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**Waterwood  
Neighborhood News**

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Welcome to the  
January 2025 edition of the  
Waterwood Neighborhood News!  
We hope you had a great 2024  
and are ready to tackle 2025!

New format coming soon!

# Info at a Glance

## CALENDAR

- WIA SPECIAL MEETING 01/08 6PM
- COMMISSIONERS' COURT 01/08 9AM
- WATERWOOD WOMEN'S LEAGUE 01/08 10AM
- MUD MEETING 01/17 3PM
- WIA MEETING 01/20 9AM
- COMMISSIONERS' COURT 01/22 9AM

## SAVE THE DATE!

- TRIVIA NIGHT 02/07 6PM
- WATERWOOD WOMEN'S LEAGUE NIGHT OUT 02/21

## HELPFUL NUMBERS

WATERWOOD SECURITY  
936-661-2800

SAN JACINTO COUNTY SHERIFF  
936-653-4367

WIA OFFICE  
936-891-7710

WATERWOOD MUD/PRECISION  
UTILITY  
936-891-7182

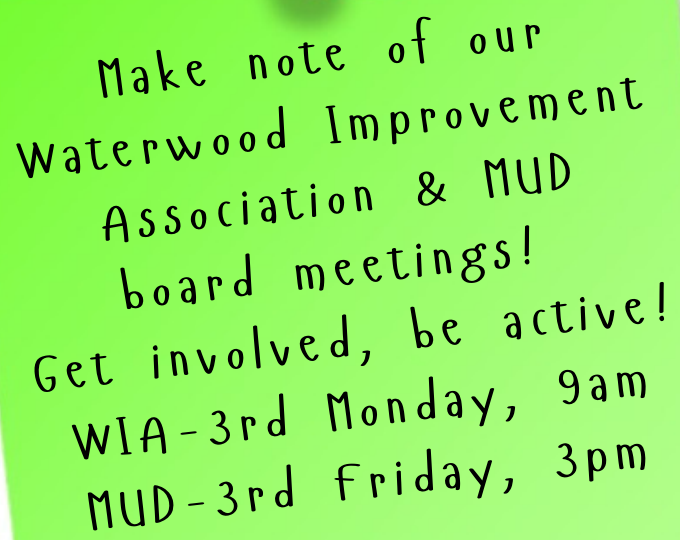
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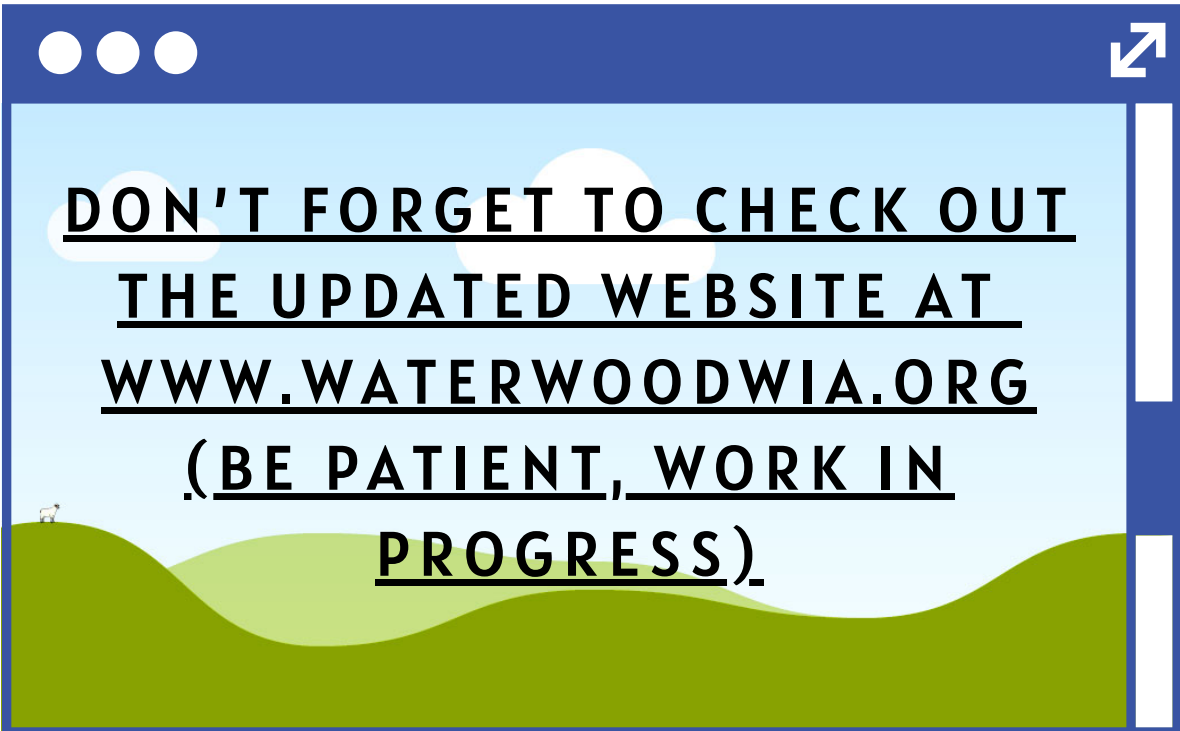
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ATTENTION  
  
