

# Waterwood Neighborhood News

May 2022

## Calendar

- 5-16 WIA Meeting
- 5-20 MUD Meeting
- 6-4 Ice Cream Social In WIA Room
- 6-6 Heavy Trash
- 7-2 July 4th Celebration

## SPRING FLING

Spring Fling 2022 was a wonderful 50th Year Celebration of Waterwood with great turn out from the community! Over 140 people were served a delicious BBQ lunch courtesy of Waterwood Improvement Association. There were gift card giveaways and a special award given to the Longest Living Resident in Waterwood.

**Mrs. Betty "Boop" Snapp has called our wonderful neighborhood home for 47 years!**



Thank you to everyone who helped with event set-up and clean-up!  
Special thanks to The Westerdahls and WIA for coordinating this event!

## Links

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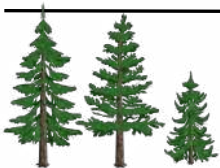
San Jacinto County Sheriff  
936-653-4367

WIA Office  
936-891-7710

Waterwood VFD  
936-755-0960.

## New billboards along Hwy 190!



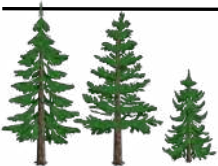


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## Spring Fling Photos



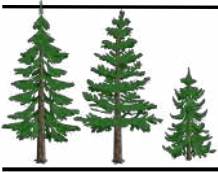


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Welcome  
Spring



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## Disaster Preparedness

Sam Butler, WIA Vice President

In April's WW Newsletter, I indicated that it is time to test our Disaster Preparedness plan again. The date for the test will be Saturday, June 11. The Block Captain portion of the test will be from 9:00 A.M.-10:00 A.M.

The Boat Captain portion of the test will be from 10:15 A.M.-11:15 A.M.

Planning and training will continue for our Block Captains and soon will be for our Boat Captains. There will be more resident participation this year than last and we are looking forward to a successful test and evaluation of our plan.

If residents would like to participate in this test they can sign up by contacting the WIA office (936-891-7710). Once residents have signed up they will be contacted for instructions on how to use GroupMe on their cell phones by their Block Captain.

Thanks to all who volunteered to serve as Block Captains and Boat Captains and thanks to our Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief for their roles in make this plan a successful one!

## Waterwood VFD

Tim McGrath, Fire Chief

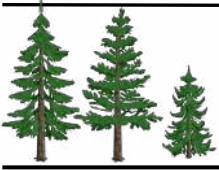
As we prepare for the summer vacation, and hurricane, season; please be mindful that weather conditions can change quickly and dramatically. When planning a day out on the water; monitor the weather conditions and be prepared for any changes that may occur.

Our weather has recently been bouncing all over the spectrum – from low to high humidity, cool and spring-like to high heat and some wind and lightning thrown in the mix. Please keep your eyes and nose ready for signs of fire. We will continue to see prescribed burns through the next month; and I will keep you informed as I am notified via the Waterwood VFD Facebook Page.

We were very happy to see our community members at the Spring Outing; and we thank you for your donations to the department. We had, on display, a wildland firefighting foam apparatus behind a quad that is used during prescribed burn operations; that was on loan to us from a local farm. While it is small – at 60 gallons – it produces 600 gallons of firefighting eco-friendly and non-toxic foam. We hope to integrate this technology to our engine and brush truck in the near future.

Thank you for your support; and let's all be ready for summer fun!





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## SAVE THE DATES!

### Ice Cream Social

Sponsored by your WIA Social Committee



June 4th 1PM-3PM  
WIA Conference Room



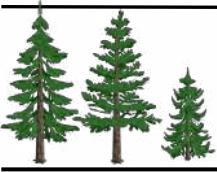
## Community **B-I-N-G-O**

Sponsored by Waterwood Women's League is returning!

Join us for FUN this fall—October 22, 2022 at the  
Waterwood Pavilion from 5:30-9:30 pm.

Hope to see every one turn out to support the  
Women's League as they raise money for scholarships  
for local high school students.





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## Waterwood Social Committee Horse Shoe Tournament

Larry Wester Dahl, WIA Social Director

Winners: Sam and Christel Butler.

The Butlers won two \$25 Gift Cards to Olive Garden.



