

## January-February 2024

#### **Calenda**r

02/10 Mardi Gras 11am, cookoff 1:30pm

02/14 Women's League meeting

02/16 MUD Meeting 3pm

02/19 WIA Meeting 9am

#### **SAVE THE DATES**

03/15 Paddy's Day Trivia 6pm

04/13/24 WIA Spring Fling

04/27 Women's League Garage Sale

05/18 WNGRA Spring Tournament

07/06 Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks

#### Links

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**Waterwood Website** 

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#### **Classified Ads**

Waterwood Security 936-661-2800

San Jacinto County Sheriff 936-653-4367

WIA Office

936-891-7710

**Waterwood MUD** 936-891-7182

## Watch for the newly designed WNN coming soon!!

The Waterwood Neighborhood News will be taking on a new look soon so keep an eye out and spread the word! Tell your friends to sign up to receive the newsletter by email at <a href="https://www.waterwoodwia.hoaspace.com">www.waterwoodwia.hoaspace.com</a>! Changes to the WTA web site are also coming so please be patient while we work through the kinks. You won't be disappointed!

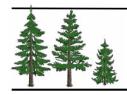
We on the Communications Committee of the WIA Board of Directors hope you had a wonderful Christmas and positive start to the new year! We look forward to changes on the horizon and will do our best to keep you informed of the goings-on in our great community.

#### 2023 Annual Assessments Now Past Due

In a recent WIA Neighborhood News Newsletter, the WIA Board provided a breakdown of the services every property owner receives with their paid Annual Assessments. The 2023 Annual Assessments were due by December 31, 2023, and are now past due. If your Annual Assessments were not paid or a signed payment plan executed on or before January 31, 2024, additional interest will accrue. After January 31, 2024, if your Annual Assessments are not addressed, the Board will proceed with collection activities, which may include legal action. If legal action is taken, a lien will be applied to the property and attorney fees will be added to your property account.

WIA invoiced and mailed 1,309 Annual Assessment invoices. As of December 31, 2023, only 527 properties had paid on time. It is every property owner's responsibility to pay their Annual Assessments when due. If you've already paid your Annual Assessments, thank you. If you have not paid, collection activities will start that could result in additional and costly expenses to the property owner.

**WIA Board of Directors** 



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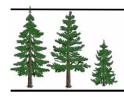
#### **Deed Enforcement Committee**

As we made our neighborhood drives in December and January, we saw several violations. Violations must be corrected or a fine will be issued. (See fine policy which is posted in this Newsletter) Letters to property owners are being sent this month. If any of these apply to your property, please take care of the issue. Let's have pride in appearances. If we work together, we can keep our Waterwood enjoyable for all.

Violations we are seeing with the most common listed below:

- Carports and porches used as storage of materials other than vehicles, trailers, boats.
- Boats, boat-trailers, and trailers parked in driveway, yard, street, must be in garage or under carport or screened from view.
- yard not kept mowed, undergrowth not kept neat.
- Dead or cut trees laying in yards, stumps not ground.
- RVs parked on street or driveways, other than temporary (a few days) not long term.
- dead trees not cut down, creating a health and safety hazard.
- vehicles not current registration parked in driveway, street, yard.
- houses needing painting, mold/algae growth, siding and trim needing repair, roof repair
- carports collapsing.
- animals running loose- must be in fenced yard or on a leash.
- improvement projects (small & large) not approved by ACB.
- fences that need repairs.
- materials (wood etc.) leaning against houses, garages, or outbuildings.
- large trailered smokers or grills parked in yard (must be screened from view behind fencing or in a garage.
- propane tanks that can be seen from street, neighbors, golf course, water (must be architecturally concealed from view).
- window or wall ac units, not allowed.

Please see the following pages for the WIA Fine Policy



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#### **WIA Fine Policy**

#### Dear Homeowners,

We hope this message finds you well and enjoying your time in our community. We would like to take a moment to address an important matter regarding our Homeowners Association (HOA) violation/fine policy.