HOMEOWNERS



Make note of our  
Waterwood Improvement  
Association & MUD  
board meetings!  
Get involved, be active!  
WIA-3rd Monday, 9am  
MUD-3rd Friday, 3pm



**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT**  
**THE UPDATED WEBSITE AT**  
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**(BE PATIENT, WORK IN**  
**PROGRESS)**

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**ATTENTION  
PLEASE!**

## **2025 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025, 6:00 PM, TO BE HELD AT THE WIA OFFICE. THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING IS TO DISCUSS AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE MEMBERSHIP REGARDING THE APPROVED 2025 WIA ANNUAL BUDGET AND/OR THE 2023 AUDIT REPORT.

BOTH THE APPROVED 2025 ANNUAL BUDGET AND THE 2023 AUDIT REPORT CAN BE FOUND ON THE WIA WEBSITE. CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW OR COPY AND PASTE INTO YOUR BROWSER TO ACCESS THE BUDGET AND AUDIT REPORT

**<https://waterwoodwia.org/audit-reports/>**

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## **2025 is the Year of New**

The Waterwood Fire Department and Auxiliary have a **new name**

### **Waterwood Fire & Rescue**

The Firefighters elected a **new Board of Directors** for the **WF&R** consisting of two Firefighters and two Aux. Members

**President – Marvin Lutz      Vice President – Bill Bruce**

**Secretary – Nancy Measamer      Treasurer – David Ellis**

The firefighters also voted to appoint **Ed Kile** as **NEW Interim Chief**

The Firefighters and Auxiliary enjoyed a delightful joint event in December for an end of year banquet.....  
and banquet it was with so much wonderful food provided by the members.  
No one left hungry.

And we wish to thank the community who provided gifts of all sorts for the firefighters.  
You are greatly appreciated.

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## Waterwood Women's League News

December hailed in great weather for our meeting at Phyllis' beautiful home. The food was delicious, the mood was merry, and the sock exchange was fun. Toys that were brought were donated to the Angel in Action Group in Point Blank.

Upcoming info was provided regarding our January 8th meeting when we will be going to Johnston's Rock Shop in Livingston. Plan to carpool from Palmer at 10:00.

In February we are signing up for a night out (Feb. 21st) for dinner and the theatre as we plan to eat at Sam's Table in Huntsville (they always give a nice donation for our fundraising events) and then on to SHSU to see a production of Twelfth Night by Shakespeare. We have a list of 26 people attending so far – If you are interested in going but were not at the meeting, please call Dianne (940-297-9943) to let her know as she is purchasing a group of tickets and will add you to the list. Tickets are \$12 per person. We need to pre-pay for the tickets so there will be an envelope for money & paid sign-up sheet in Melanie's office at Palmer. You can also prepay at our January meeting. Please, pay by January 24th.

## GARAGE SALE

Date: TBA

Time: 8:00-2:00

Where: Community Activity Center in Pointblank

**THIS IS A NEW LOCATION!!**

Start saving those items you wish to donate!

## WIA SOCIAL CORNER

Here you can find the latest and greatest information on events happening in our neighborhood. Information can also be found on FACEBOOK. Please contact [Wiasocialgroup@gmail.com](mailto:Wiasocialgroup@gmail.com) if you need additional information. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your journey!!

A vibrant blue poster for a Trivia Night event. The text is white and yellow, with a yellow banner for the date. The background features white wavy lines and yellow starburst graphics.

