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Calendar

03/08 Women's League Meeting

03/17 MUD Meeting

03/20 WIA Meeting

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05/06 WIA Spring Fling

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San Jacinto County Sheriff
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WIA Office
936-891-7710

Waterwood MUD
936-891-7182

Waterwood VFD
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Did you know...

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

www.waterwoodwia.hoaspace.com?

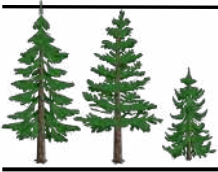
Also, there is a wealth of information exchanged at our monthly WIA Board meetings held the 3rd Monday of the month in the WIA conference room at 9am. Come get involved and be informed!



 We are looking for people who want to share fun (or serious or informative) articles or photos to include in the Waterwood Neighborhood News.

 Send your suggestions/photos to:

news.waterwood@gmail.com



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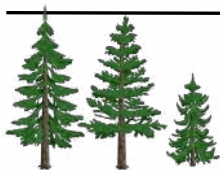
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Waterwood Women's League



Join us for a **“Howling Good Time”** away from Waterwood as part of our social endeavor to enrich the lives of women in our League as we visit **The St. Francis Wolf Sanctuary** in Navasota March 8th, 2023. \$16.00 is the fee payable in advance for the tour which lasts 1.5 hours. We will learn about wolves in general, wolves native to Texas and wolf rescues. The gates open at 12:45 and our tour begins at 1:00pm. We will meet at Palmer Real Estate to carpool at **10 am**, get to Navasota and have lunch at 11:30-12:30 then drive to the Sanctuary for the tour. This will put us back in Waterwood around 4 pm. Since we need to pay in advance, you can write a check payable to WWL and give the check to Melanie or Greg in the Palmer Real Estate Office where they will put it in a designated envelope. **ALL** checks must be turned into the office no later than noon on Monday March 6th. Please respond on our FB page (link provided below) if you want to carpool & contribute money for gas or are willing to drive on this date.

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



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Keith's Corner: *Waterwood Maintenance for March '23*

Welcome to the March version of our newsletter. Men, did you step up for your Special Lady on Valentines' Day? Well, if not, you have all year to recover; take it slow and the wounds will heal. If you did well by your Lady, please do not brag too much, OK?

Before we get started, please remember that I have asked everyone to inform Lisa at wia@waterwoodwia.com whenever you see a maintenance issue around here. I have spent several hours logging down everything that has come to my attention so far on a document called the Maintenance Master List. Keep the observations coming, folks, and thank you.

As the winter passes, we need to talk about a problem we've had the last couple of winters. This will inform all of you how we need to handle the problem.

OK, during the fall and winter we have tons of leaves fall like a nice brown carpet, all over the area. This area also includes the streets and curbs. We've been receiving reports from several subdivisions that our landscape contractor hasn't been cleaning out leaf build-up from around the curb drains and at flush grating drains. When leaves build up at these areas, drainage suffers and local flooding can occur.

This winter we started a program to pay special attention to leaves on the streets. It is my belief that we have made much progress on this problem. We still are not 100%, but we are in constant communication with our provider, Timberlake Nursery, and they are doing a better job on this.

The main way that Timberlake gets rid of leaves along the streets is to simply use a leaf blower and blow the leaves 'sideways' from the street out to the adjoining easement outside of the curb. The reason we blow instead of bag the leaves is that bagging would cost all of us extra money: it takes much more labor to bag than to blow. Especially when you realize that not only would we have to bag the leaves, we have to transport them and dispose of them.

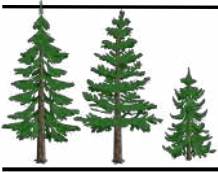
The goal is to blow the leaves as far away from the curbs as we can. Where we are blowing next to vacant lots or forest, we ask Timberlake to blow 5 to 10 feet away from the curb minimum, and where practical blow the leaves all the way back to the tree line. We also tell Timberlake that just blowing near the drains is not good enough, they need to clear out a good distance away from the drain.

In addition to this, when we receive a complaint about a local flooding problem caused by leaves, we talk to Timberlake and arrange a special look at the particular location. This has happened at least 3 times in the last 3 months and we will continue this. If you see a problem let us know.

Here is where the problem comes in. When we implemented this plan a couple of months ago, Timberlake blew the leaves sideways just like we told them to. As they passed by vacant lots, there was no problem. Then they passed by a lot that was occupied by an owner who took pride in the way he / she kept their yard. All of a sudden, there were piles of leaves blown up into this beautiful yard! The owner had an understandable reaction: they were not happy with either Timberlake or WIA.

What can be done about this problem? We have considered the issue, and I think there is no way we can arbitrarily pass by anyone's yard and blow leaves up into it. While many might allow us to do so, at least that many - or more - are likely to get upset to one degree or another.

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So, we will adopt a policy of NOT blowing leaves up into landowners' yards if they appear to be maintained to any extent.

What is the consequence of all this? If you own a property that is reasonably well-kept, which is basically everyone in Waterwood, both sides of 980 included, the **street in front of your property may NOT have the leaves blown as well as you might like.** There is **Good News and Bad News** resulting from this:

GOOD NEWS: This will keep you from having to do extra work on your yard. We won't ruin a weekend's work on your 'lush green carpet' by blowing dead leaves onto it.

BAD NEWS: There could be more leaves in the street than you would care for.

BAD NEWS: If your street has a difficult drainage problem caused by leaves at / in the drains, your pretty yard (with the leaves in the street) may be contributing to our ponding / flooding issues. You may need to deal with this fact at some point.

