

Waterwood Neighborhood News

July 2023

Calendar

07/17 WIA Meeting
07/21 MUD Meeting

SAVE THE DATE

10/21 Women's League
Bingo Night

Did you know...

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

www.waterwoodwia.hoospace.com?

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

Links

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936-661-2800

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WIA Office
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Waterwood MUD/
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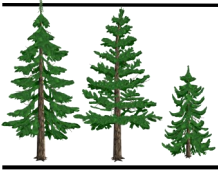
Homeowners Delinquent in their 2023 Annual Dues

As many of you all know, the hardest part about operating a property owner's association (POA) is collecting dues, especially when they are delinquent. As of this year, WIA has forwarded more than 175 names to the lawyer's office in an attempt to collect past payments. In addition to those names at the lawyer's office, we also have over 140 owners whose account is one year past due. As it appears, our abundance of delinquent collections is getting out of hand.

Going forward, the collections Board Officer will discuss delinquencies at every board meeting. The report will indicate the number of delinquent homeowners, how long the debts have been overdue, and the total delinquent amount.

Also, starting next month, in addition to the monthly collections board report, WIA will begin sending certified letters informing each homeowner that their payments are past due, how much they owe, when they should settle the amount by, and the late fee that has been added. If you have not paid your fees, please do so as soon as possible. However, if you feel you are unable to pay the total amount due, please contact the WIA office to discuss payment plan options.

Remember, without dues, this POA can't provide maintenance on grassy areas, nor the pool, pay security nor ambulance officers, pay electricity for streetlights, nor provide trash pick-up. Can you imagine Waterwood without these extra benefits?



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**ROW, ROW, ROW
YOUR BOAT
out of sight!**



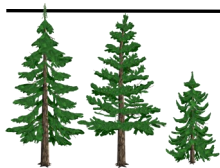
According to the Waterwood Polices for Residential Lots:

16. Vehicle, Boat, or Trailer Storage. No mobile home, commercial-type truck or other equipment shall be stored, kept, or placed on any lot or street. Except as provided in B.18 below, no recreational vehicle, motor home, trailer of any kind, tractor or similar equipment, camper, boat, all-terrain vehicle (ATV), golf cart, or personal water craft (PWC) shall be stored or kept on any lot or street except in a carport, garage, or in an ACB approved storage area screened from view from streets, adjoining lots, golf course, and lake. Wrecked, disabled, unlicensed, unregistered, or uninspected motor vehicles or trailers shall not be stored, kept, or placed on any lot or street.
17. Motor Vehicle or Boat Repair. Motor vehicles or boats shall not be repaired, reconstructed, or modified on any lot or street. Minor motor vehicle or boat maintenance activities may be conducted on a lot provided said activities: a) do not become a nuisance; b) are not unsightly; and c) are completed in a timely manner.
18. Vehicle Parking. To facilitate efficient passage of emergency or other vehicles on a street, vehicles should be parked on a driveway or in a carport or garage. No vehicles of any kind shall be parked, kept, or stored on landscaped or unimproved lot surfaces. On an infrequent basis, a recreational vehicle, motor home, boat, PWC, or utility trailer may be temporarily parked on the driveway of a lot or adjoining street for up to four (4) consecutive days.

Please call the WIA office if you would like information on the boat & trailer storage area.

The ACB is requesting boats, trailers and jet skis be removed ASAP.

Violation letters are forthcoming.



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Keith's Corner: *Waterwood Maintenance*

There are two subjects in this month's newsletter: Maintenance Plans for the short-term future and a review of the Heavy Trash pickup.

It has been a while since I informed all of you about what we're doing in Maintenance. So here goes, we will rectify that. Here are the initiatives on which Maintenance is currently working:

We will send out bid packages in the next two weeks to start work on correcting a drainage problem at the playground area within the Pool / Pavilion. This area retains water and turns into a slippery mud flat in wet weather. We plan on revising the drainage in this area to obtain drier conditions after rains. This will be done by competitive bids to local landscape companies. I have already reached out to two companies to gauge their interest.

