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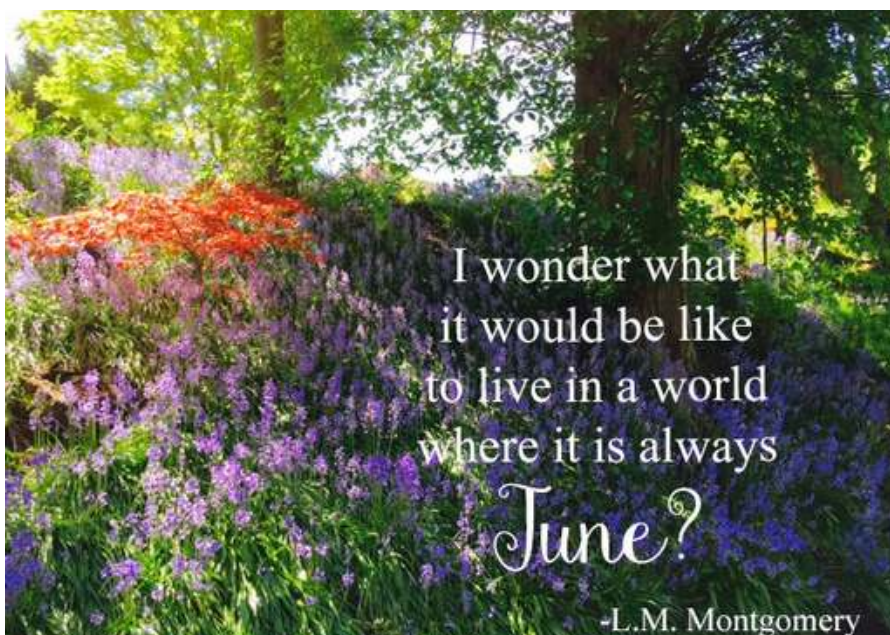
# Waterwood Neighborhood News

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Get ready for a fun-filled  
summer because here it  
comes!



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FORGET THE  
LAST PAGE  
OF THE WNN  
FOR A  
LAUGH OR  
TWO!

# Info at a Glance

## CALENDAR

- MOVIE NIGHT & LINE DANCING AT THE PAVILION  
06/15 6PM
- FATHERS' DAY 06/16
- WIA MEETING 06/19 9AM
- MUD MEETING 06/21 3PM
- FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION 07/06

## SAVE THE DATE!

- JULY 4TH CELEBRATION & FIREWORKS 07/06
- WOMEN'S LEAGUE BINGO NIGHT 10/19

## HELPFUL NUMBERS

**WATERWOOD SECURITY**  
**936-661-2800**

**SAN JACINTO COUNTY SHERIFF**  
**936-653-4367**

**WIA OFFICE**  
**936-891-7710**

**WATERWOOD MUD**  
**936-891-7182**

## INFORMATIVE LINKS

**WATERWOOD WEBSITE**

**WATERWOOD MUD**

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## ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS

### Deed Restriction Enforcement Committee

With all the rain the past month we know it is difficult to keep the yards maintained but let's all make the effort to keep our lawns trimmed and looking attractive.

The yard of the month has been put on hold due to weather and other technical issues. We will let you know when the project will commence.

There were 14 new violations found this month and 17 violations cleared and taken off list.



MAKE NOTE OF OUR  
WATERWOOD IMPROVEMENT  
ASSOCIATION BOARD  
MEETINGS! COME AND  
CATCH UP ON THE GOINGS-  
ON IN YOUR COMMUNITY!  
GET INVOLVED, BE ACTIVE!  
3RD MONDAY OF THE  
MONTH, 9AM

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## WATERWOOD NATIONAL GOLF & RECREATION ASSOCIATION HAS THREE BIG NEWS ITEMS!