GOOD NEWS: You have the opportunity to show your neighbors you care about the overall health of Waterwood by **taking care of the leaves in the street in front of your property** all by yourself. Congratulations, you are a Contributor. Thank you!

This policy shows respect for the resident by not harming his / her lawn appearance. All of you need to know that respect goes both ways: Are there residents out there who obtain their clean yard by blowing their leaves out into the street and 'waiting for Waterwood' to take care of it? This is particularly tacky. It gives you a temporary free ride at the expense of all your neighbors, and also contributes directly to potential flooding on your own street. We urge you to take care of your leaves, yard leaves AND street leaves included.

Waterwood Municipal Utility District #1

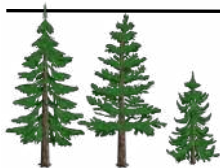
Come to our monthly Waterwood MUD Board meetings and see what goes on and stay informed on our utility district!

Meetings are held the 3rd Friday of the month in the WIA conference room at 3pm



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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Our first event of 2023 was a huge success! We want to give a few shout outs to folks who were truly a blessing:

Thank you to the WIA fellows who assembled our tent.

Thank you also to Auxiliary member, David Ellis who put up our banners on the tent and table and for finishing the lids on our ticket buckets.

Thank you to Tana Davis and Carole Magee for help in the learning curve of cotton candy making. And a great big thank you Pat's husband, Leonard, for getting the screws out and cleaning up the machine afterwards!!!!!!

Thank you to Pat Zappa and Carole Magee for stuffing the "What's Your Plan" bags filled with information on preparing a fire escape plan. These were handed out to our guests.

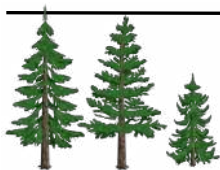
Thank you to David Ellis, Nancy Measamer, Pat Zappa, and Carole Magee for manning our booth.

Thank you to our Chief, Robbie Gibson, for bringing the fire truck and talking to the folks interested in joining the fire department. He has at least 2 or 3 new recruits. And thank you to his son, C.C., for his help taking down and packing up our tent.



Including generous donations we brought in \$400 after the payout for the 50/50 drawing. Hunter, who lives in Park Green won \$185 dollars. Tom Fithian won the LCS one month of free service. Nicole Slott won the fire extinguisher.

Most importantly a great big thank you to all who gave support to our Fire Department and Auxiliary. It was a good beginning to our first year as an Auxiliary Service!



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Congratulations and kudos to one of our own!



Coldspring-Oakhurst High School Health Science Instructor Kaitlin Cook was presented with the 2022-23 Citizenship Education Teacher Award (Grades 9-12) by the Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in January. COURTESY PHOTOS

COLDSRING — Coldspring-Oakhurst High School Health Science Instructor Kaitlin Cook was presented with the 2022-23 Citizenship Education Teacher Award (Grades 9-12) by the Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars in January.

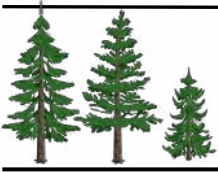
A former U.S. Army medic, Cook has taught Health Science at COHS since 2017. She is heavily involved in serving the San Jacinto County community and volunteers as a first responder for 911 calls and also acquires donations and coordinates the Trojan Clothes Closet at the high school for students in need.

As stated on its website, every year the Texas VFW recognizes an outstanding classroom teacher for grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. These teachers are selected from nominations received from Posts and Districts throughout Texas. The state winners are then forwarded to National VFW for competition at the National Level.

“Winning this award was a huge success for me. I was chosen as the high school winner for the entire State of Texas, which to me speaks volumes,” Cook said.

“Now to wait and see if I won at the National Level!”

-as reported in the San Jacinto County News-Times



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Greetings Waterwood Neighbors! Golfers continue to register for our 2023 Waterwood Open Tournament! We're up to 21 golfers at this point. Please hurry and assemble your foursomes and register. History tells us this event is popular and sells out. We'd love for you to attend. Remember, this tournament helps us to fund the maintenance of our amazing golf and greenspace community amenity. It's always FUN! As usual, there'll be Golf, Fellowship, Fun, Food, Prizes, and a chance to win TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS CASH! Don't be left out. Go to this link to register. <https://waterwood-open-2023.perfectgolfevent.com/>

With Gratitude. Your Tournament Committee.
Calvin, Alex, Dianne, Keith, Ray, Rod, Sharon, David, Mike, & Al

2023 WATERWOOD OPEN



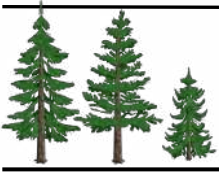
4 Person Scramble

April 22, 2023 ♦ 10am ♦ \$75 Donation Per Player

Call (713)560-8972 or alrincon@kw.com

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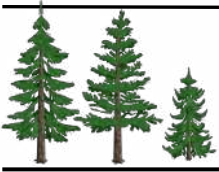
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Young Waterwood Resident Authors 1st Book!

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



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

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

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

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

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

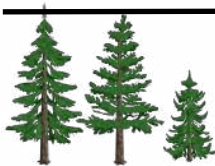
The costs associated with publishing books can be expensive, so to offset fees, Quinn has a few groups on Facebook, ‘Quinn Westbrook – Aspiring Author’ and ‘Quinn’s Lemons’ that she uses to fundraise. While Quinn earns a small bit of money from doing chores and from an allowance, she is still determined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

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



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

Way to go Quinn! You make Waterwood Proud!



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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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