiting goals. Thank you.

Carole Magee - WVFD Auxiliary Lead
 Robbie Gibson - WVFD Fire Chief
 Larry Maas - WIA Board President



The Waterwood Women's League meeting will be held Wednesday, January 11 in the WIA office at 10:00 am. We will have two speakers, one on Women's Heart Health and one on Balance Matters, followed by a light lunch. Please RSVP so we'll have an accurate head count. See you there!

Click the link for our Facebook page and more information about the Waterwood Women's League



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Waterwood MUD

Roy Knapp, Board President

The board members accepted the resignation of Darrell Boeske as he has business that will not allow him to complete his term. We are extremely grateful for Darrell's contributions to our board and the community. In his stead the board approved Jeffery Measamer to fill the un-expired term. We look forward to the experience and knowledge that Jeffery will bring. Waterwood has experienced several interruptions to the water service this past month. The techs from Precision have worked quickly to find and repair all leaks, in some cases working in cold weather and mud for 24 hours at a time. It has been relayed to me that many people have questions and complaints on social platforms. Our field techs can and will answer your questions if asked. The MUD web site has a form where questions can be answered or you may attend our monthly meetings. We have addressed many concerns these past few months in a fair and timely manner.

There are no stupid questions, it seems all I ask are stupid questions, if anyone has concerns the board will address them. You may bring questions and concerns to the January 20th meeting 3:00 in the WIA building.

Fiber Optic Installation Year-End Update

Hello Waterwood!

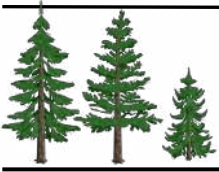
I wanted to give everyone a year end update on the fiber optic installation. I'll start by mentioning our 100th customer in Waterwood, John and Sally Charlton of Country Club Estates-1. Many may not know that John was part of WIA's initial exploration into bringing improved Internet services to Waterwood several years ago so it was good to come full circle and get them connected before the end of the year. To date we have installed 170,000 feet of cable and 70,000 feet of conduit in and around Waterwood. We ended the year with 102 connected homes, approximately 1/3 of the total interested homes in Waterwood. Our overall online percentage time was 99.8% after a 13 hour outage in May caused by a damaged main line in Conroe with our service provider. Our local Waterwood equipment had a 100% uptime percentage since we went live January 1, 2022.

January construction will see Country Club Estates-3(LaJolla) main construction completed, construction to Fairway-1, and starting the Bay Hill and St Andrews area. As we transition from focusing on main line construction to customer connections, I am setting some loose goals of 5 customers connected per week by February and 8 per week by April. There were 8 customers connected this week, 7 new connections and 1 reconnect for a sold home. Our main line through Waterwood is completed and our branch lines are in various stages of completion.

The initial target for project completion was June 2023. There have been a lot of obstacles in the pandemic/supply-chain disruption/labor shortage era of the last 2 years but we have kept moving forward and expect to have the main construction done and the majority of the interested customers connected by that initial target date.

Quality of service is my number one goal and I truly appreciate the positive feedback from those posting their experiences during and after our installation.

*Jamie Groskopf
LCS Fibercom, LLC*



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Keith's Corner: *WIA Maintenance/WNGRA Liaison*

Happy New Year to everyone.

This column is intended to help those of us with a 'tree situation.' This means any situation where a neighbor's tree is in a condition where it poses a threat to you or your property.

Our forest out here is beautiful, but it has experienced a lot of stress over the years. So there are trees nearly everywhere that have problems. Dead trees, sick trees, leaning trees, rotting trees. Any of these in the wrong location can pose a danger to your property.

So, what do you do when this happens?

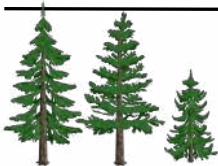
Here are the steps you should take when you have a 'tree situation:'

1. Find out who owns the property with the 'bad tree.'
2. This is done by calling WIA (936-891-7710). Lisa or Kathy can usually give you this information.
 - A. Give them the address of the property in question; this can save lots of time
 - B. WIA can usually give you the contact information for the property owner.
3. Take pictures of the tree. Try to show the danger clearly, taking multiple angles if necessary.
4. Call your own insurance company and inform them. Send them the pics, just in case.
5. Contact the property owner.
 - a. Describe the situation in common sense, reasonable terms.
 - b. Be factual and not accusatory, not emotional.
 - c. Send the pictures so that they see the reason for the problem.
 - d. In polite language, definitively ask the property owner to take care of the issue.
 - i. Asking is important. If you don't ask, they may not ever volunteer to fix it.
 - e. Give the property owner your best guess as to the time frame needed for action.

What do you do if the property owner does not take care of this? Please contact WIA. You will not like the answers we can give. WIA does have options, but we are legally limited in what we can do on private property. To make matters more difficult, we can only do certain things on private property after several legal hurdles have been crossed. This takes money and time. Your effort is usually better spent on convincing the property owner than to simply 'turn it over to WIA.' In summary, we can help; we're here to help, but we would all be better if the neighbor takes care of their business.