Thanks to "Rocket Rod" Kirschner, who is taking the lead on a project to complete electrical work at the Pool / Pavilion. This involves work additional to the lighting work undertaken in response to the spring pool vandalism incident. The intent will be to get everything electrical within this area working with no exceptions.

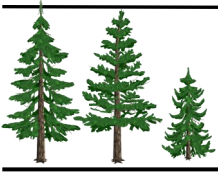
The WIA Board has volunteered for several months now to individually 'take a week' and monitor / inspect the work of our General Landscape contractor. Each week, a Board Member has looked after the contractor and given feedback on how they are doing, both good and bad. This has improved the contractor's performance and helped them align with our expectations. Thanks to the Board Members who have given some extra time to this effort, which is ongoing.

Extra work has been undertaken by Timberlake, the contractor mentioned above, to get the subdivision as clean and pretty as possible for the Independence Day celebration by the marina this Saturday July 1.

The spring portion of the effort to encourage wildflowers to come back onto the Parkway is complete. We will mow about half of the 190 Entrance within the next few days since the bluebonnets etc have seeded out. The other half of this area will remain un-mowed until September at the earliest to allow Gayfeathers to go to seed.

I anticipate that we will re-start trimming trees along the easements within the next month or so. The subdivision has around 25 miles of roads. Rick Harlow's original plan for the easements was to trim approximately 5 miles of easements each year on a rotating basis. This is a good plan and I'll continue the process this year. Watch this space for exactly where we will be working.

'Rocket Rod' Kirschner (there's that name again) will take the lead on a project we're doing for the VFD which involves remodeling their bathroom. This room has received heavy use over the years and is due for a revamp.



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Keith's Corner: *Waterwood Maintenance, continued*

Here's a refresher course on the Heavy Trask Pickup. We all need this course because the Heavy Pickup on the first Monday of June caused the contractor to take multiple days to complete. Guess what the contractor cannot do when they are working extra time on Heavy Pickup? Their primary job of keeping the subdivision looking neat.

Despite several instances of abuse of this policy, the contractor went ahead and picked up everything. But it caused them to miss their goals for mowing and landscape work for that week.

Here is a list of things that can NOT be picked up. Is this because WIA are mean people? No, the primary reason is that the county dump will not accept these materials. Remember, Timberlake has to take all of this stuff somewhere. So, here is what we will not pick up. Don't be surprised if this stuff is sitting on your curb come next Heavy Pickup Day:

TV

Computer equipment

Carpet

Large Rugs

Oil

Paint

Concrete / Concrete blocks or stones

ANY kind of building material including boards and landscape timbers

Gas cans

Tires

Anything with freon in it – (We are checking on whether refrigerators / freezers are included)

Dirt

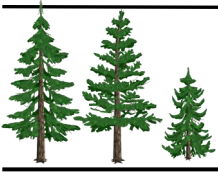
Pallets

HOUSEHOLD TRASH

Finally, Rick Harlow reports that his wife, Deb, is recovering well from her major surgery recently. She is overcoming a huge hurdle and we're all happy that the news is good.

Come get your waterproof map of Lake Livingston and surrounding communities!

For sale in the WIA office for only \$5 per map.



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Boxes, Boxes, & more Boxes !!