Runners-Up: John and Kathy Samperi

John and Kathy received two \$15 Sonic Gift Cards

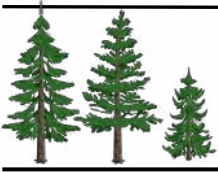


First Ringer: Beth Fletcher

Most Ringers: Christel Butler (5)

Championship Round Score 21-14

Thanks to everyone who came out to play! A fun time was had by all!



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## WNGRA Golf Tournament

Christin Dietze

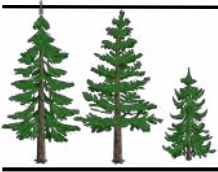
**WATERWOOD OPEN  
2022**

**4 Person Scramble**  
July 9, 2022 ♦ 8:30am Shotgun ♦ \$80 Per Player  
Bearkat Golf Course 457 I-45, Huntsville, TX 77340  
**WATERWOOD NATIONAL GOLF & RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

The Waterwood National Golf & Recreation Association is comprised of Waterwood community members who are passionate about preserving the golf course & greenspace for enjoyment by our neighbors. We are hosting a golf tournament on July 9th to raise the funds required to maintain and make enhancements to the Waterwood golf course & greenspace that we enjoy as a community. We also hope to raise awareness and increase the use of walking trails and the naturally-beautiful open areas available to all community members. We invite you to join us at Bearkat Course (formerly Raven Nest) on July 9th for a fun day of golf for a good cause! The tournament planning committee is currently accepting tournament sponsors, silent auction donations, and goodie bag items as well. If you'd like to contribute in any way please call/text Christin Dietze at 361-935-7601 or email [cmdietze@gmail.com](mailto:cmdietze@gmail.com).

**Golfer Registration and Event Information:**

**[Waterwood.perfectgolfevent.com](http://Waterwood.perfectgolfevent.com)**



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## Palmer Real Estate Postal Boxes

Melanie Cook, Palmer Real Estate

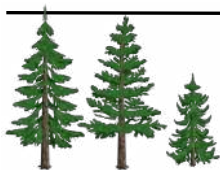
Greetings Waterwood neighbors! It's been a long time coming but we have just installed 40 new mailboxes in the lobby here at the Palmer Real Estate office. To accommodate the new boxes, we had to install a vertical mail drop so if you are missing the old one, it is to the right of the boxes on the wall. I am in the process of setting the new boxes up, getting them labeled, assigning keys to the boxes, and calling those on the waiting list. We have some who have been on the list for quite some time so hopefully this will provide at least some relief to those of you who have been waiting. Thanks again and I will be in touch with those of you on the list soon.

Thank you!

Melanie Cook







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### Waterwood Women's League—Minutes from April 13, 2022

Trista Byrd

This month our meeting was a trip to Kim's Garden Center in Huntsville. We met at Kim's, had a talk and tour. Some of us did some shopping (YAY). We left Kim's and went to La Mission for lunch and our meeting. Dianne opened the meeting. March minutes were read and approved by Sally and Wanda. Dianne introduced new member - Marge Gunia. Treasurer's report was read. We have \$29,073.97 on hand. This is a combination of the cash in our account and our CD. \$1600 was given out to sponsor 2 students. Shirley updated us on school donations, shampoo, etc. for over the summer. Spring and summer clothing is needed.

Debbie updated us on the money made from the Herb Festival on March 26. A total of \$845 was collected from pre-sales and the Winn House Sale. Remaining items will be sold at the WIA Spring Fling on Sat. April 30th in two shifts: 10:30-12:00 and 12:00 to 1:30. Members signed up to work the shifts. Raffle will be held at the Festival for stained glass made by Wanda. Tickets were 6 for \$20

Shiabon and Debbie are in charge of food for the May meeting.  
Trista and Marla – wine (could use more) **15 ladies have signed up to paint so far.**  
Julie, Maryann and Lala –finger sandwiches  
Marilyn and Dianne C. - cheese and crackers  
We are still in need of some sweets!

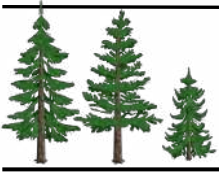
Payment for painting session at our last meeting of the year on May 11, Canvas and Cork, was collected. It will be \$30 (for each participant's supplies if they are attending and painting.). You must let us know if you will be painting at the last meeting of the year so that supplies are available for you. Everything is pre-drawn, so don't think you must be an artist to do this activity!!!

