

# Waterwood Neighborhood News

September 2021

## Calendar

9-20 WIA Meeting

10-4 Heavy Trash  
Pickup

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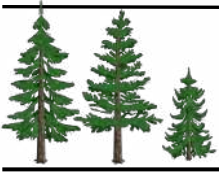
**WIA Office**  
936-891-7710

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

## Our playground has a new shade structure!

Many thanks to Tom Readal for overseeing this project. We  
so appreciate all the time Tom volunteers to our community  
in the pool, pavilion and playground area!





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### Fiber Update

Jamie Groskopf

Initial construction for Greentree Village is almost complete. Pedestals have been strategically placed in Greentree Village in the rear of houses and in necessary connection areas.

Whispering Pines 1 & Whispering Pines 2 will be next, so look for construction in those areas as well.

LCS received the approval from the State of Texas for the crossing at US-190 for October.

Overall, the project is on schedule and budget.

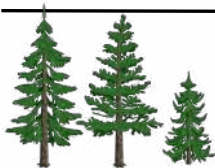
For those that have concerns about the monthly cost, keep in mind that LCS monthly rate is all inclusive. \$85 for 100 Mbps and \$125 for 1000 Mbps will be your total bill for internet. Unlike other internet providers, there are no added taxes or fees.

Several months ago, most of you voted to have fiber installed in Waterwood. That vote did not automatically sign you up for internet and installation.

**SIGN UP NOW!! FREE INSTALLATION** will only be available for a limited time. Don't forget to sign up now **ONLINE** and take advantage of the free installation period. There is no obligation to set up service when you sign up. Signing up helps the installers know how much material to plan for daily.

After the free installation period in your neighborhood expires, there will be a \$149 installation cost per residence. Click this link to sign up now!!! [www.lcsfiber.com](http://www.lcsfiber.com)





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## July 4th Fireworks Fund

It's that time of year when we kindly ask for your financial support to carry on with the much loved and appreciated Independence Day fireworks display at the Waterwood Marina.

In 2022, July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Monday, so WIA is planning on hosting the Independence Day Celebration Sunday evening, July 3, 2022.

This year we celebrated with a festive luncheon at the pavilion kicked off by a patriotic golf cart parade. We enjoyed a live DJ, trivia, yard games, a water slide, snow cones and luncheon provided by the WNGRA. The evening brought the largest crowd we have seen in years to the marina and golf course as well as a bay full of boats that enjoyed the live DJ, snow cone vendor, food truck and fun times with family, friends and neighbors.

Each year, generous individuals from Waterwood and surrounding communities have contributed funds to pay for the fireworks display we all enjoy. The fireworks show is funded completely by donations.

Please help our community continue this much loved annual event by contributing to the firework fund. Any amount is greatly appreciated!

Please make your check payable to "WIA" with a notation "fireworks display" and mail to: WIA, 62 Waterwood, Huntsville, Texas 77320, or you may drop your donation at the WIA office. Contributions can also be made by credit card with no additional fees in the WIA office.

If you have any questions or comments, please call the WIA office.

**Thank you for your continued support!!!**

Sincerely yours,

Lisa Hayman, Executive Director





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## Yes, I want to sponsor the 2022 Waterwood Independence Day Fireworks Celebration!

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yankee Doodle Dandy \$1,000** – As a special thank you, Yankee Doodle Dandy Sponsors will receive two WW July 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 custom T-shirts, two free meal tickets, reserved seating at the luncheon, a special reserved Fireworks Viewing Area on the Marina Bukkhead, and a patriotic gift bag.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Freedom Sponsor - \$500** – As a special thank you, Freedom Sponsors will receive two WW July 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 custom T-shirts, two free meal tickets, reserved seating at the luncheon, and a patriotic gift bag.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Liberty Sponsor - \$250** - As a special thank you, Liberty Sponsors will receive one WW July 4<sup>th</sup> 2021 custom T-shirt, two free meal tickets, and a patriotic gift bag.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Stars & Stripes Sponsor - \$100** – As a special thank you, Stars & Stripes sponsors will receive two free meal tickets, and a patriotic gift bag.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Patriot Sponsor - \$50** – As a special thank you, Patriot Sponsors will receive two free meal tickets.

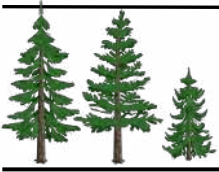
\_\_\_\_\_ **Eagle Sponsor \$\_\_\_\_\_** - As a special thank you, Eagle Sponsors will receive one free meal ticket.

