

WATERWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Photo by John Charlton

ELECTION SCHEDULE FOR ELECTING WIA BOARD

Dead restrictions ballots are due by 4:30 PM on Tuesday, Oct 8th in the WIA Office.

All other ballots and proxies are due by 4:30 PM on Thursday, Oct. 10th in the WIA Office.

Special Meeting to Canvas the election ballots will be held Saturday October 12th at the WIA office beginning at 9:00 AM

Annual Meeting will be held Saturday October 12th at the Pavilion beginning at 10:00 AM

Please read the ballot directions carefully.

STATUS OF THE WATERWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (WVFD)

by Larry Mass

First, apologies for the length of this article. The activities to reestablish the Waterwood fire department is complex. In July 2019 the WVFD ceased operations. This action was the result of resignations by 100% of the department's volunteer firefighters including the fire chief. A Special Meeting of the Waterwood Improvement Association (WIA) Board of Directors was held on August 3, 2019 to address the fire department situation. At this meeting a motion was made to establish a 3-person sub-committee to investigate all possible options to reestablish fire services to the community. The members appointed to this sub-committee were Anita Paul, Sam Butler and Larry Maas.

Since the establishment of this sub-committee, the members have met with Bobby McMahon, a Houston firefighter on August 13th to discuss the current status of the WVFD and to call upon his expertise and recommended direction. The committee received 3 critical suggestions:

1. To schedule a meeting with the San Jacinto County (SJC) Emergency Services District (ESD),
2. schedule and complete a fire station cleanup and inventory of equipment, and
3. consider a complete reorganization of the WVFD to include positions in addition to a fire chief such as maintenance specialist and reporting administrator.

Since the meeting with Bobby McMahon the sub-committee on September 4th met with Denise Lewis – SJC ESD Board member to discuss possible options for reestablishing fire services to Waterwood. The outcome of this meeting was for the sub-committee members to attend a SJC Fire Chiefs’ Association meeting.

The Fire Chiefs’ Association meeting took place on September 9th and was attended by fire chiefs from Cape Royal, Point Blank, 980 North and Oakhurst along with Denise Lewis. One option discussed during the meeting was for Waterwood to re-enter the ESD. To provide some historical perspective, over 25 years ago Waterwood exited from the SJC ESD. This decision was based on the costs to Waterwood property owners to remain in the ESD relative to the level of services anticipated to be received from the ESD. Attendees at the Chiefs’ Association meeting agreed rejoining the ESD was not cost or operationally beneficial for the ESD, San Jacinto County or for Waterwood; therefore the idea was dropped.

Several other ideas were discussed during the meeting with the consensus being for Waterwood to restructure and reestablish the WVFD along with executing a Mutual Aid Agreement with Point Blank Volunteer Fire Department (PBVFD). A Mutual Aid Agreement (MAA) was drafted and approved by the WIA Board of Directors at the September 16th. The MAA was agreed to and signed by PBVFD and returned to WIA on September 17th. Per the MAA, PBVFD is to provide emergency fire services to any fire within Waterwood. This agreement ensures the community of Waterwood to have fire services available while the WVFD is reestablished.

On September 18th the sub-committee met with a perspective fire chief recommended by the PBVFD Chief and Assistant Chief. The meeting was productive where a number of new ideas were discussed for possible future implementation. Additional interviews are necessary and will be conducted before any decisions are enacted.

Bobby McMahon (the Houston firefighter) on Saturday September 21st joined approximately 15 to 20 Waterwood property owners and the WIA Onsite Manager – Lisa Hayman to lead and participate in a voluntary cleanup, inventory and assessment day. The firefighting equipment, hoses, tools and the building are now cleaned and organized. Firefighting bunker and wildland gear is being prepared for professional cleaning, repair, inspection and certification. The pumper truck and the brush truck will soon be mechanically inspected and sent out to certified fire vehicle mechanics for repairs. Existing fire hoses are also slated to be inventoried and inspected.

A proposed organization structure for the WVFD will be presented to the WIA Board at an upcoming regular monthly Board meeting. The organization proposed is:

WIA Board of Directors - Provides overall assurance to the community that the WVFD is being run effectively.

