

Waterwood Neighborhood News

June 2022

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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.

Independence Day Celebration!

Saturday, July 2nd

Luncheon in the WW Pavilion

10:30 am - Patriotic Golf Cart Parade to kick off the Luncheon

***decorated carts meet at WIA office at 10 am**

**11am-1pm- Hamburgers/ Hotdogs, etc.
WNGRA Fundraiser**



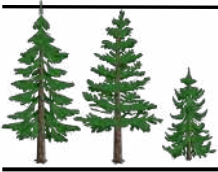
FIREWORKS

The annual Waterwood Fireworks show will begin at dark in the Marina area.

Come early to enjoy food trucks and meet neighbors in our community!



****Many thanks to the generous neighbors who donated and sponsored the show! Donors will be acknowledged in the August newsletter. ****



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Annual HOA Dues Collections

Larry Maas, WIA President

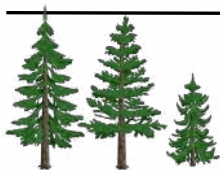
Annual HOA dues collections have continued. WIA office staff and Collections Committee members have sent out over 250 formal Texas Property Code 209 letters to delinquent HOA dues property owners. Through this process we are approaching 1,000 collections which is a significant increase in collections over prior years. In addition WIA has accepted over 50 properties from owners in lieu of receiving past dues and has sold more than 20 of these properties to hopefully dues paying owners. WIA has also turned over more than 100 delinquent property owners to our HOA attorney for collection. Once an account has been turned over to our attorney, additional legal fees must be paid for by the delinquent property owner. Depending on whether the attorney has to file suit against the property owner, legal fees can range from \$150 to \$1,500.

The WIA office staff and Collections Committee still have much work to undertake. However, if annual HOA dues are not paid timely by December 31, interest at 10% per annum will be charged to the property owners' account and collection procedures will start immediately. It is not fair to the property owners that pay on-time while others pay late and require significant staff time and costs to collect. HOA fees are similar to property taxes; regardless of whether you receive an HOA fees invoice, the property owner is still obligated to pay their fees on-time.

If you still have not paid your annual HOA fees for 2021 or prior, be aware that the WIA office staff and Collections Committee will pursue collection. And remember, if your account is turned over to the WIA HOA attorney for collection, significant legal fees will be added to your account.



Photo by Cari Womack



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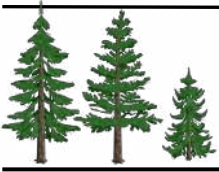
Household Trash

Larry Maas, WIA President

One of the services paid for with your annual HOA fees is household garbage drop-off. These services cost each paying property owner approximately \$24 per year. This is a significant savings compared to curbside trash pickup costing approximately \$400 to \$500 per year depending upon the provider. Garbage stickers (2 per household) are available at the WIA office and must be applied by the WIA office staff to your vehicle. The dumpsters are located in Whispering Pines II on Cheyenne.

In order to assist in keeping costs down it is requested that your garbage is limited to household trash only. Please break down large boxes prior to putting them into the dumpsters. Non-broken down boxes take up a great amount of space in the limited dumpsters we have available. Also, there is a sign on the entrance gate that lists items that should not be placed in the dumpsters. Many of the forbidden items can be collected as heavy trash on the first Monday of the month by the maintenance staff. Collection of heavy trash must be requested by no later than the Friday prior to the first Monday of the month. Requests can be made by phone, email or in person to the WIA office.





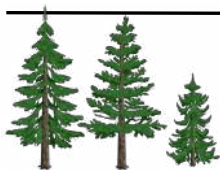
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Over 60 residents came and were treated to Sundaes, Root Beer Floats, Drumsticks, Push Ups, and Bomb Pops provided by the WIA Social Committee. This event lasted 2 hours. Thanks to everyone who attended.





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Waterwood VFD

Tim McGrath, Fire Chief

The dog days of Summer have come early this year and I urge everyone to stay hydrated. If an emergency arises and you need the fire departments assistance; please **DO NOT CALL** the fire station directly. Please **DO CALL** 911. This saves time in response; and can save lives. The fire department is required to have all dispatch calls recorded by the San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office. Calling 911 directly will alleviate the need for us to call the Sheriff's office and will hasten our response time to those in need.

Waterwood VFD is a 501c4 organization and is seeking donations of gently used boats, UTV's and flat trailers. We will also gladly accept donations and will provide all donors with a donation letter acknowledgement for tax purposes. At the Waterwood Fireworks Celebration, the Fire Department will be selling koozies in various colors for both regular and slim cans. They will all proudly display the Waterwood VFD logo. Please help in our fundraising efforts.