If the property causing you a problem is owned by WIA, as are a few of the properties in Waterwood, we will know this when you call to ask who the owner is. For WIA properties, the answer is easy for you. It is our responsibility as the property owner, and we will take care of it. We will of course try to be thrifty with the work, so we may try to get 'your' work done in combination with other tree work in the area. This might take longer than you would want, but be patient. We will get it done in good time. The last tree work done for a 'WIA tree' endangering property was taken care of on 12/29, approximately 10 days after we were made aware of the concern.

Best Regards, Keith Caulfield, P.E.



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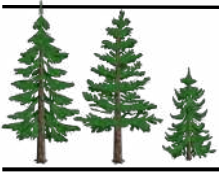
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VETERANS' DAY CELEBRATION

THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED AND A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY! CONGRATULATIONS TO LEONARD ZAPPA, WINNER OF THE U. S. FLAG DRAWING. ALL ATTENDEES RECEIVED A HAND-HELD FLAG ALONG WITH A U. S. FLAG LAPEL PIN. STORIES WERE TOLD, DONUTS WERE EATEN AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!





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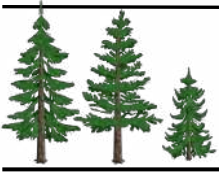
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Thanks to all who participated in decorating their homes,...you made our community look extra special during this time of the season. Congratulations to all our winners and honorable mentions! Special Congratulations to our Grand Prize winners, the Loys in Whispering Pines Village I!



[Click here to enjoy the video of the Grand Prize Winner, the Loy's](#)





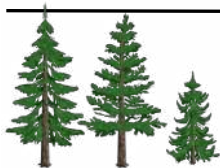
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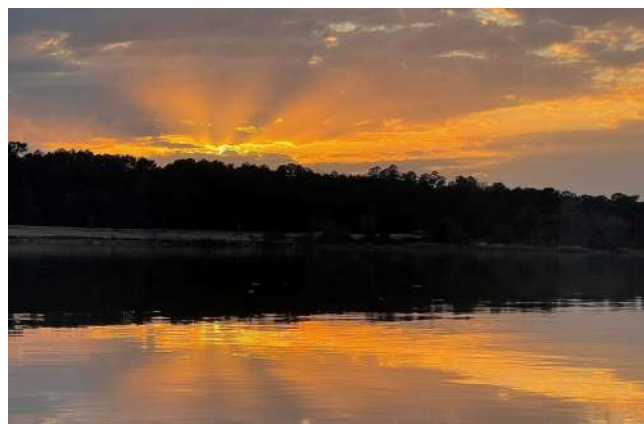
Cookies with Santa! Over 70 attended! Special thanks to Lisa Hayman for all her creative desserts and a big shout out to our biker Santa, James Schwebach!



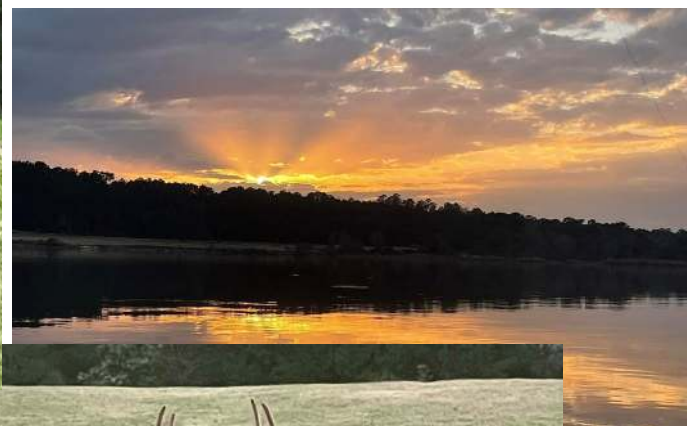


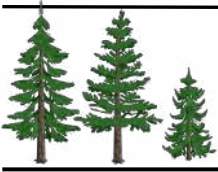
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Photos courtesy of Kevin Brashear
Thanks Kevin for sharing so much WW beauty!





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Mardi Gras Celebration

“Laissez les bons temps rouler, Cher!”

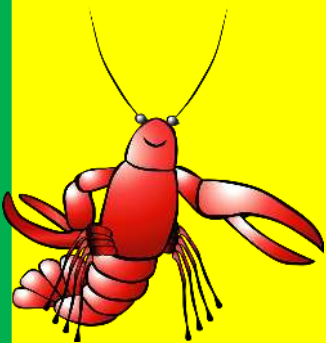
Saturday, February 18, 2023

11:30 Parade, 1:30 Judging and Cook-off

Mardi Gras-Cajun Cook-off and Golf Cart Parade at Bayou Waterwood

Members of the community are invited to cook-up their best Cajun dish in 3 categories; appetizer, entrée, or dessert. Non-partisan judges will select the best dish in each category and for a little “lagniappe”, there will also be a “People’s Choice Award”.

Crawfish, sausage, corn, and potatoes will be for sale at cost. We are looking for crawfish pots, burners, and chefs. If you can lend a crawfish pot and burner or can volunteer to help cook, please contact the WIA office. We would also ask if you plan to purchase crawfish, please contact the WIA office and let us know how many pounds you intend to purchase. Make you lick your lips and say “Ça c’est bon”!