Fire Services Director – Position reports to the WIA Board via the WIA appointed Liaison to the WVFD. The position is to ensure maintenance/training/inventory schedules, state reports, grant applications, etc. are completed timely and accurately by the Fire Chief and Reporting Administrator. Prepares a comprehensive report of all previous and upcoming months’ activities to be presented during WIA Board meetings (presenter being the WIA WVFD Liaison). Prepares and presents annual budgets and emergency funding requests to the WIA Board of Directors for final approval.

Fire Chief – Position reports solely to the Fire Services Director.

Responsible for the day-to-day activities of the WVFD. Provides direct oversight of the Reporting Administrator and

fire fighters. Provides assurance to the Fire Services Director that maintenance, training and inventories are conducted and documented, state reports are filed and grant applications are maintained and submitted timely, completely and accurately. Also is the person-in-charge at all fire incidents within Waterwood.

Reporting Administrator – Reports directly to the Fire Chief. Responsibilities include preparing all incident reports during all WVFD callouts and entering them into the National Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). Position will take minutes at all training sessions, meetings with the WIA WVFD Liaison and WVFD meetings. Also responsible for completing all grant applications, inventory records, maintenance and training schedules. Works with the WVFD bookkeeper.

5 (five) Fire Fighter

Positions – Reports directly to the Fire Chief

The sub-committee has is currently drafting job descriptions for the Fire Services Director and the Fire Chief. In addition, the current WVFD Bylaws are in the process of being redrafted to better align with the proposed organization structure and reporting relationships. Meetings of the sub-committee with potential candidates for the Fire Services Director and Fire Chief have taken place with follow-up conversations to be scheduled.

There is still much work to be done but please note most importantly, fire services have been secured for Waterwood. The process to restructure the

Waterwood fire department will take time to complete if it is to be done correctly. The sub-committee appreciates your patience.



VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CLEAN-UP



A special thank-you to all that came out on Saturday, September 21st to help clean the Fire Department. All your hard work is much appreciated. Your community thanks you!



HALLOWEENIE GOLF OUTING

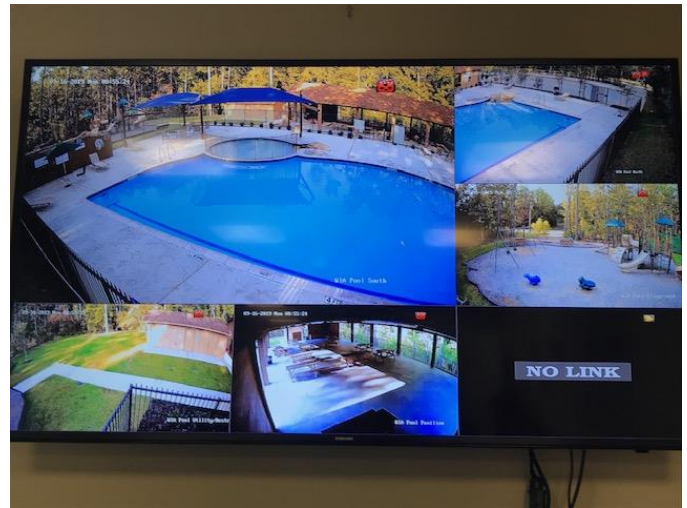
by Steve Morrell

The annual Hallo-weenie golf tournament will be held on Thursday, October 31. We will meet at the picnic table area near the 18th green at 10AM. It will be a 9 hole, 4 person scramble. Teams will be randomly selected with players of different skill levels. This is not a couples tournament and all residents are welcome to play.

A \$2 entry fee will be collected at the meeting area. For those who have never played, the rules are goofy and fun. You need not be a great golfer to play and have fun.

After golf, we will meet at the home of the hosts, Shirley and Steve Morrell for hot dogs for lunch. They will supply hot dogs, chips and dips, and soft drinks, water and beer. You don't need to bring anything but your golf clubs.

We need to have a good idea of who will play in order to plan accordingly. Please call or email Steve at 713-825-6286, or stevemorrell128@yahoo.com.



POOL SECURITY CAMERAS — SMILE!

GARBAGE DUMP NEWS VERY IMPORTANT

By Larry Maas

Household Trash Automatic Gate Installation

Over the past 3 days there has been significant progress on the installation of the household trash area automatic gate. As reported in last month's newsletter, once the installation is complete, Waterwood property owners and their tenants shall be required to obtain an RFID tag from the WIA Office or Security staff in order to access the household trash area.