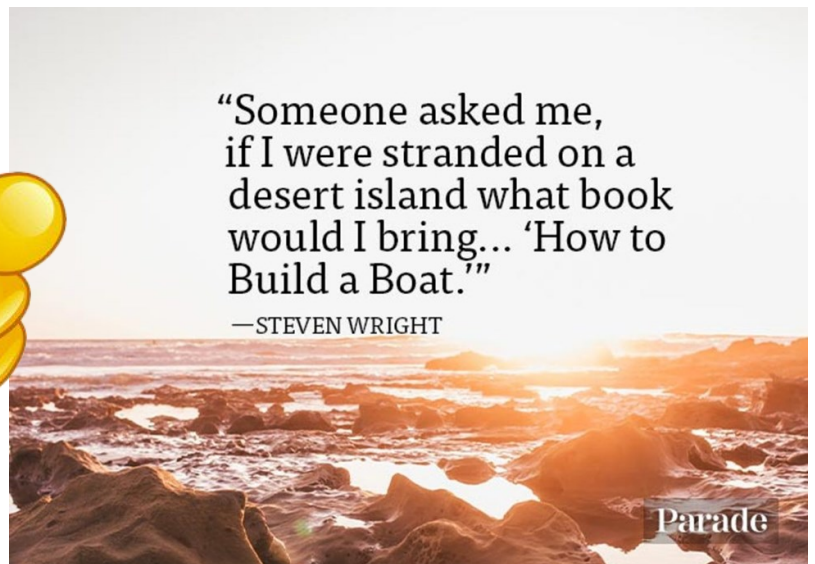
Please break down your boxes when placing them in the dumpsters. Open boxes take up A LOT of room which normally results in an overflow of garbage in the household garbage area. Flattening the boxes do not take much time and it allows much more garbage to be placed in the dumpsters.

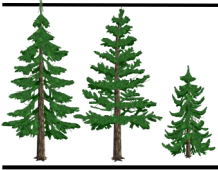
To those of you who take the time to break your boxes down and flatten them, **THANK YOU** and to those of you that take the time to help pickup things that animals have pulled out of the dumpsters, **THANK YOU**. Please do not think that those of you that are helping goes unnoticed. It can be seen in the WIA Office on the live cameras and property owners that are in the office taking care of business notice as well. **Thank you for helping make Waterwood the wonderful place that it is for everyone.**



“Someone asked me, if I were stranded on a desert island what book would I bring... ‘How to Build a Boat.’”

—STEVEN WRIGHT





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Volunteers Needed to Serve on the Waterwood Improvement Association Board of Directors

Its time again for WIA Board elections. As you all know, we are looking for four candidates. Each candidate must submit a **Petition for Candidacy Form** and a **Candidate Statement**. The HOA candidate statement introduces you as a candidate and informs members what you plan to do for the community. It is a way to educate your fellow members on how you intend to address the different issues plaguing our association. In addition, the statement will help you stand out as a candidate but will also function as an informative tool for voters.

What should your statement include?

Who you are. Open with an introduction. Explain, in brief words, who you are combined with background information.

Why you qualify. Why should I vote for you. Convince members that you are the right person for the job. Make sure you outline your qualification, experiences, accomplishments, etc.

What you intend to accomplish. Provide your goals and plans you have for the community. What are the issues you wish to address?

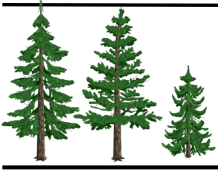
No more than 350 words

Statements can be emailed via PDF or Word document to:

wia@waterwoodwia.com, or mailed to: WIA, 62 Waterwood, Huntsville, TX 77320 or dropped off at the WIA Office. Deadline for submission is August 1, 2023.

Just remember, the candidate statement is an essential asset to your campaign. It familiarizes voters with you as a candidate and lets them know what you stand for.

Thank you for your consideration,
Phyllis Lavallais, WIA Board of Directors, Secretary



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Waterwood Volunteer Fire Department & Auxiliary



Help Wanted

We are looking for more volunteers to help us raise money for the Fire Department. This year's goal is to purchase iPads for the vehicles and for the office to write reports, etc.

Looking forward, our next function will be this coming October just in time for National Fire Awareness.

Won't you please join us?

Call or email Carole Magee

832-754-1360 carole.magee@gmail.com

The funnier side of aging...

