

# Waterwood Neighborhood News

October 2022

## Calendar

10-8 Annual WIA meeting  
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10-21 MUD Meeting  
10-22 BINGO  
10-29 Halloween Fun  
11-5 Veterans Event

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**Waterwood Security**  
936-661-2800

**San Jacinto County Sheriff**  
936-653-4367

**WIA Office**  
936-891-7710

**Waterwood MUD**  
936-891-7182

**Waterwood VFD**  
936-755-0960.

## 2022 Annual Meeting

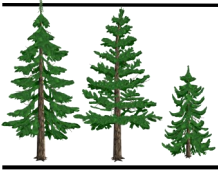
The 2022 Annual Meeting is scheduled for 10:00am on October 8, 2022. All property owners are invited to attend. The meeting, as in past years, will be held at the Waterwood pavilion. At this meeting new Board members will be introduced and any election results will be announced. San Jacinto Elections Administrator, Vicki Shelley will also be in attendance for those of you needing to register to vote. Stay after the meeting for hot dogs and sausages! Don't miss it!

Hello Waterwood,

This will be my last article for the newsletter. My last day as a member of the Board of Directors is October 8th at the annual meeting. I want to let you know that it's been an honor to serve the people of this community for the last three years. Every action taken and every vote I made was for the safety and betterment of this community. Some actions resulted in conflict with individual desires. Unfortunately, that can't always be avoided. I considered the safety and sentiments of the entire community as my guide. The first comment I made as a new board member was "I was not elected to the board to manage the decline of Waterwood." You currently have and have had many board members that have volunteered their time and commitment to make Waterwood a better place. The present board leadership is phenomenal and yes, I'm referring to Mr. Maas. I hope he's reelected for another term since he is key to the success of Waterwood. There are so few people who volunteer to run for the Board. I hope that changes in the near future. We have incredible talent in this community which will be needed for the transformation of Waterwood. I'd especially like to thank all the individuals who serve on committees. Your help was and is invaluable! Waterwood has good folks and is a great place to live!

Rick Harlow  
Maintenance Director

**WIA has waterproof maps of Lake Livingston and surrounding communities for sale in the WIA office for only \$5 per map.**



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## **Do you want to get involved in the community?**

Larry Maas, WIA Board President

Do you want to get involved in the community but not ready to make a commitment to run for the Waterwood Board of Directors? Many residents and property owners aren't ready to commit to running for the Board but still want to get involved and make a difference for Waterwood. One way to do this is to join a Waterwood Board committee. Waterwood Board members volunteer for, or are assigned as, committee leads. Several committees would appreciate non-Board members be part of their committee. A few committees that could use assistance are, Maintenance, Social, Bylaws and Covenants, Fire and EMS, Collections and Strategic Planning.

Another committee that Texas state law requires non-Board members' make-up the entirety of the committee is the Architectural Control Board. Changes to the [Architectural Review Committees & Appeals – Texas Property Code 209.00505](#) effective September 1, 2021, dictated that "Directors [board members], their spouses and other members of their household may no longer serve on architectural review committees (ACC/ARC)". With this change to the statute, Board members were removed from the committee. The current members of this committee are now Kathy Samperi and Lisa Hayman. Additional members are needed as this committee has to cover the entire subdivision. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

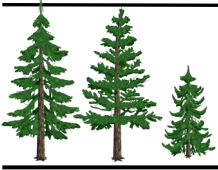
If you wish to become a member of any of these committees, please contact the WIA office at 936-891-7710. Consider being a part of improving Waterwood by joining a committee.

