

# Waterwood Neighborhood News

## October 2021

### Calendar

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10-4 Heavy Trash  
Pickup

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Pickup

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**Waterwood Security**  
936-661-2800

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

**WIA Office**  
936-891-7710

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

### Annual Meeting

**Lisa Hayman, Executive Director**

The weather in Waterwood has been gorgeous the past several weeks. Hope all of you are doing well and getting out and enjoying the cool fresh air!

Waterwood Improvement Association will hold its Annual Meeting at the pavilion on Saturday, October 9, 2021, at 10:00 am. Please come and meet new neighbors, hear all of the new things that are going on in Waterwood, see the new shade structure that has been installed at the playground, meet the new board members, and feel free to ask questions to the board. You should have already received your meeting packet for voting. Please return the proxy to the WIA office either by dropping it in the door slot or step in and leave it on the counter. The meeting will be a little different than the normal meeting. After the meeting, LCS Fibercom will be hosting a free lunch of hotdogs, chips, and drinks. WIA will also be hosting a grand re-opening of the park and new shade structure and will have frozen treats for everyone to enjoy. Please make plans to attend and enjoy the day with everyone.

Halloween will be the next big event. WIA will coordinate with Palmer Management/Palmer Real Estate to have fun festivities for the kids. This event will may be held on Saturday, October 30, 2021, so that it does not disrupt the school children on Sunday preparing for school on Monday. Look for more information on the website, Facebook, and Media Sign.

The WIA office experienced a huge loss a few weeks ago when the hard drive on one of the computers crashed. Nothing was recoverable and it has caused a few hardships with the office staff. Please be patient while we try to remember and recreate 27 years of information.

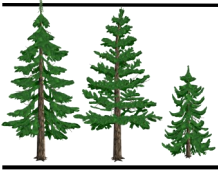
### Architectural Control Board

**Lisa Hayman and Tana Davis**

Please remember that trailers may only be stored in a garage or carport and must be screened from view of street, golf course and lake. The restriction on all boat and jet ski trailers that was approved by the membership in 2019 allowing those to be parked in your driveway was from May 1 through September 30. WIA has a storage facility for those needing a place to move those trailers. The cost is \$120 per year. Please stop by the WIA office to purchase one.

Every Monday leaf and limb pickup is for leaves and limbs. The maintenance workers take the bagged leaves to the debris area and open each bag to keep in compliance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Last month they opened numerous bags with household garbage, pieces of gutters, mud and dirt. Please refrain from putting these items in the Monday pickup. Let's help them as they help keep Waterwood looking nice.

If you do not have a copy of the deed restrictions for your area, please look online to make sure you are in compliance. [www.waterwoodwia.hoospace.com](http://www.waterwoodwia.hoospace.com) under documents then covenants. If you still have questions, please give the office at call at 936-891-7710 or email the WIA office [wia@waterwoodwia.com](mailto:wia@waterwoodwia.com)



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### Maintenance

Rick Harlow

WIA & MUD joined forces to asphalt 14 sewer tap/road cuts that were spread out throughout Waterwood. This was to reduce cost by combining multiple jobs. I'm sure your vehicles will notice the difference. WIA has also repaired damage to Waterwood Parkway, culvert road surface on White Oak Lane and manhole area in Whispering Pines 2. The leaf & limb debris was cleared out for the third time this year. Numerous dead trees were removed from the easements. Flores Tree service has done a great job clearing obstructions from easements in Greentree and Whispering Pines 2. We also cut and mulched the underbrush at the median by 190.

WIA is modifying the parking area in front of the office. Dirt washes down and collects where people exit their vehicles. We are placing a fifty foot galvanized grate drain to eliminate the problem. This will be happening very soon. I apologize in advance for the short term inconvenience.

Rick Harlow, Maintenance Director

### WWL Garage Sale

WIA Pavilion on November 6, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Spaces are still available for anyone to rent for \$25.

At the end of the sale you are responsible for removing any unsold goods.