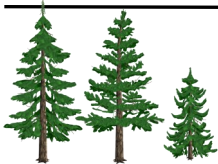
"People say, 'But Betty, Facebook is a great way to connect with old friends.' Well, at my age, if I want to connect with old friends I need a Ouija board." —Betty White

"As you get older, three things happen. The first is your memory goes, and I can't remember the other two."

—Sir Norman Wisdom

"You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you're down there." —George Burns





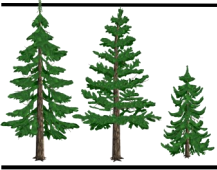
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ICE CREAM!!!!

Thanks Larry Westerdahl! Always a success!





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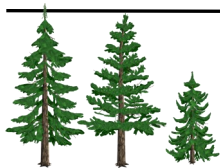
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Waterwood Women's League News

In May the WWL went to the Wynn House for our meeting. We were treated to a very informative presentation by the Tyme Unit of Herb Society of America. Rhonda Hanks enlightened us with ideas for an edible herb garden. We discovered that an herb garden is not only edible but a colorful, aromatic part of your garden. Gloria Hunter and our very own Maryann Readal told us about herbs that grow well in our area. We even got to go home with some herbs to plant in our own gardens!

Presently, the WWL board is busy planning for next year's meetings. We are using the information gleaned from our survey to plan these meetings. Thank you to all our members who took the time to answer the survey. As a result of this information, we are happy to include an evening outing so that ALL our members, especially those working full-time, can attend! We truly appreciate our members who work full-time and are unable to attend meetings but still donate to our scholarship fund through their \$25 membership dues. Also, using survey results, WWL is planning on having a nice balance of meeting topics and places to visit next year. I encourage you to invite that new neighbor or old friend to join us for one of our meetings. They might enjoy it and decide to join the Waterwood Women's League!

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Waterwood Women's League News, continued

Bingo is back! Mark your calendars for October 21, 2023. Bingo will be from 5:30-9:00 pm. WWL will again be having door prizes, raffle items, a wine pull, and a silent auction. We will also have food for sale, so you don't have to worry about fixing dinner before you come.

WWL members we need your help with Bingo. We need you to help with soliciting gift cards, gift certificates, themed baskets, and monetary donations. Please ask just **one** place that you frequent for a donation. You can obtain a donation letter from either Dianne or myself. We can even email you the letter if you like. We can't have Bingo without donations! All proceeds from Bingo help us provide educational scholarships to our high school students.

WWL is also happy to announce that we will be having a **garage sale** in the spring. Save your treasures to donate to the WWL for the garage sale. More information will be coming in the fall/spring.

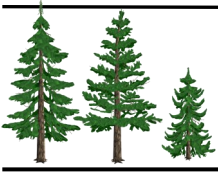
WWL is having a "Meet and Greet" in coordination with WNGRA on **Saturday August 12, 2023**, from 10:00 - 12:00. Stop by and meet your Waterwood neighbors.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the fall. Have a great summer and stay safe.

Pamala Sultan

Waterwood Women's League President

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



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Red Cross Community Disaster Preparedness Workshop

“The American Red Cross, in collaboration with the San Jacinto County Office of Emergency Management, is hosting a Community Disaster Workshop at the Coldspring Community Shelter. This event is intended to bring together our community's valuable resources and dedicated individuals to enhance our preparedness and resilience in the face of potential disasters.

Event Details:

Date: July 19th

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Coldspring Community Shelter, 121 Pine St, Coldspring, Texas

We cordially invite the public to attend this insightful workshop and be an active participant in empowering our community to respond effectively during times of crisis. By joining us, you will have the opportunity to engage in crucial discussions on a variety of important topics, including:

1. Understanding local hazards and their potential impacts
2. How to sign up for emergency alerts and where you can go if you need to evacuate
3. Creating effective emergency plans for households and businesses
4. Building emergency supply kits and maintaining essential resources
5. Developing communication strategies during disasters
6. Local and national volunteer organizations that provide trained volunteers and much-needed supplies, and how you can help
7. San Jacinto County peak hurricane season information, planning, and preparedness, emphasizing teamwork between local, state, and federal partners
8. Volunteering opportunities with the American Red Cross
9. Q&A session with emergency management professionals

This workshop aims to equip our community members with the knowledge and resources necessary to respond swiftly and efficiently during emergencies. By attending, you will gain valuable insights and have the chance to network with other like-minded individuals who share a common goal of ensuring the safety and well-being of our community.

