

Waterwood Neighborhood News

September 2023

Calendar

09/15 MUD Meeting
3PM

09/18 WIA Meeting
9AM

SAVE THE DATE

10/21 Women's League
Bingo Night

10/28 Palmer Real Es-
tate Halloween Fun

Links

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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
TBD

Waterwood Municipal Utility District #1 NOTICE

Roy Knapp, MUD Board President

The MUD district has set the Tax Rate for 2024 and will have an open public hearing during the September 15th meeting. I encourage ALL members of the community to attend and voice their questions and comments.

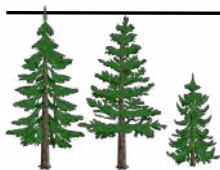
WIA Board Collections Report

When you purchase a property in Waterwood, you are acknowledging the obligation to pay regular assessments fees. These fees allow WIA to operate for the community's shared interest and to perform its core maintenance functions.

To date, we have turned over 180 delinquent assessments/homeowners to the lawyer for collection. In addition, in July, WIA mailed over 140 written notices to homeowners to collect payment and this month (August) we are in the process of mailing over 100 more written notices. Our policy is always to collect assessments before they become delinquent; however, thus far this seems to be our only recourse to collect fees.

For those who fail to pay the initial statement, the next step is to mail a notice of delinquent assessment via registered mail. The notice advises the homeowner of the past-due amount and of any collection actions WIA plans to take if the assessment remains unpaid. If the assessment remains unpaid after one notice, the debt is turned over to our law firm to collect the unpaid assessment. The homeowner now has a new balance that includes lawyer and administrative fees.

If homeowners are financially unable to pay assessments, you can contact the WIA office to discuss other options (e.g., setting up a payment plan). Because assessment revenue is vital to our community, those choosing just not to pay, forces WIA no other alternative but to pursue legal remedies.



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Keith's Corner: *Waterwood Maintenance*

This column is going to deal with projects you can expect to see in the near future.

First, we are going to correct a drainage problem that has existed for a while with the playground area at the Pool / Pavilion. The playground tends to hold water after a rain. [*Editor's note: rain? what is that?*]

We intend to modify the boundary around the play area and add a French Drain, so that retained water can exit more easily. Work is scheduled to start on September 18 and last for a few days. We will cordon off the area while the work occurs.

Why is this needed? After rains, the area surrounding the play area is muddy and very slippery. This lasts for days. We want the muddy area to become a grassy well-drained area so that the ground will be safer.

In September / October we plan on completing the wildflower strategy for this year. We will have the Gayfeather area in the median at the 190 entrance mowed, now that the gayfeathers have seeded out.

One of Rick Harlow's programs, which I respectfully continue, is to trim trees along 5 miles of easement in Waterwood every year. This will be contracted for in the fall of the year. [Why 5 miles? The answer is that Waterwood contains about 25 miles of roads. Doing 5 miles a year will supposedly get all the easements trimmed once every 5 years. This plan might be modified as Mother Nature shows us how fast that tree limbs really grow.]

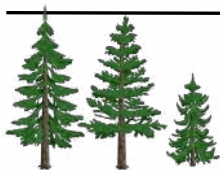
Here are some things we took care of in August:

The VFD building had a large plumbing leak in July. Thanks to the VFD's insurance company, Larry Maas and Lisa Hayman's quick actions on the day of the leak, and ServPro, the VFD building is nearly restored. It should be up and running again this month.

Rod Kirschner and I examined the Pool and Pavilion area's electrical systems. This included flood lights, plugs, GFIs, switches, and all other light bulbs. As of Aug 14, every single item now works perfectly. Thanks to Rod, who took the lead on that effort. Note that the contractor for fixing the major pool lighting has been found, and work on that should start soon.

As Tom Readal took a long vacation, three of us stepped up to watch over the Pool in his absence. Big thanks go to Rob Davis and Mike Folk, who served as Expert Pool-Meisters for these three weeks. Between all of us, we kept the pool running while Tom was away. I have been grateful to Tom for the work he does in watching over the pool. After doing the work 'hands on' I respect his work even more. Thank you, sir. And thank you to Rob and Mike: I couldn't have done it without you guys.

See y'all next month.