### THE 2024 WATERWOOD OPEN

WELL WATERWOOD...YOU DID IT AGAIN! CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BIGGEST AND MOST FINANCIALLY SUCCESSFUL GOLF TOURNAMENT EVER! FIRST OF ALL, THE PRAISE AND GLORY IS TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER. THIS YEAR MORE THAN EVER, MOTHER NATURE CHALLENGED US (SEVERAL TIMES) AND GOD STEPPED IN TO SAVE US IN THE ELEVENTH HOUR! AMEN! I WISH TO EXTEND OUR MOST HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO THE SMART, DETERMINED, AND TENACIOUS TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WHO SHOWED EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION PROCESS. WHEN YOU SEE THEM, PLEASE HELP ME TO OFFER THESE FOLKS A HANDSHAKE, HUG, AND/OR PAT ON THE BACK FOR WHAT THEY HELPED TO ACHIEVE. COMMITTEE MEMBERS INCLUDED, ALEX & DIANNE CHRESTOPOULOS, ED & SUE KILE, SHARON & GREG GUSMAN, KEITH CAULFIELD, RAY RAMIREZ, MIKE FOLK, ROD KIRSCHNER & NANCY STEWART, DAVID WOZENCRAFT, LISA HAYMAN, AND MYSELF. IN ADDITION, I SEND MAJOR AND MASSIVE GRATITUDE TO ALL OF OUR 30-40 VOLUNTEERS WHO SHOWED UP. A GREAT EVENT CANNOT HAPPEN WITHOUT GREAT HUMANS! RESIDENTS SHOWED UP WITH THEIR WEED-EATERS, CHAIN SAWS, MOWERS ETC. AND WORKED TIRELESSLY FOR DAYS ON COURSE PREPARATION, TOURNAMENT DAY VOLUNTEERS FROM THE WW WOMEN'S LEAGUE PROVIDED RITZ-CARLTON LEVEL HOSPITALITY DURING REGISTRATION, CONTRACTORS MOWED FRANTICALLY, WIA BOARD MEMBERS, LISA AND JAMIE, CLEARED THE UNSIGHTLY BURN RUBBLE ON #11, AND WE KNOW MANY WATERWOOD COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRAYED FOR US TO HAVE A GREAT EVENT. I'M PROUD TO SAY THE COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS TOOK THE MANTRA "ADAPT & OVERCOME" TO A NEW LEVEL THIS YEAR! THE COLLABORATION, DYNAMIC DECISION-MAKING, RAPID COURSE-CORRECTION, AND (DESPITE AN OCCASIONAL DIFFERENCE OF OPINION) LOVE AND RESPECT FOR ONE ANOTHER WAS EVIDENT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF THE TOURNAMENT. . AS USUAL, COMMENTS FROM THE ATTENDEES WERE FILLED WITH PRAISE, FUN, LAUGHTER, SMILES, AND GRATITUDE FOR SUCH A GREAT TIME! CLEARLY ONE OF THE FAVORITE FEATURES, COMMENTED ON BY ALL, WERE THE HOLE-SIDE NEIGHBORS WHO SERVED A VARIETY OF ADULT BEVERAGES TO GOLFERS AS THEY DROVE BY. THIS ADDED SO MUCH FUN, HOSPITALITY, AND ENJOYMENT FOR ALL OF OUR GUESTS!

THE QUANTITATIVE RESULTS OF THE TOURNAMENT WERE, 144 GOLFERS REGISTERED (MOST EVER), 14 WAITING LIST REGISTRATIONS (A CLEAR INDICATION OF HOW POPULAR THIS EVENT HAS BECOME), 16 HOLE SPONSORS, 5 TEE BOX BUSINESS PROMO SPONSORS, 7 BIRDIE SPONSORS, 1 PAR SPONSOR, AND 1 \$1000 EAGLE SPONSOR! IN ROUND NUMBERS, GROSS REVENUE TOTALED \$25,000, EXPENSES \$10,000, NET PROCEEDS \$15,000. AS AN ADDED BONUS, THE WATERWOOD OWNERSHIP TEAM HAS ONCE AGAIN AGREED TO MATCH OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR FROM THIS EVENT, IN EFFECT DOUBLING OUR NET PROCEEDS TO \$30,000!

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FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, THE BIGGEST REWARD FROM THIS PROJECT WAS WATCHING THE COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER, FACE ADVERSITY, EXCHANGING IDEAS, FIGURING STUFF OUT, AND IN THE END EXPANDING OUR BELIEFS OF WHAT IS TRULY POSSIBLE WHEN A GROUP OF GREAT AND UNIFIED HUMAN BEINGS SET THEIR MINDS ON A GOAL AND DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO MAKE IT HAPPEN! AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF THE WNGRA BOARD AND EVERY SINGLE PERSON WHO CONTRIBUTED THEIR TIME, ENERGY, AND EFFORT, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT! ENJOY THIS BEAUTIFUL VIDEO RECAP DONE BY JOHN AND SALLY CHARLTON. [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/ISBZEa5EFvM?si=2HRRUWWDILNV59L3](https://youtu.be/ISBZEa5EFvM?si=2HRRUWWDILNV59L3)

## ZELLE PAYMENT OPTION FOR GOLFER GUESTS OF WATERWOOD RESIDENTS!

THEY'RE HERE AND INSTALLED! KEEPING IN LINE WITH OUR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS PHILOSOPHY, WE NOW HAVE A GREAT WAY FOR YOUR GOLFING GUESTS TO HELP OUT IF THEY ARE SO MOVED TO DO SO. ALL WE ASK IS THAT YOU MAYBE SHARE WITH YOUR GUESTS, A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW WE ARE KEEPING THE COURSE IN PLAYABLE CONDITION VIA THESE CONTRIBUTIONS, TOURNAMENTS, AND HELP FROM MULTIPLE VOLUNTEERS. ANY AMOUNT IS MUCH APPRECIATED. SIMPLY FOCUS YOUR PHONE/CAMERA ONTO THE QR CODE, THEN FOLLOW THE PROMPTS TO SEND A LITTLE GIFT. (\$25 PER PLAYER IS A GOOD RECOMMENDATION) THANKS A BUNCH! SPECIAL THANKS TO MIKE FOLK FOR MAKING THE SIGNS AND TO RAYMOND RAMIREZ FOR HELPING TO INSTALL FOUR SIGNS THROUGHOUT THE GOLF COURSE.