To RSVP and secure your place at the event, kindly fill out the registration form using the following link: [RSVP Link: <https://forms.gle/1ishtyMhBjGohuHD7>]. Please note that spaces are limited, so we encourage you to register as soon as possible to guarantee your attendance. **Registration closes on July 1st.**

Your presence and contribution to this workshop are vital, as we believe that collaboration and collective action are the key ingredients to building a resilient community. We truly value your commitment to our community's welfare and hope that you will seize this opportunity to make a difference.”

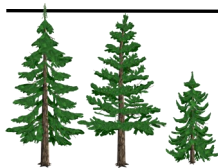
Again, this is a Red Cross and San Jacinto County event. **It is not being sponsored, run, or organized by the Texas Division of Emergency Management.**

Respectfully,

Kris Eastham
County Liaison Officer - San Jacinto
Texas Division of Emergency Management
Mobile: (936) 252-0193



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Wireless Emergency Alerts Save Lives

Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) are alert messages sent to your mobile phone during an emergency. No sign-up is required.

Patrick Winter, owner of Red Barn Farm near Northfield, MN, was hosting his mother's 77th birthday party on September 28, 2018, one of the most prolific tornado days in the state's history.

Amid the celebration, Winter and his family received continued Wireless Emergency Alerts from the National Weather Service about an incoming tornado. The 13 people (and one dog) in attendance sought shelter immediately; minutes later, the tornado struck, demolishing the Big Red Barn.

Winter said the alerts "saved my entire family, otherwise we'd have been gone; a mile down the road with the rest of the barn."



What Kind of Alerts?

WEA are sent only during an emergency. They are sent by government alerting authorities through your mobile carrier.

Types of alerts include:

- Extreme weather warnings
- Local emergencies requiring evacuation or immediate action
- AMBER Alerts
- Presidential Alerts during a national emergency

The National Weather Services sends WEA messages for:

- Dust Storm Warnings
- Extreme Wind Warnings
- Flash Flood Warnings*
- Hurricane/Typhoon Warnings
- Severe Thunderstorm Warnings*
- Snow Squall Warnings
- Storm Surge Warnings
- Tornado Warnings
- Tsunami Warnings

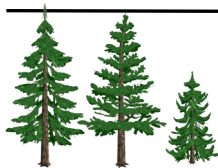
* High-damage threat Warnings only

WEA messages are relevant to your location – you only receive WEA messages when you and your cell phone are in the area of the emergency. If you visit another city, you will only receive alerts for that location and not your home town.



To sign up for Wireless Emergency Alerts:

<https://www.weather.gov/wrn/wea>



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What Do the Alerts Look Like?

WEA will look like a text message. The WEA message will typically show the type and time of the alert, any action you should take, and the government agency issuing the alert.

WEA messages include a special tone and vibration, both repeated twice.

What Should I Do If I Receive an Alert?

Follow any action advised by the emergency message. Seek more details from your favorite TV or radio station, NOAA Weather Radio, news website, desktop application, mobile application, or other trusted source of information.

Do I Need to Sign Up for WEA?