Waterwood invites you  
to

# Trivia Night

**7 Feb 2025**

**HAPPY HOUR - 6 PM**  
**GAME STARTS - 7 PM**  
at the WIA Office

More information  
Contact [Wiasocialgroup@gmail.com](mailto:Wiasocialgroup@gmail.com)

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JANUARY 2025

## **DEED RESTRICTION ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE (DEC)**

**The Deed drive was conducted Dec 7, 2024. There were no new violations, and 6 cured violations. January drives will be the first week of the month.**

**Dead tree policy- if you have a neighbor who has a dead tree that could threaten your property, please contact them with a neighbor-to-neighbor letter to see if the matter can be resolved, (the tree taken down). Should this not work, contact the DEC at [WaterwoodDEC@yahoo.com](mailto:WaterwoodDEC@yahoo.com), and provide any communication you have with the tree owner. Once that information is received then a letter will be sent to the tree owner to have the tree taken down or someone will be hired to cut it down and the cost will be billed to the tree owner.**

**Happy New Year and thank you for helping to keep Waterwood a great community to live in and enjoy.**





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## Waterwood Municipal Utility District #1

With the beginning of a new year there is a change on the Waterwood M.U.D. board. If you have not heard, Roy Knapp has decided to step down as the President and remain on the board as a Director. Donald Marshall was voted to be the new President. I can only hope that I am able to fill the shoes of Roy's who has led this board brilliantly for the past five years.

Many of you do not know me. I am a private person, preferring to work behind the scene rather than be seen, although if you have driven around Waterwood you probably have seen me. Living in Waterwood now for forty years, this place is home and dear to me. I was here when the county club was in full operations, and stayed here because my late wife and myself felt safe, secluded, and since both of us were teachers, our students could not find us.

What the M.U.D. board affects all of us in Waterwood, not only the residents, but each of the board members as well. One of goals Roy established was for the members to remember we are a fiduciary taxing agency, responsible to the residents. We have made changes during his administration to keep spending down, while assuring the residents safe drinking water and the toilets flush. But with a system that was engineered in the late 1970's, the system is aging and is in need of major upgrading. Our first priority we undertook last year was to upgrade and renew our lift stations. Our waste water system was upgraded 10 years ago, or so, with a new waste water treatment plant, but to get the waste water to the system we need the lift stations. Waterwood M.U.D. uses forced main to get the material to the treatment station, which has its own irregularities. One of those is that our system cannot handle disposable wipes, diapers, or feminine hygiene products, so please do not flush them because they clog the lift station which then has to be pumped out and someone go down into the lift station and clean the pump. This costs the district, depending on the severity, between a thousand dollars to several thousand dollars which could be used for other needed purposes.

We at the board will continue to make decisions that best serve the needs of the community, with regards to water and the waste water system. There will be unforeseen difficulties and we will make sure they are taken care of. If you have a concern, please come and address them to the board at our monthly meetings which are on the third Friday of the month starting at 3 p.m. If you feel uncomfortable coming to the meeting, then address your concerns at the Precision office. If you see me about in Waterwood, feel free to stop and talk, after all, I like you am a resident here and want to ensure Waterwood is a place you too can feel safe, secure, and somewhere you want to live.

Thank You.

Donnie Marshall

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(EDITOR'S NOTE...THIS IS A REPEAT OF DECEMBER 2024 COLUMN)

## Keith's Corner: *Waterwood Maintenance*

GREETINGS FROM THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT, NEIGHBORS.

### PROGRESS SINCE THE LAST COLUMN:

The next contract for mowing of the roadways and common areas of Waterwood has been issued to four companies as of November 4th. Having written it myself, I must say that it is a brilliantly conceived and well-written masterpiece. It is also ambitious in that it asks for more mowing frequency (more times per month) than the last contract did. Bids are due on December 8, and an extensive evaluation process will be undertaken.

DEREK GILL, newly-elected Board Director, is going to take on a big chunk of Maintenance. Derek has taken over Facilities as well as ramrodding some organizational changes that we are considering. Such as...

### “MAINTENANCE PERSON” position for Waterwood

Derek and I are putting out the call for any person (or small company) to express interest in becoming a *compensated maintenance person or company* for Waterwood. Such a position has been discussed for years, and the time may be now to make this a reality. There are many reasons for this. I won't go into all of them now, the column would be too long. But it is sufficient to say that there are many things out here that either take too long to correct, or go uncorrected at all, due to the lack of volunteer manpower among Board members and the general public. Maybe it's time that we try hiring a qualified individual or small company to do a wide range of maintenance-related activities for a reasonable amount of compensation.

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## KEITH'S CORNER: WATERWOOD MAINTENANCE CONTINUED

Tasks involved range from landscape-type activities to roads maintenance to DIY-level repairs (or better) on anything in the WIA universe that needs fixing. Having your own tools and even some equipment is a requirement. You must be trustworthy and self-motivated; otherwise our relationship won't last long.