**GET INVOLVED, STAY INFORMED!**

**WIA MEETINGS ARE HELD THE THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT 9AM**

**MUD MEETINGS ARE THE THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AT 3PM**





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## Waterwood MUD

Roy Knapp, Board President

The meeting in September saw the board approve the election results. The board approved all adjustments to questionable water bills. If you have concerns for your bill contact the Precision office. The tax rate for 2023 was approved at .84 per \$100. This is the same rate as the previous five years. The board approved several repair projects and maintenance needs, as well. Our next meeting is October 21st, at 3:00 in the WIA building. Thank you for your patience during our transition. The MUD and Precision Utility are working hard to answer all questions and needs for the Waterwood community.

### **PRECISION UTILITY LLC ON-LINE PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE**

In addition to mailing your payment or dropping it by the office, you may now visit [www.precisionutility.biz](http://www.precisionutility.biz) to pay on-line. Go to "Contact", then to "Pay my bill". There you will answer questions regarding your account. Your account title is your name exactly as it appears at the top of your latest water bill and your account # must be entered using all 15 digits with no dashes.

You can schedule your payment through our website or contact your bank and pay through them. All checks should be payable to WATERWOOD MUD NO. 1.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Marla D. Fink

Customer Service Representative

Precision Utility LLC

936-891-7182 Huntsville Office

281-456-9825 Houston Office

Email: [service@precisionutility.biz](mailto:service@precisionutility.biz)

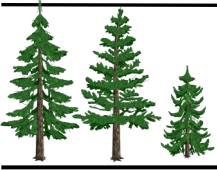
# Popsicles at the Pool!



Fun was had by all as everyone cooled down with popsicles and drinks at the pool. We had pool toys for the kids and drawings for back-to-school gift cards from Walmart, \$25 each. Congratulations to our winners of the gift cards, 6-year-old James Michelle, and 4-year-old Adeline De La Garza. Don't forget, the Waterwood pool is a great place to meet new friends and mingle with your neighbors!

**Larry Westerdahl, Social Committee Chair**





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## FUR FAMILY CORNER

Meet Arlo...he's been a resident of Waterwood for 3 years now. He was about 2 when he wandered up to his new home. Having been sorely mistreated, it took him a while to get acclimated to his people being kind to him, didn't even wag his tail for a year. Now Arlo is a beloved member of the family but after living in the streets, he still loves to go shopping through the house for trash. He'll grab a napkin or paper towel in a flash when you are not looking. The hound in him comes out when he barks and now he shows his love with a wagging tail!

Got a furry family member you'd like us to feature or a photo you want to contribute? Email a photo in jpeg format and a short descriptive paragraph to: [news.waterwood@gmail.com](mailto:news.waterwood@gmail.com).

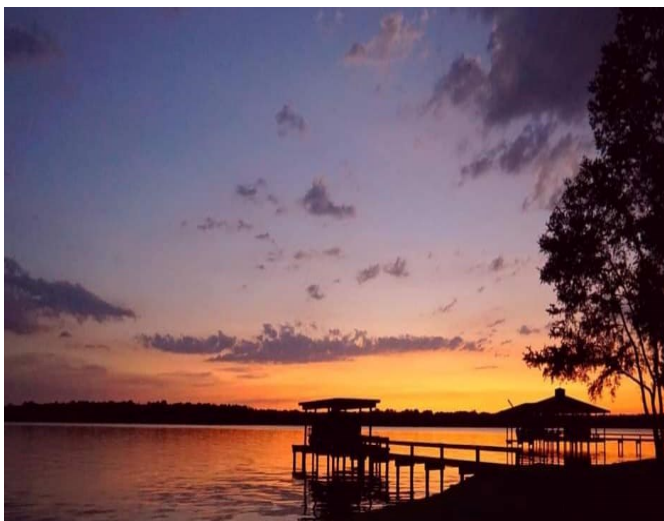
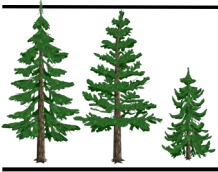


Photo courtesy of John Charlton



Photo courtesy of Kevin Brashear



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*Waterwood Women's League*  
Presents:

# BINGO FAMILY NIGHT

**Saturday, October 22**  
**5:30 – 9:30 p.m.**

**Waterwood Pavilion**

**Silent Auction      Raffle      Wine Pull**  
**Door Prizes      Sloppy Joes**

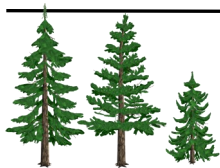
For additional information,  
contact Debbie Maas at (713) 962-9048

*Raising money for scholarships for local high school students*

Get ready to have too much fun on BINGO night! Over 20 Raffle items, more than 20 AWESOME Silent Auction goodies, boo coos of bottles of Wine and lots of Door Prizes. Cash awarded for BINGO wins in 12 different games! Don't worry about dinner because Sloppy Joes will be available for purchase. Feel free to BYOB!

*\*Come take a chance at a 3-night stay in a Rockport Condo\*  
courtesy of Kristen Dietz and Courtney Walsh!*

Don't forget, money raised is used for Scholarships for local High School students.



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Happy Halloween y'all! Get ready for the Palmer Real Estate sponsored Hayride, because we are going to shake things up for 2022! So, kids of all ages, come to the hub of Waterwood (between the Fire Station and Real Estate office) and see what we have in store for you! Fun for the kids starts at 5:30pm and goes until 7-7:30pm.



Halloween isn't just for kids! This year, after the kids' fun (about 7:30pm), it'll be the adults' turn to have their own fun! We are planning a "pub crawl" of Waterwood. Those of you (over 21 of course) who want to participate, will pile onto a flatbed trailer and hit about 5 houses.

At each house, pre-arranged, there will be an adult beverage for each rider. I

will need to have a good number of

those who want to participate so our hosts will know how many drinks to have prepared. Also, if the trailer gets full or you would just like to follow in your golf cart, come along and join in the fun! And of course, feel free to BYOB.

If you would like to participate in the crawl, or would like to be a "pub" host, please call or text Melanie at 936-661-7767







**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\*

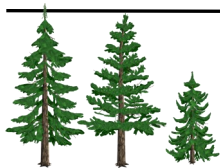
**Stop the Bleed-** Free to the public. Max class size is 20 individuals.

**Contact Kaitlin Cook by:**

Email- [sjcfresponders@gmail.com](mailto:sjcfresponders@gmail.com)

San Jacinto County First Responders





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We will take a tour of the Golden Oak Winery, with a 15% discount off all wine tasting and food. RSVP to [gusmansharon@gmail.com](mailto:gusmansharon@gmail.com).

If you need a ride, we will meet at 9am in the Palmer Real Estate parking lot. Hope to see you there!

## WWL MEETING

Wednesday, Oct 12th at 10am

**Golden Oaks Micro Cellar**

1124 Jones Road  
New Waverly, TX 77358

Please RSVP

## Chair Yoga, Chair Pilates, Gentle Weights Class

Mondays & Fridays 9:00 - 9:45 **WIA building**

\$30 for 2-weeks (or) \$10 drop-in

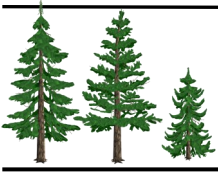


**Second class: Happy hips & low back gentle stretching class 10:00 - 10:30**  
(same price as above - or special pricing, take second class in addition to first class for an extra \$12 for 2 weeks)

bring mat & weights for  
10 a.m. class



Taught by Susanne Sharrard, certified yoga & modified pilates instructor - 936.355.1536



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## San Jacinto County Early Voting Location & Schedule

*(Lugar y Horario de Votación Anticipada del Condado de San Jacinto)*

**November 8, 2022**

*(8 de noviembre)*

**General/Joint Election**

*(Elección General/Conjunta)*

### Location for Early Voting Polling Place

*(Ubicación del lugar de votación anticipada):*

**Elections Administration Building (MAIN LOCATION)**

*Edificio de Administración de Elecciones*

**51 E Pine Ave.**

**Coldspring, TX 77331**

### Early Voting Dates & Times

*(Fechas y horarios de votación anticipada):*

Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

*Lunes, 24 de octubre 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> (7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

*Martes, 25 de octubre 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

*Miércoles, 26 octubre 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

*Jueves, 27 de octubre 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

*Viernes, 28 de octubre 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> (7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

*Sábado, 29 de octubre, 7:00 am.- 5:00p.m.*

Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> (Closed)

*Domingo, 30 de octubre, cerrado*

Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

*Lunes, 31 de octubre 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> (7:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.)