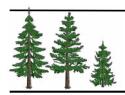
It is crucial that our policies are clear and unambiguous, leaving no room for interpretation. This not only ensures fair treatment for all homeowners but also sets a proper precedent for both current and future board members. The rules below are clear and can also be found on the WIA website.

The purpose of the HOA violation/fine policy is to serve as a guideline to enforce community standards and maintain the overall appearance and functionality of our neighborhood. It is not designed to be punitive, but rather to encourage compliance with agreed-upon rules and regulations. Consistency is key, which is why as of 1 December, members of the Deed Restriction Enforcement committee (DREC) will commence driving around the community enforcing deed restrictions to those who are not in compliance with the covenants and bylaws. Meaning if DREC identifies any of the below violations, a letter will be issued to the homeowner (H/O) identifying the violation. All violations must be corrected within a reasonable period or a fine will be assessed.

Our primary objective is to educate homeowners about these policies. We believe that informed residents make for a thriving and harmonious community. To this end, we are committed to providing regular reminders and communications regarding HOA policies, including notices warning of potential violations.

#### Curable Violations - includes but not limited to

Non-Maintenance of dwelling or other structure – exterior maintenance of primary dwelling and/or other structures, such as but not limited to garages, storage sheds, workshops, painting, roofing, siding, door,	\$250.00/day
Non-Maintenance of landscape – not maintaining general landscape such as lawn mowing, shrub trim-	\$100/day
Abandoned vehicles – no vehicles with expired registration, no vehicles on blocks, no vehicles with missing tires, vehicles not parked on a driveway, under a carport, nor in a garage (e.g., on parked vacant lot, grass/dirt).	
Trailers, boats, jet skis and RVs – any trailer, boat, jet ski, RV not stored in accordance with respective	\$100/day
An act constituting a threat to health or safety.	\$250/day
A noise violation that is currently ongoing.	\$250



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#### WIA Fine Policy continued

#### Uncurable Violations - but not limited to

Clearing (underbrush and trees) of a lot without prior ACB approval.	@2,500 + \$100/tree cut	
	down/removed	
Cutting / removing any single tree or trees (less than complete lot clearing) without prior	\$500 + \$100 /tree cut down /re-	
Removal / clearing of underbrush without ACB approval.	\$1,000	
An act constituting a threat to health or safety.	\$250 + \$100/day not corrected	
A noise violation that is not ongoing.	\$500	
Property damage (to WIA common property)	\$250 + cost of damages	
Holding a garage sale or other event prohibited by a dedicatory instrument.	\$250	

#### **Letter Process**

The below process will be implemented if the homeowner is in violation:

- 1. The H/O will receive a letter that explains the violation in clear and succinct words. The goal is to inform the H/O about the violation and ask for a resolution.
- 2. The letter will also include evidence of the violation, which will help the H/O understand, and a request that the violation be resolved.
- 3. A timeline to clear the violation will be provided, considering how long it will take to correct the problem.

\*\*Option for potential disciplinary hearings in case the H/O wants to contest the violation letter. The H/O has a right to schedule a meeting with the WIA board to contest the violation.

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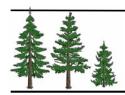
We understand that circumstances may arise that could lead to unintentional breaches of community rules. In such cases, we encourage homeowners to reach out to the committee, WIA Board, or the WIA office to discuss the matter. Open communication is vital in finding amicable solutions.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our policies, please do not hesitate to contact the WIA board. We value your input and are here to assist you.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

**Deed Restriction Enforcement Committee** 



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#### Waterwood Municipal Utility District #1