Sponsors will be recognized in the WIA Newsletter and social media. If you wish your donation to remain anonymous, please indicate below.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I would rather remain anonymous**

*Thanks again for your support!!!*





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## Architecture Board

Mike Duffey

It's that time again for cleaning out garages, attics, or just junk around the house. May I recommend, instead of throwing away clothing, Blankets, Shoes, etc., that you deposit the items in clothing bins around Onalaska, and Livingston. Some churches may even take donations.

This summer all residents have made a great contribution to the cleanup of Waterwood. Please keep up the good work and remind all contractors to not throw out trash and respect the speed limits.

Remember to deposit only the items that are allowed in the trash bins, and take the rest to the county dump. Please don't stack debris on the sides of your house.

Waterwood is your home, so keep it clean and safe.

ACB Team

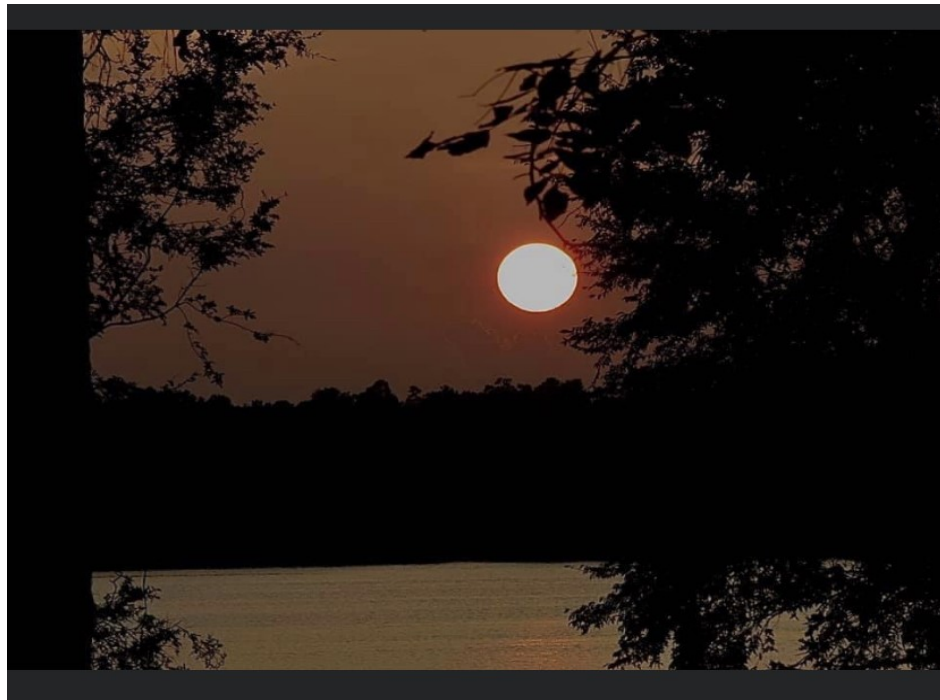
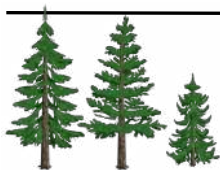


Photo courtesy of John Charlton



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From The WWL President, Dianne Chrestopoulos:

**Several of our members who are immunocompromised, have requested that masks be worn at our indoor meetings. Out of respect for their conditions, we are requiring that masks be worn at all indoor meetings. We will provide masks should anyone need one.**

## Waterwood Women's League

Hello ladies!

The first meeting of the Waterwood Women's League was Sep 8th, 10:00 a.m, in the WIA Conference Room. New officers and committee chairs were introduced. Our guest speakers were Tom Alyea from WW Security and Tim McGrath from our WW Volunteer Fire Department. Board members provided breakfast foods, coffee, and juices.

The "Coffee & Donut Meet & Greet" on Aug. 28th went on as scheduled, resulting in possible new membership. If you aren't a member already, and missed the get together, you are welcome to attend our first meeting of the 2021-2022 season. Membership dues are only \$25 per year, and it goes to educational and technical scholarships for local students. We have a fun and exciting year ahead.

Our Sep, Oct and Nov. collections are for our veterans: Collections are in the month prior and end on the day of the monthly meeting.

October - "Socks For Soldiers" - New, above ankle socks for men and women, all sizes--Donation Box in Palmer/Windstream Office.

November- "Sweats For Vets" - New sweatpants/sweatshirts (pullover or zip)---Donation Box in Palmer/Windstream Office.