*Martes, 1 de noviembre 7:00 a.m. -7: 00 p.m.*

Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

*Miércoles, 2 de noviembre 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

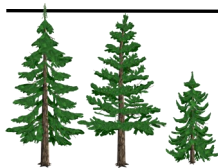
*Jueves,3 de noviembre 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> (7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

*Viernes, 4 de noviembre 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.*



**Make your voice heard! VOTE!**



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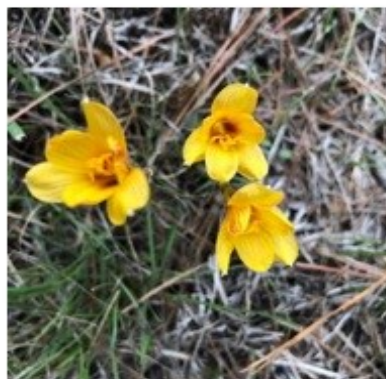
The Golden Native Flowers of Waterwood  
By Maryann Readal

Native flowers are persistent. I like to ponder how our neighborhoods would look if these flowers could keep on growing and spreading their seeds. This article is about some of the beautiful golden native plants that are growing now in Waterwood.



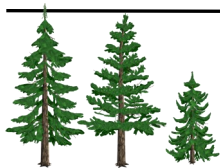
You probably have noticed a short bright yellow flower blooming everywhere now. It is the yellow sneezeweed, *Helenium amarum*. You see this native plant growing even from the cracks in the pavement along the Parkway. Just a short distance up Highway 190 toward Huntsville, you can see fields that are covered with these golden blooms. This plant blooms off and on all summer here in our part of Texas. Native bees, insects, butterflies and beetles—our important pollinators—are attracted to the flower's nectar and pollen. Carl Linnaeus, the famous botanist and physician (1707-1778) who organized the plant and animal world, named this plant after Helen of Troy. Legend has it that wherever Helen's tears touched the ground, these golden flowers grew.

Another golden flower you may have noticed along the Parkway is the Rio Grande copperlily, *Habranthus tubispathus*. This very small plant is a bulb in the amaryllis family. It is native to South America, but has naturalized in Texas and in Louisiana. You may see patches of this plant along the edges of Waterwood Parkway. It blooms in the late summer and into fall. It is a low grower and the flowers open at an angle to the leafless stem. You do not see this copperlily growing in many places and it is a mystery how this lily came to grow on our Waterwood Parkway.



Goldenrod, *Solidago* spp., will be blooming soon along the roadsides. There will be a noticeable stand of goldenrod in Waterwood's landscaped bed at Highway 190. This plant has received a bad reputation for being the plant responsible for people's allergies. However, goldenrod pollen is too large to be airborne. The real culprit for seasonal allergies is ragweed which blooms about the same time. Eighty-two species of native butterflies and moths use goldenrod as a host plant, which means that the caterpillars of these insects eat the plant before becoming

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butterflies. Goldenrod blooms just in time for the fall migration of monarch butterflies returning to Mexico. Although the monarch is not reproducing at this time of year, it does need the nectar in goldenrod for nourishment on its journey south. And by the way, I spotted a migrating monarch in my yard several weeks ago. An interesting fact about goldenrod is that Thomas Edison experimented with making tires from the latex in goldenrod and convinced Henry Ford to use these "goldenrod" tires on his Model T.