Roy Knapp, MUD Board President

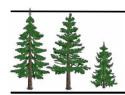
This month's news item concerns the many complaints concerning high water bills. The board has adjusted the bills that are brought before them. We consider the request when presented with past bills and readings. What the board cannot do is make adjustments if they are not presented to Precision or the board. It has come to the attention of this board that many of our customers have experienced questionable bills and complaints with the billing department. These issues can be addressed and corrected when presented. However, if complaints and misinformation are only aired on social media then how does that help? Calling the WIA office will not get one's bill taken care of. Calling the local Precision office and cussing out office personnel will surely not help solve one's complaint. If you have felt that an error has occurred, one can request a reread. A field technician will come and check the meter and if needed will replace said meter. Learning to read the meter will allow you to keep track yourself. The customer can request past billing information and compare with recent billing. With this the customer can present their findings with the majority of bills adjusted to the customer's satisfaction. If a customer cannot be at our meetings, they can have a neighbor present their request for them. If a customer wishes, they may contact the district at our web site, waterwoodmud@yahoo.com, and ask for a board member to meet with them and discuss their billing questions. The next meeting of the district will be February 16th at 3:00 in the WIA office. We welcome the community to come and be a part of the district.





Photos courtesy of Kevin Brashear





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The Auxiliary wishes to thank the wonderful folks of Waterwood for the generosity you showed the members of our Fire Department. The crew held an end-of-year dinner on December 21<sup>st</sup> in the WIA conference room. Chief Robbie made the arrangements to have a barbeque dinner that looked scrumptious.

Before dinner was served, David Beving, David Ellis, Carole Magee, and Tana Davis handed out Christmas cards with generous gift cards in each one for our volunteer fire fighters and apparatus crew. We told them it was thank you gifts for their service to our community.

Carole Magee also presented a stained glass artwork by Wanda Gardner that she had won in a silent auction for the VFD before she even moved in permanently in 2018 to our Chief, Robbie Gibson.

In this new year the Fire Department and Auxiliary will always be looking for new members to help. Please consider being one of those members.

We wish all of you a wonderful 2024 and thank you once again to all who contributed to the holiday fund for

our Fire Department members.



Ron, Robbie, Patrick, Stephen, Tammy, Meredith

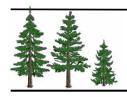


David, Carole, Ron, Robbie, Patrick, Stephen, Tammy, Meredith, David, Tana



Carole & Chief Robbie





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#### Waterwood Women's League News

The ladies of the Waterwood Women's League had a fun time at our December meeting tole painting Christmas gift tags/ornaments. Our own member, Wanda Gardner, did a wonderful job instructing us in our endeavors. The tags/ornaments actually turned out so cute! We then enjoyed a lunch of scrumptious soups and desserts provided by the WWL board members.

Our January meeting was held at the WIA boardroom on Wednesday, January 10th at 10:00. At the meeting we finalized plans for our spring garage sale. Followed by a wonderful lunch provided by some of our members.

Our February meeting will be on Wednesday, February 14th to The National Museum of Funeral History in Spring. We will leave from the Palmer Real Estate office at 8:45. Bring a neighbor or friend!

## **WWL Garage Sale**

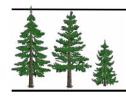
The garage sale will be on **Saturday, April 27**, **2024** at the **Waterwood Fire Station** from **8:00-2:00**.

We will be accepting donations on Friday, April 26th from 8:00-12:00. For a list of acceptable/unacceptable donated items, see the flier at the WIA and Palmer offices.

Large item pick-up is also available. Call Sharon Gusman at 713-851-3826 to arrange large item pick-up. Large pick-up will be on Friday morning, April 26th.

There are a few \$35 booth spaces available for those who wish to sell their own items. Call Pat Chandler at 936-377-4506 for booth information.

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#### Waterwood Women's League News, continued

We hope we can count on your support for our **spring garage sale**. Start collecting those items (if you haven't already started) you wish to donate to the garage sale. We appreciate your help in making the garage sale a successful event. All proceeds go to the **WWL scholarship fund** so please donate! Waterwood Women's League is anticipating the garage sale becoming an annual event!

Pamala Sultan - President

Waterwood Women's League

# SNAP, CRACKLE & POPPERS

Waterwood has several residents who live alone. WIA would like to know that these residents are safe, have not fallen, or need assistance. We have decided to compile a list of those residents and our security officers will be checking on them either weekly or biweekly. The WIA office has a list of those we know of, and we welcome anyone that would like to make sure they are on the list or recommend anyone that you may know. If you have someone that you are concerned about, please call (936-891-7710) or email (wia@waterwoodwia.com) the office and ask for them to be added to the SNAP, CRACKLE & PDPPERS list!