For more info or to reserve a space,  
please contact Debbie at 713-962-9048



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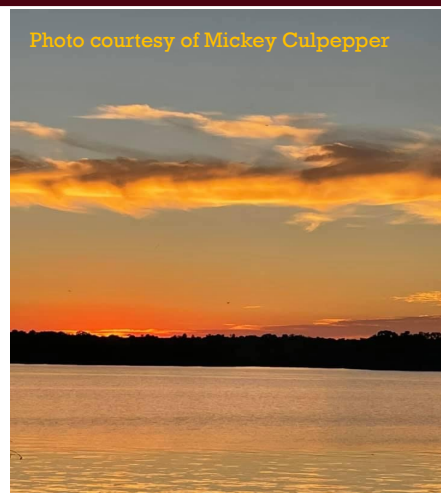
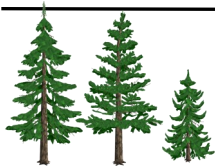


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### Fiber Update

Jamie Groskopf

#### **Greentree Village**

Work continues in the Greentree Village neighborhood. Conduit and pedestal installation is now over 90% completed. Pedestal to home connections should begin in the coming weeks. Those of you who have signed up in GTV should expect to be contacted soon about the cable run and outside demarcation box installation. This will be the final step before we schedule the service installation inside your home once the main connection is ready. **The deadline for Greentree Village free installation offer ends 10/31/2021!! Please sign up prior to this date to avoid a \$149 installation fee!!! Signing up is free and there is no obligation. We simply want to know if you are interested prior to building the network.**

#### **Whispering Pines – 1**

Planning is underway for the installation in WP1 and should begin shortly, depending on sub-contractor availability. **The deadline for Whispering Pines-1 free installation sign up is 11/30/2021**

#### **Why do we have a deadline?**

I get asked this often and wanted to explain again. When designing the network distribution it takes a lot of planning prior to the work being completed. Once the network is built and another residence wishes to join we have to go back and add to that plan, take equipment back out to the area and open the network back up to get that signal to the new user. Sometimes this involves a moderate amount of work, sometimes it involves a very large amount of work. For instance, if nobody on your street signs up, we will probably not run a cable down your street. Later, when you wish to sign up and we have already transitioned from construction to operations, we will have to come back and build all that infrastructure to get to your house which may cost many thousands of dollars and days of work. If you do not sign up on the initial pass, you may also have to wait until the rest of Waterwood has been built for us to come back to add your home, which could be over a year away.

#### **Internet Cost**

There has been some confusion on the cost. The quoted prices for Internet will be the total amount billed. \$85.00 for 100Mbps or \$125.00 for 1000Mbps (Gigabit) service. No fees, taxes, or other charges are applied unless you request special service add-ons. While this may be more than what your current itemized bill shows for Internet right now, we will not be adding the numerous line-item fees for network improvement, Universal Service Fees, Access Charges, etc. that most large providers use to keep their quoted prices artificially low. In almost all instances we will be a lower total amount than what you currently pay in Waterwood. **If you currently take advantage of the Emergency EBB program for pandemic related broadband assistance, please contact us at [info@LCSfiber.com](mailto:info@LCSfiber.com) with a copy of your current bill to maintain this benefit.** If you opt to keep/have a VoIP landline phone with us, there will be state mandated sales tax for that portion of the bill only. We cover the other mandated FCC and 911 fees for you!

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### Cable TV

There continues to be interest in a traditional Cable Television package. We've made progress on finding distribution partners willing to work with us. The typical minimum number of Cable TV subscribers for a programming contract is 500. We have been able to get that number down to 200 subscribers. There are other more modest options available, but we wanted to show one partner's channel lineup and pricing.

**These packages are available ONLY if the minimum subscriber number of 200 is reached for Cable TV!**

#### Select Plan \$35/month

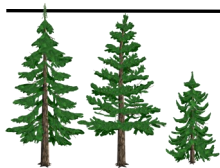
Local over-the-air channels – Houston Market (PBS, ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, etc)

C-Span	EWTN	QVC
C-Span2	HSN-Home Shopping Network	SonLife
C-Span3	Inspiration Network	TBN
Daystar	TWC – The Weather Channel	Jewelry TV
Waterwood Information		The Word Network