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Heavy Trash Pick-up

Heavy trash is picked upon the first Monday of each month. You must visit the WIA office, fill out the new form, and pay prior to service. Deadline for service is the Friday, prior to the Monday pickup date. The contractors will only pickup items designated on the form. Any items not listed on the form, will remain at your residence.

Last call-in date

1 September
29 September
3 November
1 December

Pickup date

4 September
2 October
6 November
4 December

How the service works

1. Fill out the appropriate form at the WIA office
2. Pay the \$10.00 cash fee
3. Place your bulk items near the curb in front of your property. Make sure all items are clearly visible to the contractors and accessible from the street. **The contractors will not sort through your trash looking for designated items.**

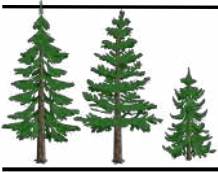
Trash allowed

Furniture (e.g. sofas, tables, chairs)
Appliances (e.g. refrigerators, washers, dryers)
Mattresses and box springs
printers)
Small electronics (e.g. radios, can openers)
thinners)
Exercise equipment
Pianos
Play sets (trampolines, swing sets)
Pool tables
Scrap metals

Trash not allowed

Household trash
Yard waste (e.g. tree branches, grass clippings)
Large electronics (e.g. TVs, computers,
Hazardous waste (e.g. chemicals paint,
Tires
Car parts
Medical waste
E-waste (e.g. batteries fluorescents bulbs)
Glass
Concrete or dirt
Construction debris (e.g. wood, drywall,
bricks)

****Please ensure all your items comply with WIA's guidelines for size, weight, and as acceptable material. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the WIA office.****



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Carole Magee, Waterwood VFD Auxiliary

History

National Fire Prevention Week is observed in the United States and Canada during the week, in which October 9 falls.

In the United States, the first Presidential Proclamation of Fire Prevention Week was made in 1925 by President Calvin Coolidge. Learn more here: [Wikipedia](#)

According to the National Fire Prevention Organization:

Fire Prevention Week™ 2023 is **October 8–14**. This year's Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW™) campaign is

“Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention™,” works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safer when cooking.

Watch for next month's newsletter for the date we will be at the station and you can come out to meet our firefighters. Chief Robbie will have a truck set up so our kids can actually use a fire hose and nozzle.

There will be giveaways for the kids as well, providing we receive them in time. The company is running very slow...we ordered them at the end of May and so far they have not come in.

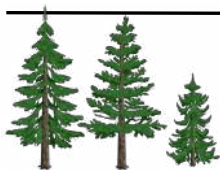
Let's all be safe indoors and outside with this very, very dry season.



WVFD Auxiliary Group

- ⇒ Try being informed instead of just opinionated
- ⇒ Encourage instead of complain
- ⇒ Be humble...you could be wrong
- ⇒ Do what is right, not what is easy





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Taking control of YOUR WILDFIRE RISK

What Is the Fire Problem?

Every year, devastating wildfires burn across the United States. At the same time, a growing number of people are living where wildfires are a real risk. While these fires will continue to happen, there are things you can do to protect your home and neighborhood as well as your family's safety. NFPA® has found that in many cases of home destruction during wildfires, the homes were more flammable than the surrounding brush and trees. By taking action now, before a fire starts, you can increase your chances of having an ignition resistant home and community.

What Can Be Done About It?

Research shows that embers (burning pieces of airborne wood and/or vegetation that can be carried more than a mile through the wind) and small surface fires are the primary source of home ignitions during wildfires.

To make your home safer, you need to prepare it to withstand embers and keep flames or surface fire from touching the home or any attachments. You can do this by limiting the amount of flammable vegetation, choosing ignition-resistant building materials and construction techniques, and conducting periodic outdoor maintenance within the three home ignition zones (HIZ). [Learn more about the HIZ at Firewise.org](https://www.firewise.org)



WORKING WITH NEIGHBORS

Home ignition zones often overlap onto adjacent properties. This makes the conditions of neighboring homes and vegetation a part of the wildfire threat. It's extremely important that neighbors work collaboratively with each other—and talk with each other—to reduce their shared risk.

FIREWISE USA® PROGRAM

Firewise USA® is a voluntary program that provides a framework to help neighbors get organized, find direction, and take action to increase the ignition resistance of their homes and community.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

Organize it: Create a board or committee of volunteers to represent your community. They will work with partners such as local forestry agencies or the fire department to complete a wildfire risk assessment and present it to the community.