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OPTION

THE PROPOSED EDIT OF THE WNGRA BYLAWS TO INCLUDE AN ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OPTION HAS PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE AND HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE WATERWOOD NATIONAL OWNERSHIP TEAM. THANK YOU FOR VOTING! AN ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OPTION IS NOW AVAILABLE TO NON-PROPERTY OWNERS WHO ARE SPONSORED AND ENDORSED BY A WNGRA MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING. A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING IS DEFINED AS A MEMBER WHO HAS PAID THEIR ANNUAL DUES AND WHO PROVIDES VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS. THE WNGRA SPONSORING MEMBER AGREES TO BE CO-RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COURSE ETIQUETTE AND CONTINUED QUALIFICATION OF THE ASSOCIATE MEMBER. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES OF \$35 AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS RANGING BETWEEN \$50-\$100/MONTH APPLY TO ASSOCIATE MEMBERS. DUE TO NON-OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY IN WATERWOOD, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS WILL NOT HAVE A VOTE IN WNGRA MATTERS AND MAY, HOWEVER, EXPRESS THEIR INPUT VIA THEIR SPONSORING MEMBER. MEMBERSHIP FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING WNGRA BOARD MEMBERS, AL RINCON, ALEX CHRESTOPOULOS, OR ED KILE.

YOURS IN CONTINUED GROWTH! - WNGRA BOARD

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## WVFD Auxiliary Group

MY GRACIOUS WHAT A MONTH MAY WAS WITH ALL THE STORMS AND RAIN!!!!  
THANKFULLY MAY IS OVER. WE HOPE YOU WILL ALL HAVE A SAFE, FUN SUMMER.

DON'T FORGET TO COME SEE US FOR JULY 4TH CELEBRATIONS  
WE WILL ONCE AGAIN BE SELLING COTTON CANDY FOR THE NOON MEAL AT THE  
PAVILION

WE WILL ALSO HAVE A 50/50 DRAWING  
IN ADDITION, WE HAVE RECEIVED A DONATION OF  
CURAD 175 PIECE FIRST AID KITS  
WE WILL SELL THEM FOR \$12



IF YOU MISS THE NOON MEAL LOOK FOR OUR TENT AT THE MARINA FOR THE  
FIREWORKS WHERE WE WILL HAVE HANDOUTS FOR THE KIDS.

FOR MORE INFO ON BECOMING A WATERWOOD AUXILIARY MEMBER, PLEASE  
CONTACT CAROLE MAGEE AT [CAROLE.MAGEE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CAROLE.MAGEE@GMAIL.COM)

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## WIA SOCIAL CORNER

Here you can find the latest and greatest information on events happening in our neighborhood. Information can also be found on FACEBOOK. Please contact [Wiasocialgroup@gmail.com](mailto:Wiasocialgroup@gmail.com) if you need additional information. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your journey!!

### UPCOMING EVENTS - SAVE THE DATES

**GOLF CART DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT**

15 JUNE 2024

6 PM

PAVILION PARKING LOT

GOLF CARTS AND WALK-INS WELCOME

MOVIE FEATURING

DIRTY DANCING

LINE DANCING TAUGHT BY MISTY HALES



**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

6 JULY 2024

PAVILION 11 AM TO 1 PM

MARINA 6:30 PM

FIREWORKS BEGIN CIRCA 9:30 PM

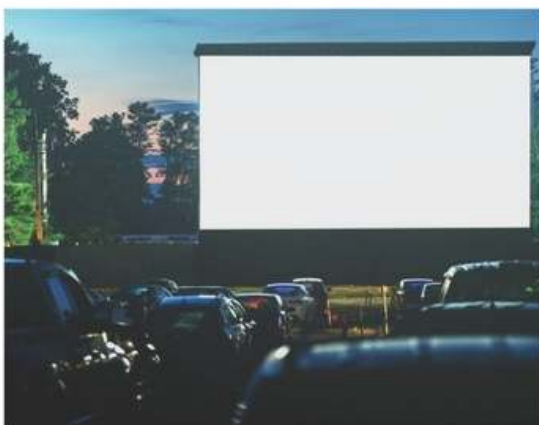
Trivia night

August 2024

WIA BOARDROOM

HAPPY HOUR AT 6PM

GAME TIME AT 7 PM



**BACK TO SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT**

SEPTEMBER 2024

PAVILION AND POOL

TIME TBD

MOVIE FEATURING

JAWS

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## Cinco De Mayo Trivia Night

We had the most fun doing trivia. The winners received margarita glasses filled with tequila, limes and Mexican candy. Lots of neighbors tested their knowledge and competed for the first-place prize. The next game night is scheduled for August and will be open to anyone who wishes to participate, and it's totally free to play!!

Line Dancing  
Golf Cart Drive-In  
Movie Night

WIA is hosting a Golf Cart Drive-in Movie featuring Dirty Dancing on 15 June at 6 pm at the WIA pavilion.

You'll want to arrive early to learn how to line dance, taught by Misty Hales. Everyone is invited to attend this free event. Bring your chairs, blankets and of course your golf carts. WIA will provide free popcorn and water. You are also free to bring snacks and BYOB. Everyone is welcome!!



## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

6 July 2024

It's time for our annual firework display at the marina. This feast for the eyes will be shared by all and will hopefully bring us all together. We invite you all to come. Bring your friends and family!! Everyone is welcome!!

11 am to 1 pm - WNGRA will be selling Hot Dogs and chips at the WIA pavilion. There will be a golf cart parade led by our own VFD. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded to the best golf carts.

6:30 - Food trucks, music, games, bounce house, snow cones and fireworks at the Marina.