#### Prime Plan \$85/month – Includes everything in the Select Plan, plus the lineup below

A&E	ESPN News	National Geographic
AMC	ESPNU	Nat Geo Wild
Animal Planet	Food Network	NBC Sports Network
AWE	FOX Business Network	Newsmax
Bally Sports Regionals	FOX News	NewsNation
BBC World News	FOX Sports 1	NFL Network
Bloomberg	FOX Sports 2	OAN-One America News
Boomerang	Freeform	Olympic Channel
Bounce	Fun Roads	Outdoor Channel
Bravo	FX Movie	OWN
BTN – Big Ten Network	FX Network	Oxygen
Cars.TV	FXX	PETS.TV
Cartoon Network	Gold Channel	RECIPE.TV
CBS Sports Network	Grit	RFD TV
CLEO TV	GSN	Science
CNBC	Hallmark Channel	SEC Network
CNN	HGTV	Syfy
CNN International	History Channel	TBS
Comedy.TV	Headline News	TCM – Turner Classic Movies
Court TV	IFC	Tennis Channel
Court TV Mystery	Investigation Discovery	TLC
Cowboy Channel	ION Television	TNT
Discovery Channel	Justice Central	Travel Channel
Disney Channel	Laff	truTV
Disney Junior	Lifetime	TV One
Disney XD	Lifetime Movie Netwk	TVG
E! Entertainment	Longhorn Network	TVG2
ES.TV	Marquee Sports Network	Universal Kids
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**Prime-Plus \$99/month** – Includes everything in the Select and Prime Plans, plus the lineup below

ACC Network	Duck TV	Military History Channel
American Heroes	Fight Network	NBC Universo
BBC America	FITE	Outside TV
CNBC World	FOX College Sports	Pursuit
Cooking Channel	FYI	Reelz
Crime & Investigation	GAC–Great American Country	Stingray Music (50 Channels)
Destination America	Game+	Sundance
Discovery Family	Hallmark Drama	UP
Discovery Life	Hallmark Movies & Mysteries	Vice TV
DIY	Lifetime Real Women	

**Premium Add-On Packages** – Can be added to any plan – Starting at \$7/month

HBO(multiple)	Cinemax(multiple)	STARZ(multiple)
Showtime(multiple)	STARZ Encore(multiple)	

**Sports Package** – can be added to any package

NFL Network	Game+	Outside TV
Fight Network	FOX College Sports	Longhorn Network
Red Zone – NFL Ntwk		

**Advanced Features** - All these Cable TV plans come with the advanced features listed below:

**Restart-TV** – Restart any program on the guide up to 3 hours after it aired

**Cloud DVR** – 100 Hours of cloud based DVR storage included, additional storage available

**WatchTVEverywhere** – Watch your programs from any device, anywhere! PC, Tablet or Smart Phone

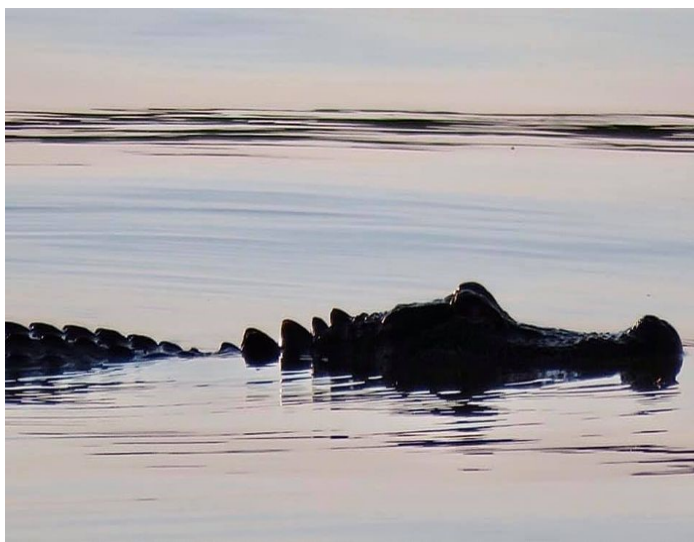
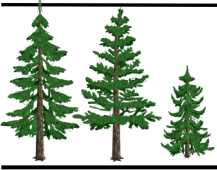


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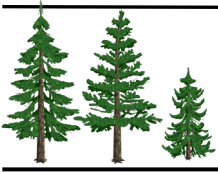
## LCS FIBER PARTY INVITATION

**You're Invited to Celebrate with us!**

**Saturday, October 8  
Waterwood Pavilion  
immediately following the WIA Annual Meeting**

**Come enjoy hot dogs, chips, & drinks**

**SIGN UP AT:  
[WWW.LCSFIBER.COM](http://WWW.LCSFIBER.COM)**



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### Waterwood Women's League

The first meeting of the year was held on September 8th in the WIA Conference Room. Thanks to Security Supervisor, Tom Alyea and Fire Chief, Tim McGrath for a great security/safety presentation. Takeaways from presentation: Lighting is your friend, Keep garages closed, Keep doors locked when out of town, Keep- an I.C.E. (in case of emergency) where others can see it like on the refrigerator.