Plan it: The wildfire risk assessment should highlight recommendations for action. From this risk assessment, the board will identify and prioritize action items for reducing ignition risk to homes. This action plan may span several years.

Do it: Host an outreach event and work with neighbors on addressing items in the action plan.

Tell us about it: New and renewal applications can be completed at portal.firewise.org. Tell us about the actions and efforts in your community to engage residents and complete mitigation work at the home level.



VISIT FIREWISE.ORG TO:

- » Find tools to organize your community
- » Download and share research fact sheets on wildfire and home construction
- » Hear from other residents about importance of work at the home and community level
- » Learn the basics of wildfire and what actions to take around your homes

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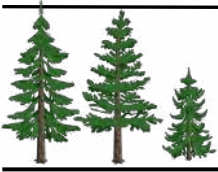
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RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS



To keep updated on wildfires
in Texas, go to:

<https://public.tfswildfires.com>

Photo of fire north of Huntsville
courtesy of Shelly Schwebach



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Planes filling up with water on Lake Conroe to fight the fires north of Huntsville

HURRICANE GUIDE 2023

Courtesy of Mike Duffy, WIA Director

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

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

If you happened to miss the August edition of the Waterwood Neighborhood News, click here:

<https://waterwoodwia.hoaspace.com/cgi-bin/filemanager.pl?filename=news/newsletter%20-%20august%202023.pdf>

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

Check out the page at the link below!

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



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Get involved, stay informed!

Waterwood Municipal District #1 (MUD)

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

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Precision Utility-936-891-7182

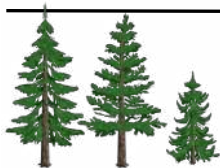
Waterwood Improvement Association (WIA)



Board meetings held the third Monday of the month at 9am in the WIA office

Get involved, stay informed!

WIA Office-936-891-7710



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Don't forget!!! 



Waterwood National Golf and Recreation Association (WNGRA) Membership & Voluntary Contribution Form

Annual Membership Dues \$35 per voting member

Member 1

Name		Address	
eMail		Telephone	

Member 2

Name		Address	
eMail		Telephone	

Voluntary Contribution Pledges

Voluntary contributions comprise 30% of the operations budget and are essential to our success in preserving and maintaining the golf course/greenspace. Golf course/greenspace maintenance expenses are approximately \$100,000 per year. We ask that your contribution be based on the value you receive from this wonderful amenity which a) we all enjoy, and b) when maintained, contribute to the sustainability of community and property values. Your pledge below is very important and will assist us with our projections as we develop accurate annual maintenance budgets.

Please select your desired voluntary monthly contribution level:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Your benefit & value received from the golf course & greenspace	Suggested Contribution
<input type="checkbox"/>	Golfer and/or property owner on golf course/greenspace	\$100.00 to \$200.00/mo.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enjoy greenspace, golf cart, walking, social activities, exercise stations etc.)	\$ 75.00 to \$150.00/mo.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Property owner located anywhere in Waterwood community	\$25.00 to \$100.00/mo.

Methods of Payment

- By Check payable to WMGA. Mailed to 18 Waterwood, Huntsville, Tx 77320
- Automated electronic payment to WMGA via your bank account
- Venmo Payment App via the QR code below

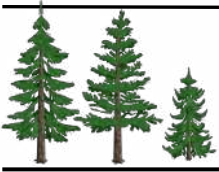


Send this completed membership form and payment for Annual Membership Dues to:

- WMGA 18 Waterwood, Huntsville, Tx 77320 or
- Scan & email to WNGRABOARD@gmail.com

Questions may be directed to WNGRABOARD@gmail.com

*Please be aware that neither Membership in WNGRA nor voluntary pledges are required for you to enjoy the golf course and greenspace. This amenity is free of charge to all landowners and residents Waterwood. WNGRA is a non-profit and is organized to maintain and preserve this amenity. Membership and voluntary donations are voluntary.