We are in need of volunteers to assist with judging the golf carts and ensuring all vendors are set up at the marina. Please reach out using the [WIASocialgroup@gmail.com](mailto:WIASocialgroup@gmail.com) if you would like to help!!



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Showing  
**DIRTY DANCING**

WIA PRESENTS  
**LINE DANCING  
AND  
MOVIE NIGHT**




**15 June 2024 6:00 p.m.  
Waterwood Pavilion**




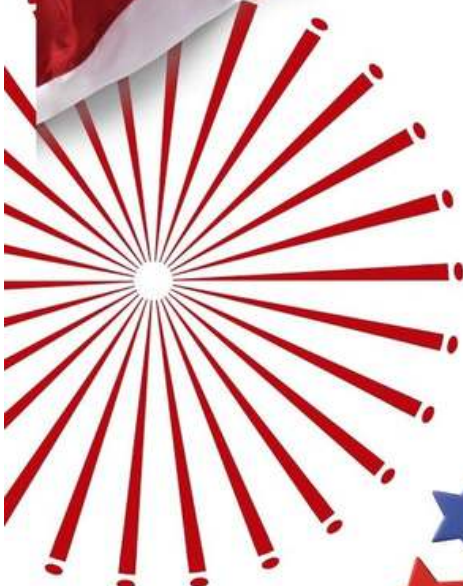
Popcorn and water  
will be provided

Line Dancing  
taught by Misty Hales

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11 am - 1 pm - WNGRA will  
be selling Hot Dogs and  
chips at the WIA Pavilion.  
Golf Cart Decorating  
Contest and Parade



**WATERWOOD'S  
INDEPENDENCE  
DAY  
CELEBRATION**


**6TH JULY, 2024**



**6:30 - FOOD TRUCKS, GAMES  
MUSIC, BOUNCE HOUSE & WIA'S  
ANNUAL FIREWORKS SHOW**

FEATURING  
GREG RILEY AS  
DJ

More info 936-891-7710 or [wia@waterwood.com](mailto:wia@waterwood.com)  
WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!



# Waterwood Neighborhood News

## *Waterwood Women's League News*

*The ladies of Waterwood Women's League had their last meeting before summer on April 10th. We learned the art of flower pressing from our own Debbie Maas. Each member received a flower press which we decorated with dried flowers, leaves, and grasses. Thank you, Debbie Maas, for guiding us through this process. A special thanks goes out to Steve Morrell for making the flower presses for us! The ladies were then treated to a delicious lunch hosted by some of our ladies.*

*Congratulations to our Scholarship recipients for 2024, Tate Stamper and Christopher Baker! It was a very hard decision this year with 35 applicants from Onalaska 1SD and Coldspring-Oakhurst 1SD. Waterwood's Women's League enriches the lives of women in our and surrounding communities. Our primary mission is to provide scholarships to deserving seniors from Coldspring and Onalaska High Schools. Each year WWL gives a one-time \$1000 technical scholarship and a \$1000 per semester 4-year academic scholarship. Your support of the Women's League through your membership and participation in our fundraising events is making a great impact in these young adult lives. Without your help and involvement, it wouldn't be possible to fund our scholarships.*

### *Bingo's Back!!*

*Save the date! Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 5:30-9:00 at the WIA pavilion. There will be door prizes, wine pull, silent auction, food and raffle items. Plan on bringing your family, friends, and neighbors to a fun filled night.*

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## Waterwood Women's League Awards Scholarships

By Maryann Readal and the WWL Scholarship Committee

The Waterwood Women's League recently awarded scholarships to two deserving students graduating from Coldspring-Oakhurst High School.

The Scholarship Committee, Maryann Readal, Sally Charlton, and Mattie Licciardoni, reviewed 35 scholarship applications from Coldspring-Oakhurst and Onalaska High Schools. The committee interviewed 13 of the applicants for the League's vocational and academic scholarships.

The committee chose Kristopher Baker to receive the one-time \$1,000 vocational scholarship. Kristopher will be attending Hill College to become a welder. Kristopher is also a state champion bull rider and plans to continue bull riding in the future.

The \$8,000 academic scholarship (\$1,000 is given each semester for four years as long as 2.5 grade point average is maintained) was awarded to Tate Stamper. Tate is graduating 8th in his class and will have 70 college credit hours by the time he graduates from Coldspring-Oakhurst High School. He plans to major in biology and wants to teach and be an athletic coach after he graduates. He will be attending Texas State University.

Currently, the League also has two students receiving an academic scholarship. Mattie Adams graduated from Onalaska HS and is a sophomore majoring in Poultry Science at Texas A&M. This summer she is excited about an internship in Colorado working for a company that helps provide food for the world. She also has been named an Aggie Poultry Ambassador. Mattie works two jobs during the school year.

Jaden Griffin graduated from Coldspring-Oakhurst HS. He is a freshman at the Milwaukee School of Engineering. His major is cybersecurity with a minor in mathematics.

Last year, the League awarded a vocational scholarship to Chloe Anstee from Onalaska HS. Chloe is attending Lone Star College to become a radiology technician. This year, Ashley Bell from Onalaska HS, one of our scholarship students, graduated from A&M with an engineering degree and will be working as a mechatronics technician in South Carolina.

The Women's League has awarded its scholarships since 1984 and has given \$150,000 in scholarships since then. Each year the League raises funds for its scholarships by holding a garage sale in the spring and a bingo in the fall. Thank you for your generous support of these events which enable us to continue encouraging our young talent to continue their educations.