WWL's new officers were officially introduced:

President- Dianne Chrestopoulos

Vice-President- Lalla Goka

Secretary- Trista Byrd

Treasurer- Pat Chandler

We discussed upcoming fundraisers, including the WWL Garage Sale, to be held at the WIA Pavilion on November 6, 8:00 a:m-2:00 p:m. Spaces are still available for anyone to rent for \$25. At the end of the sale you are responsible for removing any unsold goods. In addition, we'll have a booth at the Huntsville Christmas Fair, downtown, December 4, 10:00 a:m-5:00 p:m. Debbie Maas will be conducting craft workshops in her home at 1:00 p:m on Tuesdays. Contact Debbie for additional information on fund-raising and to verify workshop times.

Scholarships:

Maryanne Readal will conduct interviews with her team in May.

\$600.00 will be awarded each semester and the applicants must maintain a 2.5 GPA to qualify.

The WWL Donation box is currently in place in the Waterwood Post Office vestibule until October 13. We are requesting "Socks for Soldiers." New socks, all sizes for men and women are needed. Ankle socks are preferred. You can also drop off donations to Marla Fink or Shirley Morrell. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

The Point Blank Food Bank is in need of volunteers at the Civic Center. The next food truck distribution is on October 21, 9:00 a.m-1:00 p.m. Please contact Pat Chandler to learn how you can help

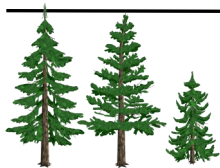
**The next meeting is Oct. 13, 2021-Blast from the Past** you **must sign up** for this meeting if you plan to attend. We hope to see many of you there.

The meeting on the 13th will be at the Heritage Village Museum in Woodville. Lunch will be at the Pickethouse. Menu includes fried chicken, chicken & dumplings, country veggies, biscuits, cornbread and cobbler.

Tour and Lunch will cost \$20. Carpool at 9:00a.m. @ Palmers parking lot.

You must **RSVP no later than Oct 8** on Facebook or contact Trista Byrd.

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page for upcoming events! WWL is a 501(c)3 organization. Our main goal is to provide educational scholarships for local students. Please join us! We have a lot of fun, do a lot of great things and we'd love to have you!



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**The most beloved backyard bird**

### **Northern Cardinals are at home in the South**

*By Ruth Massingill*

Now that nesting season is over and migrations are underway, you may not be seeing as many songbirds at your feeders. However, the crimson Cardinals are still here in full force, decorating shrubs and fences and gobbling up sunflower seeds when offered.



**Cardinals mate for life**

Most everyone recognizes this conspicuous songbird with its prominent crest and short, thick bill. The males, slightly smaller than a Robin, are brilliant red all over with a reddish bill and black face. The females look a bit like a faded version of the male, with red accents on the crest and reddish tinges to the wings and tail that brighten their pale brown bodies.

Northern Cardinals are somewhat misnamed. Their territory is most of the eastern half of the U.S., and it stretches from southern Canada into Mexico. Regardless, this flashy member of the finch family is a perennial favorite across the country; it is the state bird of seven states. Cardinals do not migrate, and they don't molt into a dull plumage, so they are breathtaking year-round, making them perfect subjects for winter photos and Christmas cards.

Northern Cardinals are common in inhabited areas such as backyards, parks and shrubby forest edges since the birds like to take cover in dense tangles of shrubs and vines. Cardinals are early risers; their distinctive 'pretty, pretty, pretty' whistles are often one of the first sounds of the morning, especially in summer.

Only a few female North American songbirds sing, but the female Northern Cardinal does, often while sitting on her nest, perhaps to tell her mate when to bring food. A mated pair shares song phrases; however, the female's song is longer and slightly more complex than the male's.