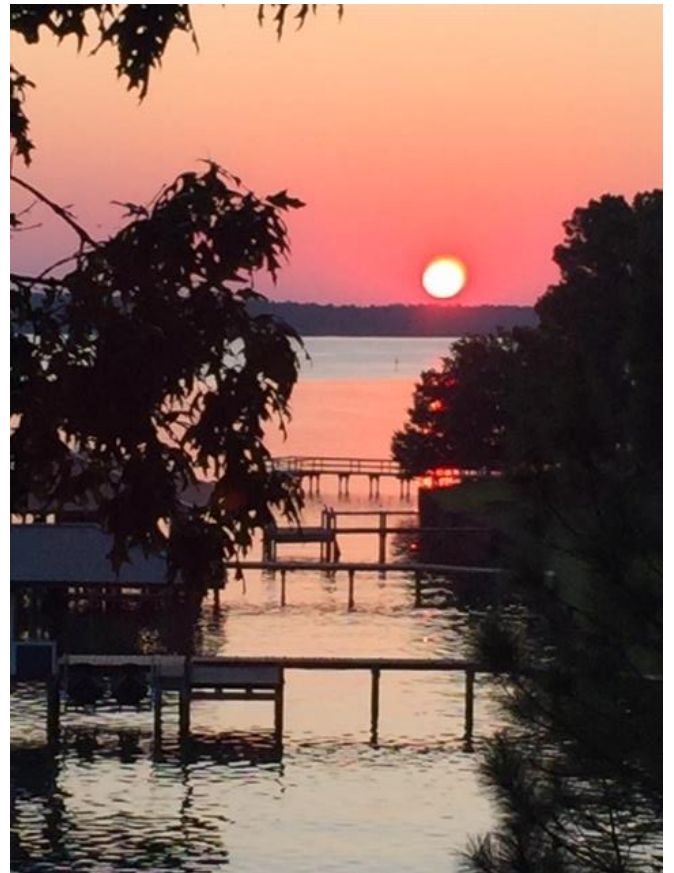
In order to obtain an RFID tag, property owners must be current on their Homeowner Annual Charges (per the Amended Bylaws, Article IX - Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors - 1.h).

Same sunrise.....

different views...



Sunrise photo by Debbie Mandola on Bayhill Dr.



Sunrise photo by Jane Presley on LaJolla Dr.

WATERWOOD MUD WORK



A big thank you to the Inframark employees for their hard work and long hours they put in to get our water up and running!



THANK YOU FOR THE WATER UPDATES!

WATER CONSERVATION

by John Charlton

<http://www.sustainablebabysteps.com/water-conservation.html>

The url above article on 110 tips to save on your water. Some may be considered extreme, but still, I found it interesting. We have been practicing some of these and in the first 10 days we have reduced our water usage 59% compared to our average usage shown on our water bill.

WATERWOOD WOMEN'S

The Waterwood Women's League (WWL) held the first meeting of the 2019-2020 season in September. We had a "baby shower" to kick things off for the Huntsville Pregnancy Center. Our generous members donated gifts and the WWL Quilting Guild donated several beautiful baby quilts. It was a tremendous success!



We'll be extremely busy in the coming year, starting with **BINGO on Oct 11, 5:00-9:00 p:m at the WIA pavilion!** We'll be serving up **Sloppy Joes and a night of great fun!** Some beautiful baskets will be up for silent auction and we'll have some awesome door prizes and raffles. **Bingo is quickly becoming a neighborhood favorite!** Come early to get your tickets and a seat!



In addition, many members meet on the 3rd Wed. every month at 9:30 a:m in the WIA conference room for knitting/crocheting and the 4th Wed. for quilting, both in support of charitable initiatives. These groups will not be meeting in Nov. or Dec. due to the holidays.

The next meeting of WWL will be held on Oct. 9, also in the WIA room at 10:00 a:m. Our very own Jane Presley will be demonstrating Shibori, an ancient Japanese method of fabric folding and dyeing. Cost is \$5 which will cover materials for a beautiful dyed scarf or wall hanging (if desired) that will be ready at a later date.

WWL is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Our main goal is to provide educational and technical scholarships for local students. We also support many charities including, but not limited to Toys for Tots, Sweats for Vets, Point Blank Food Bank and Onalaska High School (OHS).

