



Waterwood Neighborhood News

March 2020

Calendar

- 3-2 Heavy Trash Pickup
- 3-16 WIA Meeting
- 3-20 MUD Meeting
- 4-6 Heavy Trash Pickup

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Wiaboardsocialmedia@gmail.com

WNN CLASSIFIEDS

Classifieds can now be found on the new Waterwood Website under INTERACT-CLASSIFIED

WIA has a new website

waterwoodwia.hoaspace.com

To see the full Waterwood Neighborhood website, you must become a member.

Non-Members will not see HOA information, Documents, or Forum Sections.

To become a Member, Click “Log In” on the home screen

Please **log in** so you can browse the entire site and check out all of the features, such as downloading community [documents](#), viewing the photos in the [photo gallery](#), or checking the latest community-related [news](#).

Then click on “Not a member yet?”

Create your profile, choose your privacy options and click “Register” at the bottom. When making adjustments to your profile or settings, please remember to hit “Save”, as the website does not prompt you to do so.

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Mardi Gras 2020 Parade and Cajun Cook-Off



Thanks to everyone who participated in the Parade and the Cajun Cook-Off!
What a fun day and a great social event!



Cajun Cook-Off Winners!



1st Place-Melanie Cook, 2nd Place-Linda Brisbay, 3rd Place-Richard Singletary

Special thanks to all the chefs! We sure enjoyed your amazing creations!!!

Lynn Spencer won the Sweet Cook-Off Category with his amazing Pecan Cheesecake!



Fans voted the Gomez-Dick cart as their favorite. Second place was the Bailey's Cart and The Spencer Girl's cart placed third. Such a fun day!!!





We appreciate the water bottle donations from Nathan Gillmore of Edward Jones!



Women’s League News

Hi Ladies!

The last meeting of the Waterwood Women’s League was a social event, not about business. Minutes and treasury report for January will be sent out and voted on in March. We met for our annual Valentine’s Dinner at Joe’s Italian Restaurant in Livingston. If you weren’t in attendance, you missed a great evening of good food and fellowship.

Now it’s time to get back to work. Our upcoming events will include knitting/crochet on Mar. 18th and the quilting guild will get together on Mar. 25th. Both sessions are 9:30 a:m-2:30 p:m. Come and go as you like or stay as long as you please. Remember to bring a bag lunch. These are incredible programs that benefit many charitable organizations.



On Mar. 27 we’ll have a Fairy Garden workshop. This will be the only one needed in preparation for Coldspring’s Trade Days-March Madness on Mar. 28, 8:00 a:m. We’ll be selling the last of our stock! You can sign up to help at the next meeting.

Our collection box will also be at the Palmer Office Mar.11-25. We are requesting “backpack” food items for Onalaska High School. They are in need of nutritious, easy to prepare foods such as nuts, granola bars, dried fruit and canned meats, oats, peanut butter, canned veggies, soup and canned beans. On school days, local children don’t have to worry about their next meal, but weekends can be quite a different story for too many of these same kids! Please give generously!



We’ll be hitting the road for our Mar. meeting and a nice lunch at Lucy’s Country Store & Tea Garden in Cleveland Mar. 11 at 11:00a:m. If the weather is bad, we’ll eat inside. The proprietor recommends we DO NOT use GPS as it takes customers to the wrong location. Directions and menus will be on our FB page and distributed via e-mail. You MUST RSVP! It’s critical that small businesses like these know how many to expect and this particular event is by RSVP only.

WWL is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Our primary goal is to provide educational scholarships for local students.

Plan to attend our next meeting. We’d love to have you along for the ride!



Get Excited about Spring!

Maryann Readal



With all of the towering pine trees and generous, grassy median, Waterwood is a beautiful and peaceful place to live, I think most will agree. Even though we have to outwit the hogs, armadillos, and deer to keep them from altering our landscapes, many of us still find Waterwood a good place to garden.

Health professionals agree that creating even a small garden will uplift your spirits. A small garden, even if it is only a container on your back porch or at your front door gives you something to look forward to each day and something to marvel at when a new shoot or flower sprouts. If you plant a container of parsley, thyme, basil, or tomatoes you will also have something to spark up your cooking.

March is the month to get excited about starting afresh with a new garden bed or a new container of plants. It is also the time to take care of your existing landscape by trimming back bushes, cleaning up beds, and mulching. The latest gardening trend is to not disturb the soil because it encourages weed seeds to germinate and also disturbs insect habitats.

Some garden enthusiasts also say that leaving fallen leaves in the garden provides mulch for plants and also homes for insects. If you are going to plant in containers, make sure to refresh with new potting soil. Your plants will thank you.

We had a very mild winter this year so everything just kept growing. If plants are not cut back now before new growth starts, shrubs and perennials will quickly become too large. With our generous spring rains and warm weather, even when cut back severely, plants will come back quickly. Cutting back perennials and shrubs helps to restore their shape and it re-energizes their growth. Some plants like azaleas and hydrangeas and other spring bloomers should not be cut back until after they bloom.

Here in Waterwood, we are on the migration path for birds and butterflies. So don't forget to feed and provide water for these flowers of the air. Now is the time to put out hummingbird feeders because the scouts are coming through. The monarch butterflies will soon follow. When choosing plants for your landscape, consider what benefit the plant has for birds, bees, and butterflies. You will enjoy watching these beauties visit your landscape.

You don't need to be a master gardener in order to create beauty in your own yard. Undecided about what to plant? There are two great plant sales coming up. Both will have experts on hand to answer your questions and concerns. The Walker County Master Gardeners have their plant sale on Saturday, March 14, 8am-1pm at the Agrilife Extension office on Tam Road. They will have a nice selection of shade trees, citrus and fruit trees, herbs, vegetables, annuals, bulbs, and perennials for sale. On Saturday, March 28, the Texas Thyme Unit of The Herb Society of America will have their annual Herb Festival at the Wynne Home in Huntsville, 8am-2pm. They will have a large selection of perennials, herbs, vegetables, and pollinator plants for sale as well as entertainment, and garden and herbal vendors.