The Waterwood Conservation Committee is a group of concerned residents raising awareness of Waterwood's natural resources and how to preserve them for the continued beauty of Waterwood. We encourage you to look around your neighborhood and when you spot these golden beauties along our Parkway or subdivision roads, we hope you will see them not as weeds but as life-giving food and shelter for native bees, butterflies, birds, and insects and as beauty for all of our eyes to see.

"Don't Just

Don't just learn, experience.  
 Don't just read, absorb.  
 Don't just change, transform.  
 Don't just relate, advocate.  
 Don't just promise, prove.  
 Don't just criticize, encourage.  
 Don't just think, ponder.  
 Don't just take, give.  
 Don't just see, feel.  
 Don't just dream, do.  
 Don't just hear, listen.  
 Don't just talk, act.  
 Don't just tell, show.  
 Don't just exist, live."

-Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart

Thanks to all the contributors of the Waterwood Neighborhood News! Stay informed while keeping your neighbors informed.



# BLASTS FROM THE PAST

## Glimpses of Waterwood History

Snippets from the Archives of Waterwood

### Tri-fold Waterwood Brochure 1982



**WATERWOOD** *live the New Hill Country*



#### LEISURE and SPORTS LIVING

What better place to relax and enjoy life than the new hill country? Whether you seek the quiet of a dawn fishing expedition or the exhilaration of active sports like golf and tennis, you can find your leisure paradise at Waterwood.

#### FAMILY LIVING

Waterwood's special blend of country living and recreational convenience provides activities for all family members. A wooded "island" provides areas for swimming, picnics, canoeing and fishing. Play equipment has been selected with younger children in mind, while almost-teens and teenagers choose from the development's multitude of recreational facilities and activities. For year-round residents, Waterwood is served by the Coldspring School District.

#### 50 MILES of LAKE LIVING

The wide-service Waterwood Marina is your own private gateway to beautiful Lake Livingston, 90,000 acres of deep, clean water teeming with many species of catfish, bass, bream and crappie. The marina not only provides gasoline, bait and boat stalls, but also has available fishing gear, boats and experienced fishing guides. If water skiing and other water sports are what you have in mind, there's no better place than Lake Livingston.

#### EXECUTIVE LIVING

Busy executives who long to get away from it all but must still take care of business will find Waterwood's conference facilities extremely well furnished and staffed. Overnight accommodations and meeting rooms are available to serve groups of all sizes. After the day's business activities are concluded, guests can enjoy golf, fishing, swimming, tennis and a variety of other recreational activities provided with relaxation and enjoyment in mind.

#### DINE and ENTERTAIN

Whether you choose to entertain a few friends in your home overlooking the lake or to make use of Waterwood National Country Club's dramatic facilities to host a larger group, entertaining in the new hill country is an experience you will savor. The club's dining facilities offer a wide range of well prepared food, and the lounge with its dance area is just the place for fun and entertainment after the sun goes down.



**WATERWOOD**  
on Lake Livingston

Waterwood Box One  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
1-800-392-3869 or (713) 891-5111

**A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT**

Thoughtful planning is the key to this successful development, and Waterwood's owner has spared no expense to insure the protection and enhancement of the area's beautiful rolling hills, spacious meadows and clean waterways. Magnificent hardwood trees and wild flowering shrubs provide an environment where wildlife and birds flourish among homes which harmonize with their natural settings. Carefully developed restrictions assure that Waterwood will remain unspoiled through the years.

All streets in Waterwood will be paved, and all utilities are provided by appropriate local service companies, (except for Waterwood Ranch and Turtle Creek). A 24-hour security system, fire department and ambulance service insure that residents have the security and protection they and their families need.



**WATERWOOD**  
Escape to the new hill country

The seller is not selling the lots in the subdivision as an investment. The future value of this land and your ability to resell it are uncertain. It is suggested that you discuss any possible purchase with a qualified professional.