You may notice a donation box in the mail room

throughout the coming year. We will be requesting specific donations for each month. In Oct. we'll be collecting non-perishable and "quick-fix" items for OHS. There is a great need! Please donate if you can!

You've probably guessed that we are crazy busy and we need all the help we can get to support our much needed charitable work. We encourage participation and welcome new members! Please let us know if you would like to join or need help getting to the meetings! Our e-mail address is: waterwoodwleague@gmail.com



Handmade table donated by Steve Morrell for WWL Bingo Silent Auction



Stained Glass donated by Wanda Gardner for WWL Bingo Silent Auction



Handcrafted Cutting Board Wine Stopper and Kaleidoscope donated by Tom Brick for WWL Bingo Silent Auction



Hand Crafted Tray of Lake Livingston donated by Lynn Spencer for WWL Bingo Silent Auction

WATERWOOD NATIONAL GOLF AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION (WNGRA)

by Steve Turchi

WNGRA worked hard this summer keeping up with watering, mowing trimming, spraying weeds and insects and cutting up the occasion downed tree. If you haven't noticed, this is a challenging job. It seems the grass immediately grows back up behind the mower blade. Mother nature doesn't provide us enough rain, so Dannie and his team spend countless hours watering parched grass. I wish to express my gratitude to Dannie Hubbard, his team of volunteers and Oscar Landscaping for doing an admirable job maintaining our greenspace so well.

Wildlife and recreational opportunities are abundant. There is lots of camaraderie on the golf course with numerous matches each week. Get out there and enjoy this beautiful and special outdoor space. Remember, use of the greenspace and golf course is completely free to all Waterwood landowners, residents and tenants. Membership to WNGRA is not required for "Waterwoodians" to enjoy and use this amenity. We are actively recruiting new members and would love to have you join WNGRA, if not already a member. We need volunteers and income to maintain and preserve this greenspace and golf course for our community. WNGRA cannot accomplish what we do without our members.

If you desire to join our association reach out to one of the below recruiting committee members for additional information:

WNGRA Membership & Recruiting
Subcommittee

Steve Turchi

sturchi@summitterm.com

Tom Brick

tombrick@earthlink.net

Rick Harlow

Rdrharlow.2@aol.com



LLOYD C. MARTIN OBITUARY

Former resident and long-time friend of Waterwood, Lloyd C. Martin, passed away September 24, 2019. Our hearts are saddened by this loss as Mr. Martin was a major part of the development of Lake Livingston and Waterwood. He will be greatly missed.



Attention all Waterwood Residents!

It's that time of year again! Our annual Halloween Hayride will be held Saturday, October 26, 2019 starting at the Palmer Real Estate office parking lot. We will need all the riders to be here by 5:30pm so we can load the wagons and head out by 6pm. We have had such good turn outs these last couple of years and can't wait to see what this year brings!

Also, those of you who would like the hayride to stop by your house, please email, call, or sign up at my office in the lobby BEFORE Friday, October 25th so we won't miss stopping by your place! Please note we may have to change plans depending upon how many riders and stops we have. The last two years both trailers have been PACKED with riders!

Please RSVP Melanie so we can have a good estimate as to how many riders we will have on the wagons, at melanie@palmerrealestate.com

Thanks!

Melanie Cook

melanie@palmerrealestate.com 936-891-5200

WATERWOOD WOMENS LEAGUE



BINGO

OCT 11 th *night*

5-9 PM @ WIA Pavilion

DOOR PRIZES, RAFFLE, SILENT AUCTION,

FOOD, Desserts and SNACKS

\$20 TO PLAY BINGO ALL EVENING





Full Harvest Moon by Rob Davis

“QUOTE OF THE MONTH”

*“Most folks are about as
happy as they make
their mind to be”*

- Abraham Lincoln

FROM THE EDITORS RICK AND TERESA BROWN:

We love Waterwood photos! Please send us your photos of pets, gardens, boats, wildlife, family fun gatherings, etc. to waterwoodwnn@gmail.com.

CONTACT EMAILS

Sometimes we have questions about Waterwood and we want answers right away!

The email address for general questions concerning Waterwood is wia@waterwoodwia.com. You may also go to the website, www.waterwoodwia.com and you will find information about covenant and deed restrictions there as well as an abundance of other helpful information. The WIA Office phone number is 936-891-7710.