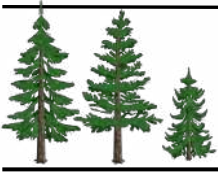
December- "Warmth For Warriors"-New, lightweight, individual blankets/throws for hosp. patients- Donation Box in Palmer/Windstream Office.

You can bring donated items to our monthly meetings or drop them off to Shirley Morrell as well. We encourage and will gratefully accept donations from ALL Waterwood residents!

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! Don't forget to bring your dues. See you in September!

Deb Harlow

Deb Harlow, Social Chairman



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### Tiny, but mighty cute

#### Carolina Chickadees visit Waterwood feeders all year

By Ruth Massingill

The Carolina Chickadee is a favorite birdfeeder visitor, and for good reason. It is impossible to see one of these small birds with its distinctive black cap and bib and not smile with delight. They are inquisitive, acrobatic, and seriously cute. Luckily, they are year-round residents in the southeast, so they might make an appearance at your feeder any time.



Waterwood is perfect for these tiny relatives of the Tufted Titmouse, since Carolina Chickadees are attracted to forested areas or suburban yards with large trees. Males and females sport the same black cap with white cheeks, gray wings and back, and white underpants. In addition to their recognizable appearance, you are likely to hear their fast, high-pitched “chikadeedeedeede” alarm call if they feel threatened. The more ‘dees’, the more danger they perceive. Other birds heed their warnings and take cover.

Carolina Chickadees are often confused with Black-capped Chickadees since they look almost identical. However, Carolina Chickadees are the smallest North American chickadee, weighing less than one-half ounce, with a length of about 4.25 inches, not much longer than a hummingbird. In fact, I recently saw a chickadee sipping at my hummingbird feeder.

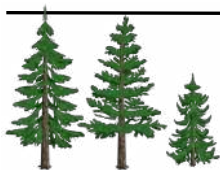
The Black-capped Chickadee does not occur in Texas, but where their range overlaps with the Carolina Chickadee, cross breeding may take place. It seems the two varieties of the bird do not always know the difference either!

Chickadees, do, however recognize threats from larger birds and do not hesitate to defend their territory. Despite their tiny size, flocks of Carolina Chickadees are known to mob predatory birds, especially smaller owls such as Eastern Screech Owls.

From February through July, pairs of Carolina Chickadees either excavate or find an unused cavity, usually high in a tree. They will also employ nest boxes. The female often uses moss for a nest base, topped with a thick lining of hair and/or plant fibers. She lays 5 to 6 eggs and sleeps in the nest while the male sleeps nearby. He brings her food while she incubates the eggs for up to two weeks. Carolina Chickadees also hide in cavities in the winter during extremely cold weather, where they lower their body temperature and stay in a state of hypothermia for as long as 15 hours at a time.



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Winter or summer, Carolina Chickadees appreciate feeding stations that offer a mixture of black oil sunflower and safflower seeds, shelled peanuts and suet. Since they devour insects and spiders year-round, they will also gobble up mealworms in feeders. With their small size and acrobatic abilities, they can use almost every type of bird feeder. Be sure any peanuts you provide stay dry so no mold can form on them. At feeders, Carolina Chickadees typically take a seed and carry it to a branch to eat away from other birds. They also glean insects from foliage and tree bark, often hanging upside down to do so.

Chickadees plan future meals; they hide seeds and other items to eat later. Researchers have found that chickadees cache each food item in a different spot and can remember thousands of hiding places. In the winter, when they need to remember those locations, their brains actually expand. A chickadee amplifies its spatial memory by adding brain cells to the hippocampus. In the spring, when memory is less important, the brain shrinks to its regular size. Not surprisingly, chickadees living in harsher winters have larger brains and better spatial memories than those living in more temperate climates.

Although Carolina Chickadees are common, populations are declining, and there are concerns they may be in danger in the immediate future. Consider putting up a nest box to attract a breeding pair. The box should be in place well before breeding season and should have a guard to prevent predators from raiding eggs and young. You can purchase boxes specifically for Carolina Chickadees or construct one if you are handy. Find out all about Carolina Chickadee nest boxes and download a free birdhouse plan [HERE](#).

Whether you are a veteran birder or just beginning to appreciate Waterwood's feathered treasures, the Carolina Chickadee is sure to delight!

**Fun Facts:** John James Audubon is said to have named the Carolina Chickadee while he was in South Carolina. A group of chickadees is called a **banditry of chickadees**, referring to the mask-like appearance of the bird.

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





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**Hello, Bridge Players!!**

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**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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