Lisa Hayman Executive Director



Keith's Corner: Waterwood Maintenance

Greetings from the maintenance department, neighbors.

I am happy to say that the re-organization of Maintenance seems to be working. I am very pleased with the early results. Volunteer team leaders, you folks are doing great!

Since we split up Maintenance into five sections, one thing is apparent: Five brains working can make more progress than one brain. We have several ideas that have come from the influx of new talent into the program. While things can still be slow sometimes, there is movement towards our goals in every single one of the five sections. Things look promising so far, folks.

This month's column will be short and sweet.

Ray Ramirez and the rest of the Roads Team have been doing a great job in paying constant attention to the condition of the roads and paving around here. Since this team has been in place, we have started learning about Crack Sealing on the existing road surfaces.

Technically, crack sealing is simple: Heat up some tar, melt it, and dribble it down into any cracks you see on the road surface. There is special tar sold for this, and machines are available that run on propane heating.

The one thing that people need to know is that this method works on "simple cracks." A large or deep crack needs far more attention than a mere simple one; tar alone will not do the job. So doing Crack Sealing on all our roads will NOT fix all our problems with aging streets. But, it will help solve a large chunk of the problem. And, it buys time for the deteriorating streets, perhaps a few more years of life.

The problem here is not technical, but rather economic: The magnitude of this job is ENORMOUS. Walk 1000 feet of nearly any street out here and you will find the cracks looking like spiderwebs, all over the place. They run in all directions. To fix a section of street, you must place tar into all of these cracks, without fail.

As an example, we sealed a section of Doral that was 700 feet long about a month ago. Contained inside this section, there were around 4,000 linear feet of cracks!

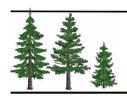
So, it takes LOTS of LABOR to seal a street. You have to follow each crack from start to finish, then start over again on the next crack, until the "spider web" has been completely treated with tar. The street section above, 700 feet long, took DAYS of effort to fix. And we have roughly 25 miles of roads out here!

We have so far used a contractor to start the crack sealing work. We are watching his efforts closely to learn how we can save money on the crack sealing effort. A&L Paving, the contractor, has been open with us on how we might get this massive job done in more cost efficient fashion.

So far, we have sealed not only that section of Doral, but also sections on Rosewood in WP 2 and on Golden in WP 1.

Using what we've learned, I'll present a budgetary proposal to the WIA Board at their next meeting. This should give the Board and any attendees a good picture of how much cost we can expect to tackle this job for the whole subdivision. This should result in a plan that can be examined, voted on, and adopted in later meetings. Hopefully, help from Mark Nettuno in Precinct 4 of San Jacinto County can be counted on; this avenue will be pursued. (Get it? Avenue? Sorry, bad puns are irresistible.)

Again, thanks to all of the Maintenance Team Leads and to the rest of the folks who have stepped up. We've made progress in all of the five areas due to their help.



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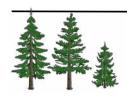
Welcome to WIA Social Corner. Here you can find all the latest and greatest information on events happening in our neighborhood. Information can also be found on Facebook. Please contact me at <a href="www.wiasocialgroup@gmail.com"><u>Wiasocialgroup@gmail.com</u></a> if you need additional information. Below are the upcoming events:

#### The Mardi Gras Celebration

10 February 2024
Welcome at 11am
Golf Cart Parade at 11:30am
Cajun Cook-off at 1:30pm

#### St Patrick's Day Trivia Night

15 March 2024
Happy Hours at 6pm
Game at 7pm
Bring your own drink
Appetizers will be served





#### Christmas In Waterwood

Thank you so much to all those who participated in and worked to ensure Waterwood was beautifully decorated for Christmas. We had a great time at the Pancake Breakfast with Santa. There were several children who sat on Santa's lap, ate cookies and drank hot chocolate. Fun was definitely had by all. Our community was decorated by wonderful neighbors with multiple Christmas trees of lights.