**Thank you Ladies for the time and  
work you put into our kids' futures!!**

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## KEITH'S CORNER: WATERWOOD MAINTENANCE

GREETINGS FROM THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT, NEIGHBORS.

### PROGRESS SINCE THE LAST COLUMN:

THE DAMAGE TO THE POOL AREA FROM THE FALLEN HUGE PINE TREE IS ON THE ROAD TO BEING CORRECTED. WE HAVE RECEIVED PAYMENT FROM THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER FOR THE DAMAGES. THE PLAYGROUND CONTRACTOR IS FABRICATING THE NEW SWING SET AND PREPARING ALL THE OTHER PARTS. THIS TAKES TIME, BUT THE CLOCK TOWARD FULL REPAIR HAS STARTED.

WE ALSO UPGRADED THE DRAINAGE FROM THE PLAYGROUND OUTWARDS. CALL THIS PHASE 2 OF THE PLAYGROUND DRAINAGE ISSUES. THE LOOK OF THE PLAYGROUND RETAINING BARRIER JUST OPPOSITE OF THE BATHROOMS IS DIFFERENT, AND THE PLAYGROUND AREA HOLDS MUCH LESS WATER NOW.

THE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS AT BOTH THE 190 ENTRANCE AND THE 980 ENTRANCE HAVE BEEN REFURBISHED. THEY FULLY WORK NOW AND THEY HAVE BEEN MODIFIED SO THAT EXPOSED CONTROL BOXES ARE NOT VISIBLE. WE HOPE THAT THIS WILL DISCOURAGE VANDALISM. WE CAN CONTROL THEM FROM A SMARTPHONE.

THE SPRINKLERS AT THE POOL HAD A MALFUNCTION SEVERAL WEEKS AGO THAT FLOODED THE AREA AND FORCED US TO SHUT OFF THE WATER TO THE ENTIRE POOL AND PAVILION. (WE SHOULD HAVE VIEWED THE FLOODING AS AN OMEN.) THIS HAS BEEN FIXED AND WE ADDED A SPRINKLER ISOLATION VALVE SO THAT IN THE FUTURE, WE CAN LEAVE THE POOL WATER SYSTEM ON (AND THUS HAVE BATHROOM ACCESS) WHILE WE FIX THE SPRINKLERS.

THE DRAINS ALONGSIDE THE POOL PARKING AREA WERE DUG OUT BY ED KILE AND FAMILY FOR THE WNGRA GOLF TOURNAMENT, THEN JETTED CLEAR BY BULLDOG IRRIGATION LAST WEEK. THANK YOU, ED, YOU DA MAN.

WE HAVE OBTAINED A QUOTE FOR PLACING A BARRIER IN A SPECIFIC SPOT IN THE SUBDIVISION WHICH MAY HELP MINIMIZE THE DAMAGE DONE BY CARELESS AND PERHAPS INTENTIONAL FOUR-WHEELERS.

### FEDERAL DISASTER RESPONSE

THE STORMS THAT ARRIVED EARLY ON APRIL 29TH WERE THE FIRST IN A STRING OF SEVERE WIND AND RAIN EVENTS. BARELY HAVE WE GOTTEN PAST THE EFFECTS FROM ONE STORM WHEN WE SUFFERED THROUGH ANOTHER.

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## KEITH'S CORNER: WATERWOOD MAINTENANCE CONTINUED

THE STORMS AFFECTED WATERWOOD IN SIX AREAS:

- DOWNED TREES. MANY CAUSING TOTAL BLOCKAGE OF VARIOUS STREETS.
- DAMAGE TO SURFACE DRAINAGE AND CULVERTS IN SEVERAL CRITICAL AREAS
- FURTHER DETERIORATION OF ROADS AND PAVING
- SEVERE UPSET OF THE POOL'S CHEMISTRY CAUSED BY REPEAT WAVES OF WATER FILLED WITH SEDIMENT TO FLOW INTO THE POOL ITSELF
- DAMAGE AND FAILURE OF THE POOL AREA'S DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, ACCOMPANIED BY EROSION, AND CAUSING VERY SLIPPERY CONDITIONS ON THE PARKING LOT
- DAMAGE TO RESIDENCES OF VARIOUS HOMEOWNERS. I AM ONE OF THOSE, HAVING WATER IN MY HOUSE AND ARRANGING A ROOF REPAIR PROJECT. SOME OF MY TEAM HAD WORSE PROBLEMS.

### PROBLEMS WITH THE POOL AND PAVILION

I TRY AND DEAL WITH FACTS IN THESE PAGES; THE FOLLOWING IS NOT INTENDED TO DISPARAGE ANYONE. THE FACT IS THAT THE STORMS HAVE EXPOSED SEVERAL FLAWS WITH THE POOL AND PAVILION, MAINLY REGARDING WHAT WE CALL CIVIL ENGINEERING: DRAINAGE, ELEVATION OF THE GROUNDS, AND SIMILAR FACTORS.