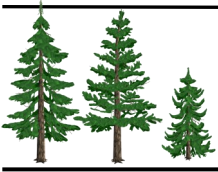
### **Sparring male Cardinals**



Cardinals usually mate for life and the pair share responsibility for their young. Like many other bird species, they have elaborate mating rituals that include the male bringing food and feeding it to the female. Male Cardinals are fierce defenders of their territory during breeding season, which lasts from March to September. In addition to attacking intruding males, if he sees his reflection in glass surfaces, he might spend hours fighting the imaginary intruder.

Once paired, the female starts to visit possible nesting sites with the male following along. They will call back and forth and hold nesting material in their beaks as they assess possible sites. Nests are usually wedged into a fork of small branches in dense foliage 1-15 feet off the ground. Over 3 to 9 days, the female builds a nest with the materials the male brings to her. Most Cardinal pairs raise 2 or 3 broods each year. When the female begins to incubate the second brood, the male will care for the previous hatchlings. Owls, eagles, snakes and domestic cats are just some of the predators that pose threats to Cardinal families.





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Attracting Northern Cardinals to your yard and feeders is as simple as providing food, places for nesting, and shelter. Northern Cardinals eat mainly seeds and fruit, supplementing these with insects such as beetles, crickets, flies, moths and spiders. They readily come to feeders and especially like sunflower or safflower seeds. They are usually the last birds to feed in the evening and often the first bird you see in the mornings, although, with the drought we experienced for the second half of the summer, they have been a constant presence at my feeders.

Since Cardinals have larger jaw muscles than many other songbirds, they can eat bigger seeds. When selecting plants to attract them, look for some with medium-sized seeds as well as a mixture of seasonality. They will also flock to plants with fruits, especially red fruits. The vivid crimson color of male Cardinals comes from carotenoid pigments, which are found in red fruits. Eating more of these scarlet snacks helps a male form brighter red feathers, which enhances his ability to successfully attract a mate.

When very young, baby cardinals eat soft-bodied insects such as caterpillars, so including butterfly host plants such as dill, fennel, hollyhock, mustard greens and snapdragon in your garden will be a boon to Cardinal parents with hungry mouths to feed.

During colder winter months when insects and seeds are scarce, Cardinals need extra food and backyard feeders help them make it through the cold spells. Since they do not migrate, you can leave your feeders out all year. They do like to perch when they eat, so make sure your feeder has space for them to sit. A table feeder is ideal, or you can get birdseed feeders with perches. Also, leaving undergrowth in your yard or around the edges provides shelter from both inclement weather and predators. I wait until spring to do much of my yard cleanup to give the birds a bit more protection.

Happily, Northern Cardinals are abundant in Waterwood and most of their territory, but on average, around 60% of cardinals survive every year, which sadly means around 40% of all cardinals die every year. So, successfully raising their young is essential to their continued well-being. In addition to their natural predators, Cardinals, like most birds, are the victims of habitat loss from increasingly frequent wildfires; young birds are endangered by spring heat waves; and increased urbanization demolishes bird habitat.

So, please give these beloved birds that spend their entire lives in Waterwood as much support as you can, and they will reward you with beauty and song!

**Fun Facts:** Cardinals are the subject of a surprising number of superstitions. Here are a few:

Cardinals are a symbol of hope and joy, especially around Christmas.

When a Cardinal lands in your yard, it means an angel is near.

Seeing a Cardinal means a family member or friend is safe.

If you see two Cardinals, you're being called to pay more attention to the world around you and to remember that the world is a magical place, which is full of wonder. (I'm not sure what seeing a half dozen means!)

Share birding tips with Ruth at: [ruthmassingill@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthmassingill@yahoo.com)

Cardinal mom and babies



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**Hello, Bridge Players!!**

**We are a local (Coldspring) bridge group that hosts regular weekly daytime bridge games, and occasionally, a weekend game. We are currently seeking bridge players who represent all levels of experience. If you're new to the game or have been playing as long as you can remember, or anywhere in between, we'd love to play bridge with you.**

**We're looking forward to hearing from you, and we're especially hopeful that you'll be joining us!**

**Please contact Zelda at the following email address for more information:**

[jones.zelda@gmail.com](mailto:jones.zelda@gmail.com)

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