There was open discussion on ideas for fundraising, as we are in need of scholarship money.

Community **Bingo** will be held on **Oct. 22**. Donations are needed for the giveaways at Bingo. Ladies are needed to sign up to approach businesses for donations so that we don't duplicate visits to the businesses. Some members have items to donate for prizes for raffle and Silent Auction. Let's hit the streets and get some great items to give away. Dianne and Pam will be in touch with all ladies regarding businesses to seek for donations. Look for an email from them!

Dianne has information from the Pecan company that we are considering selling shelled and bagged pecans as a simple fundraiser and will bring that info to the May meeting.

Our final meeting of the year will be on May 11, Canvas and Cork. It will be a painting party at the Pavilion. All supplies will be provided. Cost is \$30 payable to WWL as soon as possible.



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**On the wings of a dove...**

**Waterwood is a semi-safe haven for native doves and their foreign cousins**

*By Ruth Massingill*

If you have a platform bird feeder or spread birdseed on the ground, you probably have members of the dove family visiting your yard. Species of Columbidae, the family name for pigeons and doves, can be found in every part of the world except the Antarctic.

In Waterwood yards, the most common dove visitors are the native Mourning Doves and their foreign cousins, Eurasian Collared Doves and Rock Pigeons. These birds are amazingly resilient despite predators that claim millions of them each year. Doves' history and behavior set them apart from other bird families.

Mourning Doves, also called Turtle Doves, cover the largest range of North America and are easily recognized by their familiar cooing, which many backyard birders find calming. Mourning Doves are light brown-tan with black spots and white wing tips. Their head appears small in comparison to their plump bodies. Their pointed tails are longer than other doves and allow them to fly at speeds up to 55 mph.



Mourning Dove with Chick

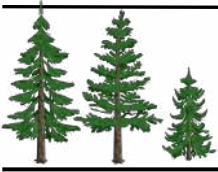


Eurasian Collared Dove in Flight

While Mourning Doves are native to North America, the **Eurasian Collared Dove** is a relative newcomer, having expanded its range during the 20<sup>th</sup> century from the Middle East all the way across Europe. After a few birds escaped from a pet shop in the Bahamas in the 1970s, the species arrived in Florida in the 1980s and rapidly increased their range. Eurasian Collared Doves are said to be the greatest colonizers in the bird world.

Eurasian Collared-Doves are similar in body style to Mourning Doves, but a but larger and paler in color with a broad tail that is squared off at the tip. They are easily recognized by the black half-collar at the nape of their necks. The males and females of both dove species are almost indistinguishable from each other.

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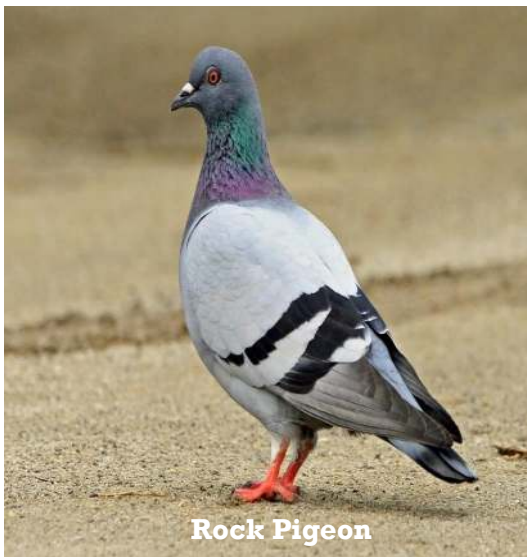
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Although they are larger and more colorful, the **Rock Dove**, or common city pigeon, is a member of the dove family, too. In addition to the typical blue-gray bird with two dark wing bars, you'll often see flocks with plain, spotted, pale or rusty-red birds in them. Most Rock Pigeons have iridescent throat feathers and purplish-red feet.

The connection between Rock Pigeons and people extends back more than 5,000 years according to Egyptian hieroglyphics. The birds have been domesticated and taken around the world, raised for food, trained for homing, racing, and carrying messages, and used in research. Originally native from Europe to North Africa and India, Rock Doves were introduced to North America in the early 1600s and now live in urban and rural areas everywhere. They are the most abundant species in the world.

All three of these dove species have much in common, from their calls to family behaviors to threats that have caused population declines.