THE SIMPLE EXPLANATION IS THAT THE ADJACENT PROPERTY SITS SEVERAL FEET HIGHER THAN DOES THE POOL PROPERTY. WHILE THE POOL AREA SURVIVES NORMAL RAINS WITH NO PROBLEM, IN THESE STORMS WATER FLOWED SIDWAYS ACROSS THE POOL AREA AND DOWN



DONNIE MARSHALL, MUD BOARD DIRECTOR

TOWARDS THE GULLY BETWEEN THE POOL AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THIS WATER CARRIES DIRT AND MUD WITH IT, RUINING THE POOL CHEMISTRY AND MAKING ALL PAVED AREAS SLIPPERY. THE CONTAMINATED WATER CAUSES ALGAE TO GROW IN THE POOL WATER, AND WHEN ALGAE STARTS IT IS VERY HARD TO STOP. SAFETY IS COMPROMISED BY WATER CHEMISTRY AND SLIP/FALLS.

MAINTENANCE WILL PROVIDE AT LEAST TWO, WORKING ON THREE, COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR CORRECTING THESE ISSUES, AND PRESENT A PLAN TO THE WIA BOARD IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE HAVE ONE BID IN PROCESS AND ARE WORKING TO GET VENDOR NO. 2 OUT HERE NEXT WEEK. WE'RE LOOKING FOR VENDOR 3 AS WELL.

IN THE MEANTIME, PAT ZAPPA AND TOM READAL ARE PLACING TEMPORARY DRAINAGE BARRIERS ONTO THE POOL DECK. THESE SHOULD HELP US WHILE PERMANENT FIXES ARE BEING PLANNED.

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## KEITH'S CORNER: WATERWOOD MAINTENANCE CONTINUED

### FEDERAL DISASTER PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS

THE BEST WAY TO DESCRIBE WORKING WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS THIS: "TO FIX 100 POUNDS' WORTH OF PROBLEM, YOU HAVE TO SUPPLY THEM WITH 1,000 POUNDS' WORTH OF PAPER." ALL OF US WHO WORK FOR YOU, THE RESIDENTS, WE NOT ONLY HAVE TO CUT TREES, WORK TO FIX ROADS AND CULVERTS, AND REPAIR THE POOL FACILITIES. WE ALSO HAVE TO SPEND HUNDREDS OF HOURS MAKING SURE THAT WE DOCUMENT EVERYTHING WE HAVE DONE.

### I'M PROUD OF THE MAINTENANCE TEAM

FOLKS, LOOK AT THE LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT START OUT THIS ARTICLE. THERE ARE SIX MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS / FIXES LISTED THAT SHOULD IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE APPEARANCE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD. ALL OF THESE WERE COMPLETED IN A MONTH FILLED WITH THREE WEEKS OF PURE DISASTERS. THE MAINTENANCE TEAM NEVER STOPPED WORKING THIS MONTH. NOT FOR A DAY. SOME ON THE TEAM HAD TO DEAL WITH FIXES TO THEIR OWN PLACE ON TOP OF WORKING IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THE LONG TERM AND DEALING WITH THE STORMS. I DID. WITHOUT THEIR DEDICATION ABOVE AND BEYOND, WE'D STILL HAVE STREETS BLOCKED BY TREES AND COLLAPSED FROM BLOWN-OUT CULVERTS. ADDING TO THEIR EFFORTS, THERE WERE

NOTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM RESIDENT VOLUNTEERS ON SPECIFIC DAYS WHEN THESE WERE MUCH NEEDED. PLEASE CONGRATULATE ALL OF THESE FOLKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE:

·PAT ZAPPA, TREE LEADER, ALONG WITH CAROLE MAGEE WHO BACKS HER UP. WE HANDLED AN ESTIMATED 70 TO 80 TREES THIS MONTH AND NEVER LET A STREET BE BLOCKED FOR MORE THAN A COUPLE OF HOURS. THIS INVOLVED MANY EARLY MORNINGS BEFORE THE FIRST CUP OF COFFEE.

·RAY RAMIREZ, PAVING AND ROADS LEADER, ALONG WITH ED KILE AS BACKUP. OUR ROADS ARE IN SEVERE DISTRESS DUE TO FLOWING WATER, WITH RUINED CULVERTS BEING SOME OF THE MAIN CULPRITS. (GET IT, CUL-PRITS?). RAY HANDLED SO MUCH OF THE ORGANIZATION NEEDED TO GET QUICK FIXES ACCOMPLISHED. THESE ARE STILL ONGOING AND MAY BE FOR SOME TIME.

·TOM READAL AND HIS BACKUP, ROB DAVIS. THESE GUYS HAVE BEEN - AND STILL ARE - FIGHTING THE BATTLE OF CHEMISTRY IN THE POOL WATER. THEY HAVE SUPERVISED THE FULL DRAINING OF THE POOL, MANUAL CLEANING, AND ITS REFILLING, ALONG WITH MANY OTHER STEPS IN TRYING TO GET THE POOL WATER CLEAR AND CLEAN AGAIN.