The email address for articles and pictures for this newsletter is waterwoodwnn@gmail.com. This email address is not monitored daily, so please, do not send an email to this address if you have an email that is needing a timely answer.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads accepted at no cost.

Please note the email for classified ads:
waterwoodwnn@gmail.com. Deadline is the 1st of the month and must be submitted each month. Keep it short and simple. Space will be limited to 10 ads per month in the newsletter.

WATERWOOD SERVICES

Provide name and contact information for providers of services to Waterwood such as A/C, Plumbing, Stump grinding, Tree Service, Housekeeping, Handyman, etc. Send an email waterwoodwnn@gmail.com to have a service added.

Realty

Amy Bunyard, Walzel Properties
Phone: 713-962-7523
Contact: amywbunyard@gmail.com
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641 Hwy 156
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936-520-6424
713-213-1755

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White Ivy Real Estate
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WhiteIvyRealEstate.com

Robin Heil
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Cell: 936-435-5784
Email: robin@c21alphatx.com
<https://robinheil.c21.com>

Photography Services

Melanie Cook
936-661-7767 cell
Engagement, senior, events, and more

Pizza

Simple Simon's Onalaska
936-646-7743
Hours 11:00 to 9:00 PM
Buffet 11 to 2 daily and Tuesday 5 to 8

Embroidery

Mary Fox
[936-891-5180](tel:936-891-5180)

House Cleaning

Dust Bunnies Housekeeping Services
Waterwood resident
Contact Debbie Neal
[281-610-1678](tel:281-610-1678)
Excellent References

Churches

Point Blank Community Church
432 Robinson Way
PO Box 523, Point Blank, TX 77364

www.pointblankcommunitychurch.com

523 phone number 936 377 4506

Grace Community Church
6801 FM 980 N
North of WW Parkway, past Poole Creek on the
Left

Onalaska Church of Christ

13570 Highway 190 W

936-646-3517

Sunday classes 9am worship 10 am and 6 pm

Wednesday classes at 6:30 pm

Onalaska First United Methodist Church
700 Hwy 356 South, Onalaska, TX 77360
P.O. 596, Onalaska, TX 77360
Pastor : Jimmy Calvert
936-646-5859

Computer Service

ABitPersonal (Tim Bryant)
Highway 190 & FM3186
Onalaska, 77360
Phone: 936 433 1643

Movers

MoverProfessional Moving Labor
936-828-0080,
Tomthemovingman@yahoo.com

Piano Movers of Texas
214-418-5237,
gordon_bolton@yahoo.com
pianomoversoftexas.com

Paragon Auto Transport
832-830-5555

1329 Sam Houston Ave StB
Huntsville, TX 77320
<https://www.paragonautotransport.com/>

Piano Tuner

Madeline Loosier, 936-581-0094

Refurbishing

B Family Masterpeace
Kendell Bermingham
berminghamkendell@gmail.com

936 581 8683

All types of furniture and also do small wooden
signs and tables

Stained Glass

Wanda's Decorative Art
Custom Stained Glass by Appointment Only
Wanda Gardner
936-891-1145
grmbellewanda@aol.com

Tree Service

Carlos Burleson
936-439-7035

Storage

TX HWY 19 Storage
3150 Hwy 19
Huntsville, TX 77320
Sara Odat
936-436-9111

Dry Safe Storage
9531 US 190 E
Point Blank, Tx. 77364
Jimmy & Lori Zoch
936-377-4392

Beauty Products

Mary Kay products
Call for an appointment
Janas Goldsmith
936-891-7743
aljan3741@gmail.com

Wood Work

Steve Morrell, 713-825-6286

Items available for Christmas gift giving

A portion of sales will be donated to Waterwood Women's League. Come see the table with the State of Texas at the Women's League Bingo, Saturday, October 12, 5-9pm.

Winery

Teysha Vineyard
Lynn Zimmerman
577 Dodge-Oakhurst Rd.
Huntsville, TX 77320
281-744-2353
Hours- Thurs 2:00-7:00pm
Fri-Sat 12:00-7:00pm
Sun 1:00-6:00pm

WNN ARTICLE DEADLINE

Send pictures and articles of interest to Teresa Brown at waterwoodwnn@gmail.com. Deadline for articles and pictures is the 1st of each month.