#### Mardi Gras Celebration

Hope to see you all on 10 February 2024 for the Mardi Gras celebration at the pavilion. Festivities begin at 11am. The golf cart parade begins at 11:30 and the Cajun cook-off begins at 1:30. We are looking for participants, volunteers and chefs. Contact me at <a href="mailto:wiasocialgroup@gmail.com">Wiasocialgroup@gmail.com</a> to sign up!!



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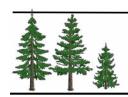
## Raffle Prizes and Trophies

There will be four gift boxes for raffle, donated by Louisiana Fish Fry and Texjoy. Tickets will be available at the event. One ticket for 2\$ or 3 tickets for 5\$. There will also be a trophy awarded for the best golf cart. There will also be trophies for best savory, best sweet and people's choice item.

## St. Paddy's Day Trivia Night

Please join us of 15 March 20254 for St. Paddy's Day Trivia Night at the WIA meeting room. Happy hours start at 6pm and game at 7pm. Bring your own drinks. Appetizers will be served.





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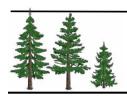


## It's time for our annual

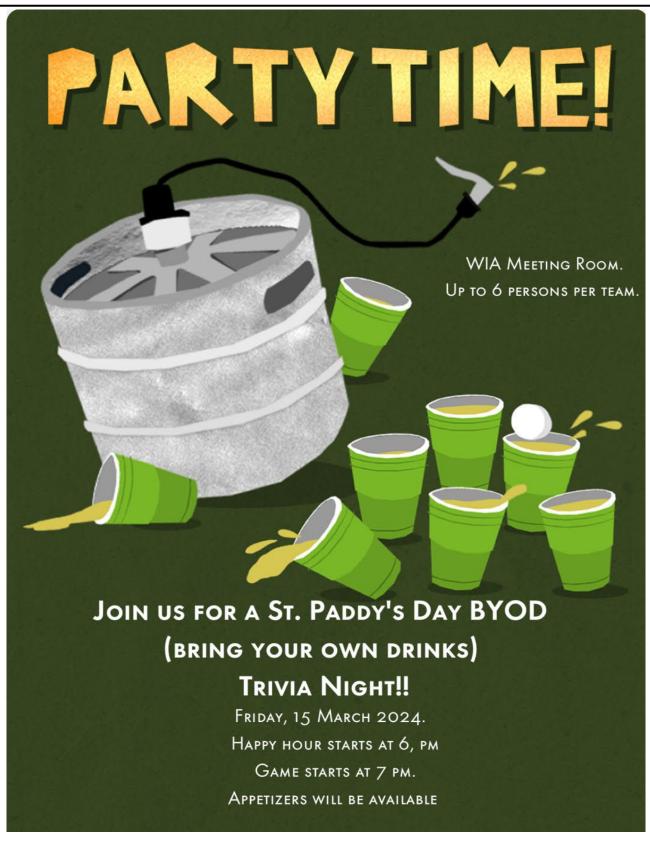
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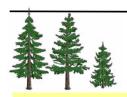
GOLF CART PARADE TOP THREE PRIZES FOR BEST GOLF CARTS 11:30 AM CAJUN COOK-OFF TOP THREE PRIZES SAVORY, SWEET, AND PEOPLES CHOICE 1:30 PM

VOLUNTEERS, COOKS AND JUDGES NEEDED; CONTACT PHYLLIS AT WIASOCIALGROUP@GMAIL.COM



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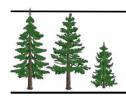




## **WNGRA** Update

Greetings Waterwood! The WNGRA Board is pleased to announce we finished 2023 with several pieces of good news. We held our final Membership Meeting on December 29th, which was well-attended. It was great to see so many Members present and interested in the organization's goals and achievements. Highlights of the meeting are as follows...