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## KEITH'S CORNER: WATERWOOD MAINTENANCE, CONTINUED



PARTICULAR ORDER. YOU GUYS KNOW  
WHAT YOU DID. THANK YOU.  
OJAMES AND SHELLEY SCHWEBACH  
OMIKE FOLK  
OLEONARD ZAPPA  
OJAMIE GROSKOPF  
OED KILE  
OLISA HAYMAN  
OMELISSA GILL  
OBULL DOG IRRIGATION  
ORAY NORMAN TREE SERVICE  
OWATERWOOD SECURITY

### PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE DISASTER

AS USUAL. FOLKS AROUND HERE HAVE  
MIXED ATTITUDES TOWARD THE  
DISASTER RESPONSE EFFORTS. THANKS  
TO THE PEOPLE WHO TRY TO

ROD KIRSCHNER, FACILITIES LEAD,  
WHO IS WORKING WITH ME ON THE  
POOL AND PAVILION. ROD HAD  
MAJOR FLOODING IN HIS HOUSE TO  
DEAL WITH ALSO.

·RANDY AYERS, WHO KEEPS THE  
GENERAL LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR  
MOVING DURING WEATHER EVENTS.

·WHILE WE HAVE AREAS OF  
DISAGREEMENT WITH COMMISSIONER  
MARK NETTUNC, I ASKED HIM TO  
TAKE CARE OF ONE VERY IMPORTANT  
CULVERT WASHOUT WHILE WIA  
STARTED FIXING ANY OF THE OTHERS  
THAT WE COULD. HE STEPPED UP  
FOR BASS BOAT VILLAGE AND HIS  
CREWS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON  
THAT MARINA ROAD CULVERT FOR  
AWHILE NOW. PRECINCT 4 DESERVES  
CREDIT FOR THIS.

·CITIZENS AND COMPANIES, IN NO





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## KEITH'S CORNER: WATERWOOD MAINTENANCE CONTINUED

UNDERSTAND THE EXTRA LOAD UNDER WHICH THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN PLACED. THIS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME OF YOU OUT THERE WHO DON'T REALLY SEEM TO GET IT AT ALL. I WAS LITERALLY STANDING OUT IN THE STREET IN THE WIND AND RAIN ONE MORNING WITH A CHAIN SAW IN MY HAND, CUTTING UP A LARGE OAK TREE THAT WAS BLOCKING A PARTICULAR STREET. WHILE OUT THERE, A RESIDENT CAME UP AND ASKED ME TO FIX A PROBLEM HE WAS HAVING WITH HIS NEIGHBOR. SINCE I WAS A WIA PERSON, THIS IN THE MIDDLE OF A FEDERAL DISASTER....IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET....IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE STORM.

PEOPLE ASK WHY IT HAS TAKEN SO LONG TO FIX THE POOL. THEY THINK THAT MAJOR DAMAGE GETS FIXED WITH A MAGIC WAND BY LARGE DEPARTMENTS. MAJOR FIXES TAKE MAJOR TIME. THIS ESPECIALLY HOLDS TRUE WHEN YOU HAVE A LIMITED STAFF AND LIMITED BUDGET. MY STAFF, WHICH DESERVEDLY RECEIVED BIG THANK-YOU'S ABOVE, TOTALS 8 PEOPLE OF WHICH 4 ARE BACKUPS, AND EVERY ONE OF THEM IS A RESIDENT VOLUNTEER. WE'RE DOING ALL THIS WORK WITH VERY FEW PEOPLE AND WE ALL EARN \$ 0.

YOU KNOW, MANY FOLKS OUT HERE HAVE COME FROM THE BIG CITY TO GET AWAY FROM ITS NOISE AND ITS CLUTTER. MANY OF US LOVE THE PEACE THAT WATERWOOD PROVIDES. UNFORTUNATELY, A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF FORMER CITY FOLKS SEEM TO WANT IT BOTH WAYS. THEY DON'T REALIZE THAT IN EXCHANGE FOR THE SOFT PACE OF LIFE OUT HERE IN THE COUNTRY, THEY HAVE TO GIVE UP ANOTHER ASPECT OF BIG CITY LIFE: PEOPLE OUT HERE CANNOT CALL "SOMEONE," OR "THEM," OR "THEY" TO COME FIX STUFF ON DEMAND. OUT HERE, "SOMEONE" HAPPENS TO BE "ME." "THEY" HAPPEN TO BE MY SMALL DEDICATED TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS WHO STEPPED UP IN A BIG WAY TO KEEP THIS PLACE RUNNING THIS LAST MONTH. SO INSTEAD OF CALLING UP THE WIA OFFICE AND COMPLAINING ABOUT EVERY LITTLE THING, WHY DON'T YOU GIVE A FEW MINUTES A WEEK AND HELP THINGS OUT AROUND HERE? PUTTING IT BLUNTLY: WE'RE NO ONE'S MINIONS. WE'RE VOLUNTEERS.

A HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLE: INSTEAD OF TAKING PICTURES OF YOUR CLOGGED STREET DRAINS, UPLOADING THEM, AND TYPING UP AN E-MAIL TO THE WIA OFFICE, HOW ABOUT SIMPLY WALKING OUT THERE WITH A RAKE AND CLEAR THEM YOURSELF IN THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME? THAT'S WHAT I DO ON MY STREET. JUST SAYIN'...

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## D-Day June 6th

THE JUNE 6, 1944, D-DAY INVASION OF NAZI-OCCUPIED FRANCE WAS UNPRECEDENTED IN SCALE AND AUDACITY, USING THE LARGEST-EVER ARMADA OF SHIPS, TROOPS, PLANES AND VEHICLES TO PUNCH A HOLE IN ADOLF HITLER'S DEFENSES IN WESTERN EUROPE AND CHANGE THE COURSE OF WORLD WAR II. WITH VETERANS AND WORLD DIGNITARIES GATHERING IN NORMANDY TO COMMEMORATE THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LANDINGS, HERE'S A LOOK AT SOME DETAILS ABOUT HOW THE OPERATION UNFOLDED.