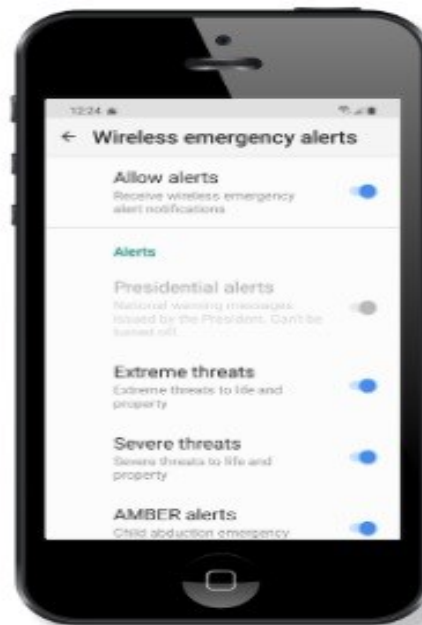
NO! No signup is required! Alerts are sent automatically to WEA-capable phones during an emergency. WEA is free! No need to download an app.

How Do I Know WEA is Enabled on My Phone?

Many new cell phones are WEA-capable. Prepaid mobile devices may also be WEA-capable. For information about which mobile devices are WEA-capable and carrier participation, please contact your wireless carrier. And don't turn them off! Keep them on to ensure that you receive alerts for severe weather and other emergencies.

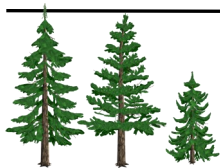
For More Information

More than 100 mobile carriers, including all of the largest carriers, participate in the WEA program. For information, contact your wireless carrier.



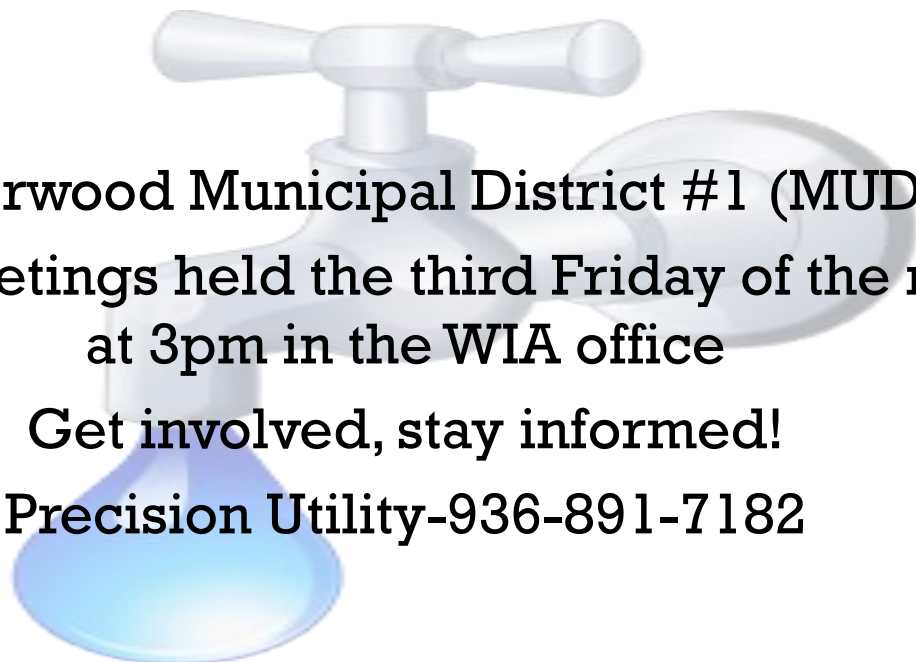
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Waterwood Municipal District #1 (MUD)

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

Get involved, stay informed!

Precision Utility-936-891-7182

HURRICANE GUIDE 2023

Courtesy of Mike Duffy, WIA Director

https://www.weather.gov/hgx/HGX_Hurricane_Guide_2023 (English)

https://www.weather.gov/hgx/HGX_Hurricane_Guide_2023_Spanish
(Spanish)



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

Check out the page at the link below!

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

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Back row: Owner, Greg Smith, Will Smith. Front row: Michael Hunt, Cari Rogers, Belinda Honea, Judith Rodriguez and Billy Cauthen

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