- The Fundraising Report included net revenue details from our Spring Tournament, Fourth of July Event, and Fall Golf Tournament totaling \$26,046. These results, combined with a special windfall created by a dollar-for-dollar match from the Waterwood National Golf Course owner, brought our total fundraising achievement to \$52,092. These events require much energy, enthusiasm, and effort from some exceptional people. Special thanks to Golf Tournament committee members, Alex & Dianne Chrestopoulos, Keith Caulfield, Raymond Ramirez, Mike Folk, Calvin Bailey, Rod Kirschner, Sharon & Greg Gusman, Lisa Hayman, David Wozencraft, the Waterwood Women's League, our amazing sponsors, raffle prize donors, and the 100+ golfers who came from miles around to support our efforts and enjoy the fun!
- The Operations and Maintenance Report included a summary of the projects undertaken to maintain the course amenity in good condition and thereby helping to preserve property values. Member support and fundraising events enabled execution of a Comprehensive Greens Repair Plan, Aeration, & Top Dressing, 2 Major Repairs to our Aerator, Installation of Rainbird Sprinkler Controllers in order to automate the watering cycles relieving some of the volunteer labor effort which was required for watering before, a Major Cart Path Culvert Repair at Hole #16, Culvert Washout Repair on #2 Fairway, and Removal of 30 dead trees with an additional 30+ pending removal.
- The Financial Report outlined the 2023 Budget being balanced and in good order. Additionally, Treasurer/Secretary, Alex Chrestopoulos, presented the 2024 Budget for approval, which was passed by the Members. The 2024 budget included a \$26k contingency at the time to account for the Fundraising Match. Since the meeting date, the funds have been received by WNGRA and are now available in the 2024 Revenue Budget. Projects will be outlined by the Board and executed throughout the year.
- The Membership Report outlined Member Count, Trends, and Forecast. While Membership remains a steady 65-70 dues-paying Members, unfortunately the Voluntary Monthly Contributions are declining. These voluntary contributions represent an estimated 20% of the entire maintenance budget and are essential to the long-term condition of the course amenity. Our current contributions range from \$0 per month by some, to \$75-\$200 per month by others, to as much as a \$2000 annual prepay by one generous Member. During the discussion, an idea was proposed that if each member increased their current contribution by a nominal \$15 per month, it could have a positive impact of \$12k per year. A suggestion and challenge was posed by a member that we all increase our Monthly contribution by \$15 and we agreed to propagate the idea/suggestion throughout the membership population. To be clear, this is merely a suggestion. The voluntary contributions remain a personal decision and choice to be made by each Member. Additionally, the group discussed the concept of allowing non-Waterwood property owners to become "Associate Members" of WNGRA and agreed on a



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framework by which we could implement the idea, including a suggested annual prepay contribution and sponsorship/endorsement into the organization by a WNGRA Member in good standing. The Members were reminded that \$35 annual dues are due January 1st. This year, Members will be provided Member Stickers for their Golf Carts. Please see Alex Chrestopoulos to remit your dues and receive your Golf Cart Sticker. Lastly, it was proposed that signage be posted that would allow anyone, member, or guest, to offer an ad hoc donation, in any amount of their choosing, for their round of golf via Venmo or Zelle QR Code.

• The WNGRA Board Membership Report reminded all Members that the current positions of Treasurer/Secretary, held by Alex Chrestopoulos, and President, held by Alex Chrestopoulos, and President,

As you can see, we achieved some fairly cool things in the categories of maintenance and money in 2023. That said, my belief is that our biggest accomplishment of all, was the Fun and Unity we all experienced as we collaborated on making our community continuously better. On behalf of the Board, I send you gratitude for your contribution to an exceptional 2023 and wish you and our organization much Prosperity and even MORE Fun in 2024!

#### Al Rincon, WNGRA President

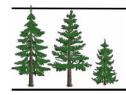
P.S. Head's up! WNGRA is excited to announce the date for our Spring Golf Tournament. Please save the date of Saturday May 18th!





"Snow" on the mountains around Waterwood...

Photo by Kevin Brashear



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## Get involved, stay informed!

## Waterwood Municipal District #1 (MUD)

Board meetings held the third Friday of the month at 3pm in the WIA office

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## Waterwood Improvement Association (WIA)

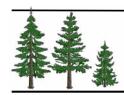


Board meetings held the third

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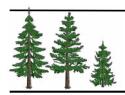
WIA office

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