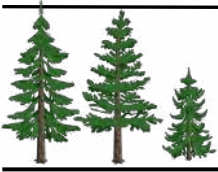
On Saturday, June 11th, Waterwood will conduct its annual test of the Emergency Preparedness Plan. The exercise will begin with Block Captains and will follow with us taking to the water for an exercise with our Boat Captains. Thank you all who have assisted in the preparation for the annual test. Following the test completion; the fire department will be selling gently used rubber fireman's turnout boots in various sizes for \$20. **The station will be open from 1 – 3pm.** Please stop by and get a pair of boots that do not crack and will never need replacing.

Hope to see you this Saturday and at our Fireworks Celebration. Thank you for your support; and let's all be ready for summer fun!

Thank you,

Chief Tim McGrath





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Waterwood MUD

Roy Knapp, President

News from the MUD District

For the past few months members of the board have been in talks with Precision Utility Services to take over the care and maintenance of the water and treatment facilities. The board has been impressed with the management and their record of service to other communities. Precision Utilities will maintain an office in the Waterwood area. This will be staffed with an office manager and field techs.

Waterwood MUD District will be ending services with Inframark at a time to be determined. I want thank Inframark for their service to the District.

Inframark was hired on to help the District that had serious problems in 2017. Since that time the District has been able to correct and stabilize an old system. With new projected growth the Board can now set plans to upgrade facilities and services for the community.

Our next meeting will be June 17th at 3:00 in the WIA building.



Photo captured by Kevin Brashear



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SAVE THE DATE!

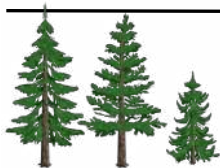
Community **B-I-N-G-O**

Sponsored by Waterwood Women's League is returning!

**Join us for FUN this fall—October 22, 2022 at the
Waterwood Pavilion from 5:30-9:30 pm.**

**Hope to see every one turn out to support the
Women's League as they raise money for
scholarships for local high school students.**





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WNGRA Golf Tournament

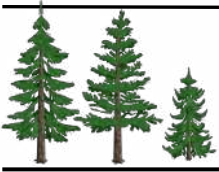
Christin Dietze



The Waterwood National Golf & Recreation Association is comprised of Waterwood community members who are passionate about preserving the golf course & greenspace for enjoyment by our neighbors. We are hosting a golf tournament on July 9th to raise the funds required to maintain and make enhancements to the Waterwood golf course & greenspace that we enjoy as a community. We also hope to raise awareness and increase the use of walking trails and the naturally-beautiful open areas available to all community members. We invite you to join us at Bearkat Course (formerly Raven Nest) on July 9th for a fun day of golf for a good cause! The tournament planning committee is currently accepting tournament sponsors, silent auction donations, and goodie bag items as well. If you'd like to contribute in any way please call/text Christin Dietze at 361-935-7601 or email cmdietze@gmail.com.

Golfer Registration and Event Information:

Waterwood.perfectgolfevent.com



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WNGRA

Calvin Bailey, VP Maintenance Operations

NO ATV and/or UTV's on Course or Cart Paths

Just a reminder that the ONLY motorized vehicles allowed on the golf course are Golf carts and maintenance vehicles.

We have been seeing more ATV and UTV's being used recently for both golfing and/or riding.

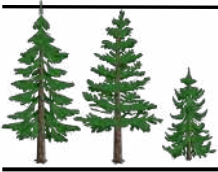
These types of vehicles are prohibited from being on the course and the cart paths.

We want everyone to be able to enjoy the beauty of the course, but we need to follow the rules that are in place.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Before and after by 7 green





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Waterwood Women's League—Minutes from May 11, 2022

Trista Byrd

Our last meeting of the year was at the Waterwood Pavilion. 20 members were present. Dianne opened the meeting. April minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read. We have \$29,681.35 on hand. This is a combination of the cash in our account and our CD. The report was approved.

Maryann discussed the scholarships. There were 6 applicants. Matti Allen was awarded the scholarship. She is going to Texas A & M and she has accumulated 33 credit hours in high school which will transfer to the college. Mattie does lots of community service. Her family lost everything in the tornado which devastated part of Onalaska.

Dianne updated us on school donations, shampoo, etc. for over the summer. Spring and summer clothing and hygiene supplies will be needed for school in the fall. Contact Marla or Shirley if you need items picked up.

We are in need of more scholarship money. \$420 was collected at the Spring Fling.

Jane Presley has taken over the Hospitality position and Sharon Gusman has taken over Social Media.