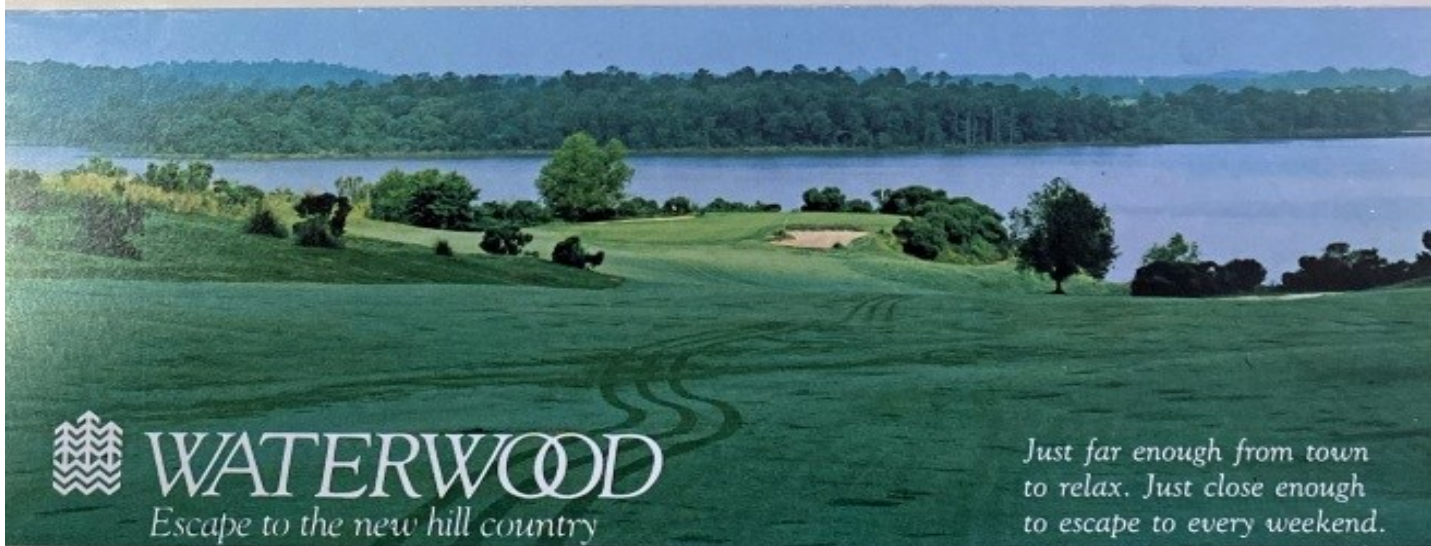
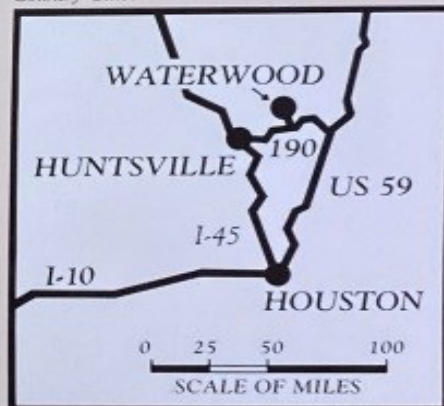
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1-800-392-3869 or (713) 891-5111

Or Write Waterwood Box One, Huntsville, TX 77340



Waterwood is 98 miles north of Houston. Take I-45 north to exit 190 East at Huntsville. Continue east until you see the entrance signs for Waterwood. Turn and continue to the entrance of Waterwood National Country Club.



**WATERWOOD**  
Escape to the new hill country

Just far enough from town to relax. Just close enough to escape to every weekend.

Obtain the Property Report required by Federal law and read it before signing anything. No Federal agency has judged the merits or value, if any, of this property.

**See next month's WNN for more Waterwood history!**

# Classifieds

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