### WHO TOOK PART?

NEARLY 160,000 ALLIED TROOPS LANDED IN NORMANDY ON JUNE 6, 1944. OF THOSE, 73,000 WERE FROM THE UNITED STATES AND 83,000 FROM BRITAIN AND CANADA. FORCES FROM SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES WERE ALSO INVOLVED, INCLUDING FRENCH TROOPS FIGHTING WITH GEN. CHARLES DE GAULLE. THE ALLIES FACED ABOUT 50,000 GERMAN FORCES.

MORE THAN 2 MILLION ALLIED SOLDIERS, SAILORS, PILOTS, MEDICS AND OTHER PEOPLE FROM A DOZEN COUNTRIES WERE INVOLVED IN THE OVERALL OPERATION OVERLORD, THE BATTLE TO WREST WESTERN FRANCE FROM NAZI CONTROL THAT STARTED ON D-DAY. WHERE AND WHEN?

THE SEA LANDINGS STARTED AT 6:30 A.M., JUST AFTER DAWN, TARGETING FIVE CODE-NAMED BEACHES: UTAH, OMAHA, GOLD, JUNO, SWORD. THE OPERATION ALSO INCLUDED ACTIONS INLAND, INCLUDING OVERNIGHT PARACHUTE LANDINGS ON STRATEGIC GERMAN SITES AND U.S. ARMY RANGERS SCALING CLIFFS TO TAKE OUT GERMAN GUN POSITIONS.



ABOUT 11,000 ALLIED AIRCRAFT, 7,000 SHIPS AND BOATS, AND THOUSANDS OF OTHER VEHICLES WERE INVOLVED.

MANY DEATHS ON ALL SIDES

A TOTAL OF 4,414 ALLIED TROOPS WERE KILLED ON D-DAY ITSELF, INCLUDING 2,501 AMERICANS. MORE THAN 5,000 WERE WOUNDED.

IN THE ENSUING BATTLE OF NORMANDY, 73,000 ALLIED FORCES WERE KILLED AND 153,000 WOUNDED. THE BATTLE — AND ESPECIALLY ALLIED BOMBINGS OF FRENCH VILLAGES AND CITIES — KILLED AROUND 20,000 FRENCH CIVILIANS.

THE EXACT GERMAN CASUALTIES AREN'T KNOWN, BUT HISTORIANS ESTIMATE BETWEEN 4,000 AND 9,000 MEN WERE KILLED, WOUNDED OR MISSING DURING THE D-DAY INVASION ALONE. ABOUT 22,000 GERMAN SOLDIERS ARE AMONG THE MANY BURIED AROUND NORMANDY.

Flag Day is a holiday celebrated on June 14 in the United States. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

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***Happy Father's Day, Dads!***

*Happy Father's Day*

*"A Dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again."*

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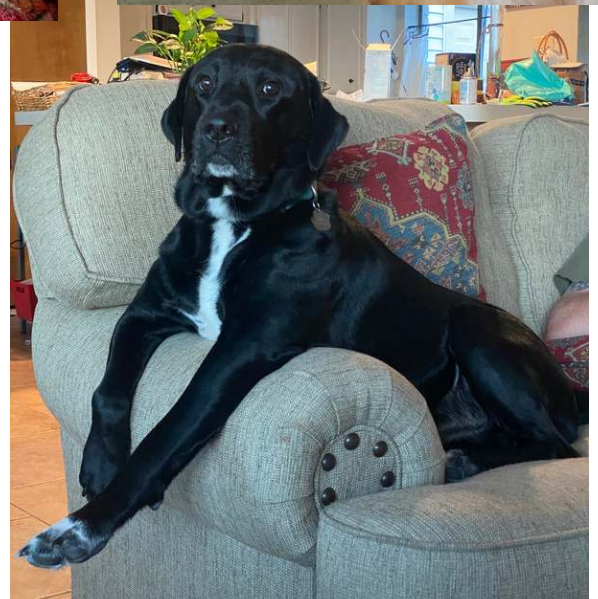
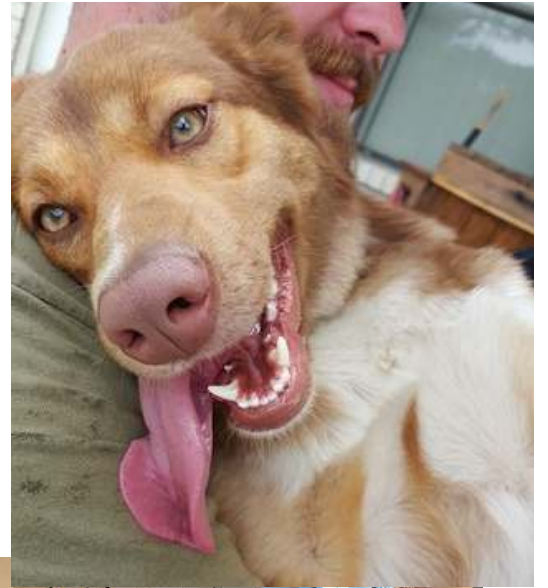


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