Rock Pigeon

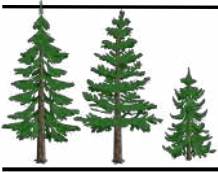
Mourning, Eurasian Collared and Rock doves' cooing calls are similar and used by the males to attract mates. Males find a high "cooing perch" and emit a constant three-syllable call, sometimes from early morning into the night. The cooing may be interspersed with aerial displays and pair-bonding rituals such as preening each other. Once he has a female's attention, the male shows her potential nest sites in trees or on buildings.

Many birds spend as long as two weeks getting their home just right. But in just a few hours, doves construct small, flimsy nests of pine needles, twigs and grass stems, unlined and with little insulation for the young. Female doves usually lay two eggs per brood. In warmer climates, the monogamous pair may raise up to six broods a year. Since the nests are so flimsy, the eggs or young sometimes fall out.

While most birds meet their chicks' protein needs with insects, doves feed their newly hatched babies something called "crop milk" or "pigeon milk" for the first few days of their lives. Rich in protein and fat, it is secreted in the adults' crop, a pocket in their esophagus, and is regurgitated to the little ones. After four days, the diet switches to seeds, and by two weeks, the youngsters are nearly fledged.

Adult doves' primary diet is seeds and grains such as millet, sunflower and corn, as well as wild grasses, weeds, herbs, and occasionally berries. They eat quickly and store the food in their crop, then fly to a safe perch to digest the meal. Scientists once found a record-holding bird with 17,200 bluegrass seeds stuffed in its crop! Doves have also have specialized beaks that allow them to suck up water as if they were drinking through a straw. Most birds scoop water into their bills and tip their head back to let the water run down their throats.

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Because they forage on the ground in open areas, doves are particularly vulnerable to attacks by birds of prey such as hawks. I sadly see dove feathers in my own yard from time to time where a hawk found its meal. Rock Pigeon flocks seem to suffer the most casualties.

Unfortunately, in addition to natural predators, doves must also contend with human threats. Mourning Doves are the most popular game bird in North America; hunters shoot an estimated 20 million of them each year. In addition, millions more die from eating shotgun pellets on the ground, especially in fields planted to attract doves. Eurasian Collared Doves are not protected from hunting either and are increasingly targeted by hunters. Rock Pigeons are often seen as pests and poisoned. As a result, dove populations have been declining significantly for several decades.



Eurasian Dove Pair

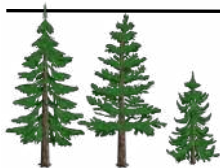
However, since Waterwood is a game preserve where no hunting is allowed, the primary threat for our doves is from natural predators. To mitigate that threat, consider placing your feeding stations in areas where doves can quickly seek cover.

After researching this article, I am taking a closer look at how I can make my feeding areas a safer haven for doves and other bird visitors.

Let's all enjoy those peaceful sounds of cooing and wooing!

**Fun Facts:** Rock Pigeons carried messages for the U.S. Army Signal Corps during World War I and II, saving lives and providing vital strategic information. One domestic homing pigeon, a "retired" U.S. Army Signal Corps bird named Levi, lived to be 31 years old.

Share bird stories with Ruth at: [ruthmassingill@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthmassingill@yahoo.com)



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## 2nd Annual Water Yoga Series @ Waterwood Pool

June 6th Through July 29th

2 Week Sessions – Monday & Friday from 9am – 10am

Join Us for Only \$30 per Session!

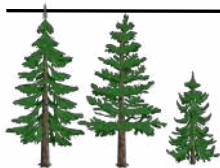


<i>Unique Benefits of Water Yoga</i>	
<b>Reduce Pain</b>	<b>Improve Balance</b>
<i>The buoyancy of the water offloads sore and painful joints giving you more freedom of movement.</i>	Learning to ground into the pool floor teaches you to lift up and not be a passive victim of gravity.
<b>Build Body Awareness</b>	<b>Accessibility</b>
<i>Learn where your body is in space and what your movement habits are.</i>  <i>Change begins with awareness.</i>	People with a diverse range of health challenges and physical limitations can still practice together and be challenged appropriately.

*Grab a Noodle, Jump in the Pool  
Find Your Balance  
Mentally, and Physically Too!*



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American  
Heart  
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**STOP**  
THE BLEED

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](mailto:sjcfresponders@gmail.com)

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