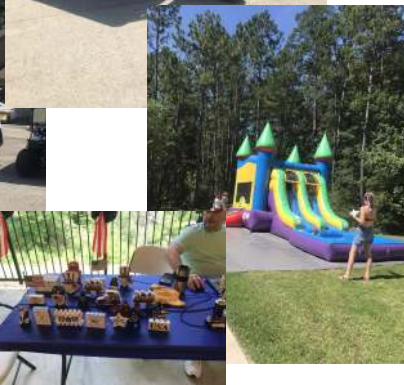


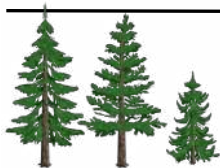
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July 4th Celebration, 2023





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Waterwood Women's League News

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

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

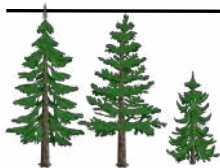
Bingo is back! Mark your calendars for October 21, 2023. Bingo will be from 5:30-9:30 pm. WWL will again be having door prizes, raffle items, a wine pull and a silent auction. We will also have food for sale so you don't have to worry about fixing dinner before you come.

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

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

Pamala Sultan, president

Waterwood Women's League



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WATERWOOD WOMEN'S LEAGUE

BINGO NIGHT

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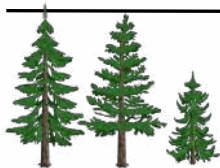
wine NEEDED BY 10/20!

DONATE bottles BEFORE 10/20

SATURDAY OCT 21 | **WATERWOOD PAVILION**
 1 Waterwood Drive
 Huntsville, Texas 77320

100% OF MONEY RAISED IS USED TO FUND COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

ITEMS ARE REQUESTED PRIOR TO THE EVENT
 FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE PICK UP CONTACT
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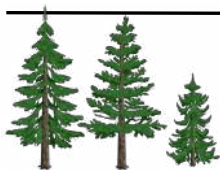
“Does it disturb anyone else that ‘The Los Angeles Angels’ baseball team translates directly to ‘The The Angels Angels’?”—Neil DeGrasse Tyson



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Photos courtesy of Pat Zappa



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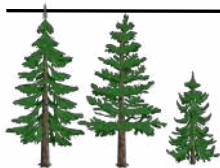
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CPR WITH KAITLIN



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- ✓ Heartsaver CPR AED \$55
- ✓ Family and Friends \$25
- ✓ Stop the Bleed \$Free

SIGN UP TODAY



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President San Jacinto
County First Responders

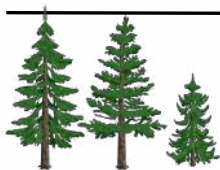
- Mom
- Veteran
- EMT-B
- Health Science Educator
- EMS Instructor



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Wireless Emergency Alerts Save Lives

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

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

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

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



What Kind of Alerts?

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

Types of alerts include:

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

The National Weather Services sends WEA messages for:

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

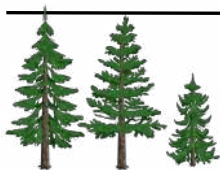
* High-damage threat Warnings only

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



To sign up for Wireless Emergency Alerts:

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



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What Do the Alerts Look Like?

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

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

What Should I Do If I Receive an Alert?

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

Do I Need to Sign Up for WEA?

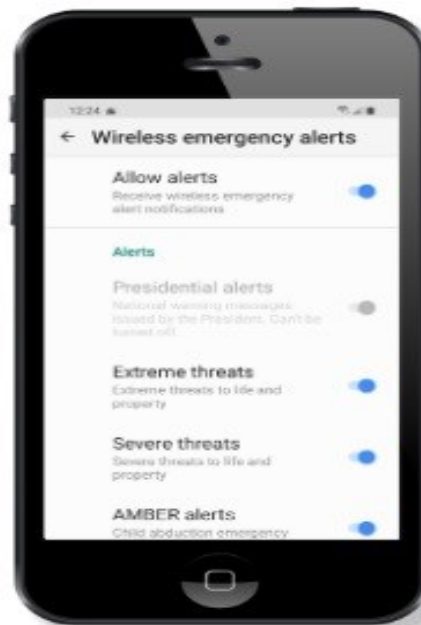
NO! No signup is required! Alerts are sent automatically to WEA-capable phones during an emergency. WEA is free! No need to download an app.

How Do I Know WEA is Enabled on My Phone?

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

For More Information

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



To sign up for Wireless Emergency Alerts:

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

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