Also, don’t forget to decorate your golf carts in your best Mardi Gras/Cajun themed designs. Judging for the best-dressed golf cart will be awarded.

FUN, FUN, FUN! YUM, YUM, YUM, MUDBUGS!!

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT, JANUARY 28, 2023

Come join the fun and get to know your neighbors with a friendly game of cornhole! Prizes to be awarded! January 28, at 1pm Don’t miss it!





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San Jacinto County Youth Career Summit

Coldspring-Oakhurst High School, February 14th hosted by Workforce Solutions.

This is a great way to showcase your business or career and motivate our students! My hope is for every single one of our students to find a career that interests them. They deserve the best opportunities, even in a small community.

My students have asked me to reach out to a wide variety of careers such as a marine biologist, paleontologist, musician, CEO of a company, plumber, trash truck driver, lawyer, electrician, nurses from each department, welder, telemarketer, surgeon, author, and the list goes on and on!

Bring your company vehicle/equipment/posters ANYTHING that would help encourage the students to come and chat about what you do.

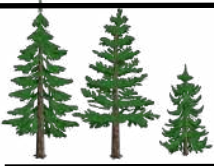
So please, any and all careers out there, email me, [Kaitlin Cook](mailto:kcook@cocisd.org) at kcook@cocisd.org and I will send you the sign up link and more information. ****Your business does NOT have to be located inside San Jacinto County****



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 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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American
Heart
Association.



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*

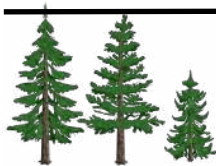
Stop the Bleed- Free to the public. Max class size is 20 individuals.

Contact Kaitlin Cook by:

Email- sjcfresponders@gmail.com

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Snippets from the Archives of Waterwood



WATERWOOD

GENERAL INFORMATION

THE DEVELOPER

WATERWOOD Resort is a private facility owned by the Horizon Properties Corporation of Tucson, Arizona. All of the facilities are private and may be used only by golf club members, hotel guests, social members and their guests. If you are not a member, you may arrange to visit WATERWOOD by calling the Information Center.

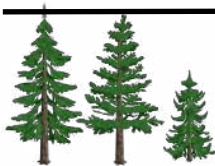
COUNTRY CLUB

WATERWOOD NATIONAL COUNTRY CLUB is a dramatically designed structure with just over 40,000 square feet (approximately one acre) which is the focal point of the multi-million dollar complex. The upper level of the Clubhouse is characterized by vaulted ceilings and walls constructed of "clearheart" redwood. A large vaulted skylight, stained glass partitions, rich tapestries and original watercolors enhance this upper level, which includes reception, lobby, the Garden Room (dining room), the Garden Terrace, the Garden Court (lounge), dance floor and meeting rooms. The club's lower level is comprised of Waterwood's Pro Shop, the Scorecard (snack bar), men's and women's locker rooms, saunas, meeting rooms and golf cart facilities. The view from the upper level of the Country Club overlooks the ninth green and the tenth tees of Waterwood National Golf Course. Waterwood has hotel rooms available at the luxurious Cabanas and Lodge units.

GOLF COURSE

WATERWOOD NATIONAL GOLF COURSE was designed by Pete Dye and Associates, in the best Scottish Links tradition. Classical design concepts are combined here with the rugged natural beauty of deep East Texas to provide a course that is unique both in its presentation and challenge. All efforts have been made to emphasize the traditional values and the fair but imaginative shotmaking that so inspired the game of golf and became the foundation for the great "old" courses of the world. Although the course is relatively young, it ranked as the fourth best course in the state of Texas according to a 1980 survey of the Dallas Times Herald. Major tournaments held at Waterwood include: The PGA Tour Card Qualifying Tournament, three years; the British Caledonia Transatlantic Cup Tournament; the PGA Texas Southern Sectional, and, in July 1982, the Women's Western Amateur Tournament.

The course also hosted numerous college tournaments, including the 1982 NAIA.



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MARINA

The wide service marina, includes fishing gear rentals, bait, gas, boats, stalls (both covered and open), fishing guides, as well as groceries, picnic tables and barbecue pits.

POOLS CREEK PARK

A wooded 2.5-acre "island" contains a swimming pool with a water slide, picnic tables, barbecue pits and two ponds for canoeing or fishing for children. A boat dock is found behind the Smokehouse with access from Lake Livingston and the Marina, and a merry-go-round, several swing sets and other playground equipment is available for younger children.

RECREATION

WATERWOOD has four lighted tennis courts located adjacent to the Country Club, featuring Chevron Laykold all-weather surfaces.

There are three pools to choose from - one for swimming, one for diving and one for children. The swimming pool is Junior Olympic in size. The children's wading pool is shallow and fenced in with ample room for parents to sun while watching the young ones.



The seller is not selling the lots in the subdivision as an investment. The future value of this land and your ability to resell it are uncertain. It is suggested that you discuss any possible purchase with a qualified professional.



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