A signup sheet was passed around which was set up by groups with names of businesses in the area so that those who are willing, can go to these places and ask for donations for prizes for our Bingo in October. The signup sheet is necessary so we don't duplicate requests from businesses. We need more volunteers to ask for donations. Dianne will be contacting people if she doesn't get enough volunteers.

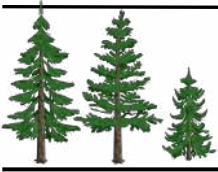
Dianne introduced our instructor and speaker for the day, Susanne Sharrad. She taught us some painting techniques and provided all that we needed to get our painting done. It was so much fun.

Lunch was provided by some of our members and wine was also provided for anyone who wanted it, along with water and tea.

The raffle was won by Lori. It was a beautiful stained glass piece made by Wanda.

We need each member to purchase a \$12-\$15 bottle of wine for the wine draw which is 100% profit for us at our Bingo event in the fall. We will come and pick it up from you if you like.

Submitted by Trista Byrd and Dianne Chrestopoulos



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Waterwood Women's League Announces Scholarship Winner

Maryann Readal

The WWL Scholarship Committee has chosen Mattie Adams from Onalaska Junior/Senior High School to receive the League's academic scholarship this year. The committee interviewed applicants for the scholarship from Onalaska Junior/Senior High School and Coldspring/Oakhurst High School. Members of the committee are Maryann Readal, Mattie Licciardoni, and Sally Charlton.

Mattie has been accepted into Texas A&M's poultry science program. She plans to focus on sustainable agricultural practices. She graduated #2 in her class. Even though her family lost their home during the 2020 tornado, Mattie worked in the community's cleanup and rebuilding efforts after that devastating storm. Mattie has accumulated 33 college credit hours while completing her high school classes. She was named top student in math/engineering and top student in Spanish. She has been very active in Future Farmers of America for 13 years, and has been named FFA Ambassador. She is a class officer and an officer in the National Honor Society and FFA. She received numerous awards at the high school's recent awards ceremony.

The Women's League is also supporting two additional students who have won the scholarship in past years. Virginia Boyce, a graduate of Onalaska, will be a sophomore at Sam Houston and Ashley Bell, also a graduate of Onalaska, will be a senior at Texas A&M.

Recently these students shared the following thoughts with the members of the WWL.

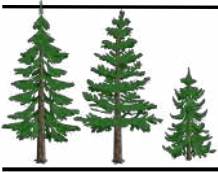
Ashley Bell: It's wonderful hearing from you all and I truly appreciate the well wishes. Things are going quite well academically, and I should be able to order my Aggie Ring at the end of the semester, which is very exciting!

Virginia Boyce: Thank you all so much for helping me with my college dreams! I so deeply appreciate it.

The Women's League is able to offer these scholarships because of the dedicated fundraising work done by the members of the League. The League sells handcrafted items at several Huntsville and Coldspring events and plans to have a fundraising bingo and silent auction in October.

Please generously support the League's fundraising efforts. These scholarships make a difference in a student's life.





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Texas has its own Bird of Paradise

Scissor-tailed Flycatchers spend spring and summer in Waterwood

By Ruth Massingill

As you walk, bike or drive around Waterwood, keep an eye out for a slim, light grey bird with a split tail as long as its body and peachy-orange wing and belly markings. If you are lucky, you could witness a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher executing a tight spinning maneuver to catch an insect in mid-air.

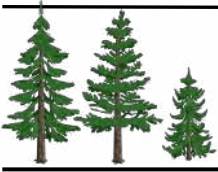
This exotic bird, also known as Texas Bird of Paradise, is a member of the kingbird species, but is the only kingbird in the United States with the distinctive scissor-like tail, which facilitates their amazing aerial acrobatics. Flycatchers migrate into our area to spend spring and summer, when they mate and raise their young. They can be seen everywhere, on telephone wires or fences, up in high trees, in open areas such as pastures or golf courses, or flying near the water to catch lake insects.



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher in flight

As indicated by their name, Scissor-tails are primarily insectivores, feeding mostly on flies of course, but also grasshoppers, crickets and other insects harmful to crops and animals, as well as beetles, wasps, caterpillars and spiders. After snaring a large insect, the Flycatcher carries it to a fence or tree branch and beats it against the perch to be sure it is dead and 'safe' to eat. You won't see a Scissor-tail at your backyard feeder, but they do occasionally visit mulberry or hackberry bushes for a fruit treat.

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After wintering in Mexico and Central America, male Scissor-tailed Flycatchers arrive in our area by early April to establish and defend their territories. When the females begin to arrive, the males perform 'sky dances', fluttering vertically up and down as much as 100 feet and doing backwards somersaults. They frequently open and close their tails, which look like a pair of scissors, to attract females.