Ideally, we'd like a 40-hour per week person or company, but we are very flexible about how a paid arrangement would look. Part time is an option as well, but we think we can fill up your plate all year long.

If you think you'd like to be an all-around handyman for the community, please contact either myself or Derek Gill through the WIA office. We are trying to find the right fit for this opening by January 2025, so don't dawdle, let us know ASAP!

### Federal Disaster Response

The SBA application has been withdrawn at the last minute. WIA will explore the long-term repairs to the pool and pavilion by other means. This is Keith talking now, not the Board, but something mysterious happened in the SBA within the last 6 weeks that changed their attitude toward this loan application, perhaps toward all their outstanding loan applications. WIA was needing only one more step to have the loan granted; this step was for WIA to provide collateral for the loan. WIA gave the SBA several options, all of them very common and usual practice, for collateral. All of a sudden, the SBA got very picky about this, to the point of being unreasonable. This change in attitude came from higher-ups within SBA. As a result of this, WIA told the SBA "No Thanks."

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## KEITH'S CORNER: WATERWOOD MAINTENANCE CONTINUED

The good news in all this is that the costs to repair the pool grounds can easily be borne by WIA. From the beginning of the SBA journey, the loan was considered a proposition that was financially a “toss-up” compared to doing it ourselves. I’ll leave it to all of you to speculate just why the SBA got difficult to deal with so quickly. I have my suspicions.

The county-led application for FEMA funds is in place as well. I am working with Precinct 4 and the county coordinator on all of this, still. Progress is slow. FEMA still awaits funding [e.g., they are out of money] due to its funds being used for, uh, other purposes during 2024.

### ESD 2 (Emergency Services District Number 2)

The vote on whether or not to create ESD2 has been counted and accepted by the county. **There WILL BE an ESD number 2.** Several members of the Board, including Jamie Groskopf and Rick Harlow, are working on the next steps for the creation of ESD2 as you read this. Congratulations to the people of Waterwood on what we hope will be a wise decision!

### Roadside TREE TRIMMING Delayed

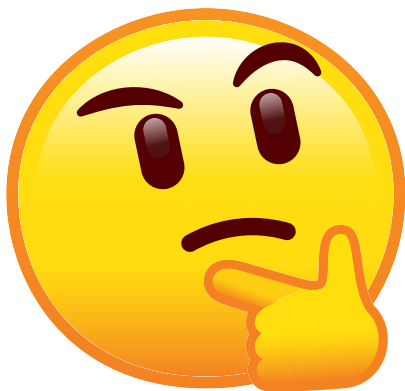
Last month’s newsletter said, “We will be trimming trees along various road rights-of-way in November if things go according to Plan.” Things did not go according to Plan. We have a legal issue we’re working on; tree trimming will be discussed in the next Board Meeting. The general areas to be worked include residential portions of La Jolla / CC3, Augusta / Mauna Kea, Doral, side streets of Bay Hill, side streets of Pebble Beach, and Country Club Drive near Fairway One.

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## Keep Your Pipes From Freezing

- Seal cracks and holes properly
- Keep the heat in your home at a minimum of 55°F
- Allow your faucets to drip overnight
- Insulate pipes that are in cold, drafty places
- Disconnect all outside hoses



THE Samuel Butler?  
Hmmm....

Silence is not always tact and it is tact that is golden not silence.

-Samuel Butler

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Let's just leave this  
right here another  
month...

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YOU JUST NEVER KNOW  
WHAT SOMEONE IS DEALING  
WITH BEHIND CLOSED  
DOORS. NO MATTER HOW  
HAPPY SOMEONE LOOKS,  
HOW LOUD THEIR LAUGH IS,  
HOW BIG THEIR SMILE IS,  
THERE CAN STILL BE A  
LEVEL OF HURT THAT IS  
INDESCRIBABLE. SO BE  
KIND. EVEN WHEN OTHERS  
ARE NOT, CHOOSE TO BE  
KIND.

ANDREA RUSSETT

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Be kind.  
For everyone you meet is  
fighting a battle you know  
nothing about.

Be  
*kind*  
to unkind people.  
They need it the  
most.

## TO BE KIND

is more important than to be right.  
Many times what people need  
is not a brilliant mind that speaks  
but a patient heart that listens.

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THEY ARE THERE WHEN YOU NEED THEM MOST.

## CPR WITH KAITLIN



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