Scissor-tailed Flycatchers form monogamous couples and produce one or two broods per year. They are highly territorial; both males and females will fearlessly chase other birds out of their territories, accompanied by loud, squeaky, bubbling calls. Trespassing happens frequently, especially in the early morning, so keep an eye out if you see these birds as you may be treated to a remarkable aerial chase.



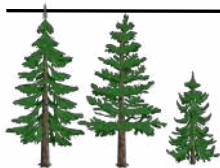
Flycatcher pair with nestlings

Scissor-tailed Flycatchers nest in trees, shrubs or brush that offers protection, but also make themselves at home in urban landscaped areas and even place nests in sites such as towers or bridge supports. The female builds the nest, using many human products such as string, cloth, paper, carpet fuzz and even cigarette filters, as well as chicken feathers, grass and thistle down. Both parents bring food to the nestlings, which fledge in about two weeks.

By summer's end, the Flycatchers begin to gather in large, loud flocks and by October they start a wandering trip southward. By the way, a group of scissor-tailed flycatchers is called a 'zipper,' 'snip' or 'pinking,' but no one seems to know the reason why these terms were chosen.

Although Scissor-tailed Flycatchers are not designated an endangered species, their numbers have declined by about 30% since the 1960s. However, unlike many other birds, deforestation is beneficial for Flycatchers because they prefer open areas. The greatest threats to newly hatched birds are climate changes, severe storms and tornados, as well as natural enemies such as hawks, grackles, mockingbirds, crows and blue jays. Like all other bird species, climate change is certainly affecting Flycatchers' range. In November of 2021, bird watchers flocked to the Dorval Technoparc in Montreal hoping to catch a glimpse of a juvenile Scissor-tailed Flycatcher that had somehow made its way there.

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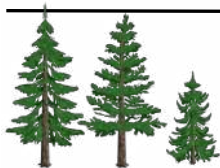
But here in East Texas, we are lucky that our Texas Bird of Paradise is a common sight. Keep an eye out and you may be rewarded with a memorable aerial show!

Fun Facts: These birds tend to defend their breeding territories aggressively, often chasing away much larger birds. A kingbird was photographed in 2009 defending its young by landing on and sinking its talons into the back of a red-tailed hawk and pecking its skull until the red-tailed hawk gave up and flew away.

Share bird stories with Ruth at [:ruthmassingill@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthmassingill@yahoo.com)



Adult Scissor-tailed Flycatcher



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2nd Annual Water Yoga Series @ Waterwood Pool

June 6th Through July 29th

2 Week Sessions – Monday & Friday from 9am – 10am

Join Us for Only \$30 per Session!

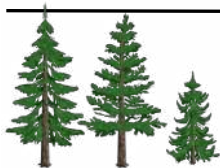


<i>Unique Benefits of Water Yoga</i>	
Reduce Pain	Improve Balance
<i>The buoyancy of the water offloads sore and painful joints giving you more freedom of movement.</i>	Learning to ground into the pool floor teaches you to lift up and not be a passive victim of gravity.
Build Body Awareness	Accessibility
<i>Learn where your body is in space and what your movement habits are.</i> <i>Change begins with awareness.</i>	People with a diverse range of health challenges and physical limitations can still practice together and be challenged appropriately.

*Grab a Noodle, Jump in the Pool
Find Your Balance
Mentally, and Physically Too!*



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American
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STOP
THE BLEED

Come and learn how to push hard and push fast your way to a CPR certification! Heart disease is the number one killer of men and women in the United States. Early detection and intervention could be the contributing factor to saving a life.

Learn to recognize life threatening bleeding and how to properly intervene. From identifying types of bleeding, packing a wound, to accurate placement of a tourniquet, this hands-on class is a great way to prepare yourself if an emergency arises.

My name is **Kaitlin Cook** and I am the Vice President of the San Jacinto County First Responders. My goal is to get as many SJC citizens educated and trained in CPR and bleeding control. San Jacinto is a very large county, which means it could be a while until help arrives. Take the steps now to educate you and your family on emergency procedures.

Below you will find class descriptions and prices.

CLASSES:

BLS- CPR for Healthcare Providers \$50 per person

Heartsaver CPR AED- CPR course for individuals with little to no medical training who need a completion card for their job. \$50 per person

Family and Friends CPR- This course is a hands-on informative class that does not certify you. You will receive a course completion card at the end. Great for parents, grandparents, kids, and community members. \$20 per person. *Get a group of 10 together and price will go down to \$15 per person*

Stop the Bleed- Free to the public. Max class size is 20 individuals.

Contact Kaitlin Cook by:

Email- sjcfresponders@gmail.com

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