

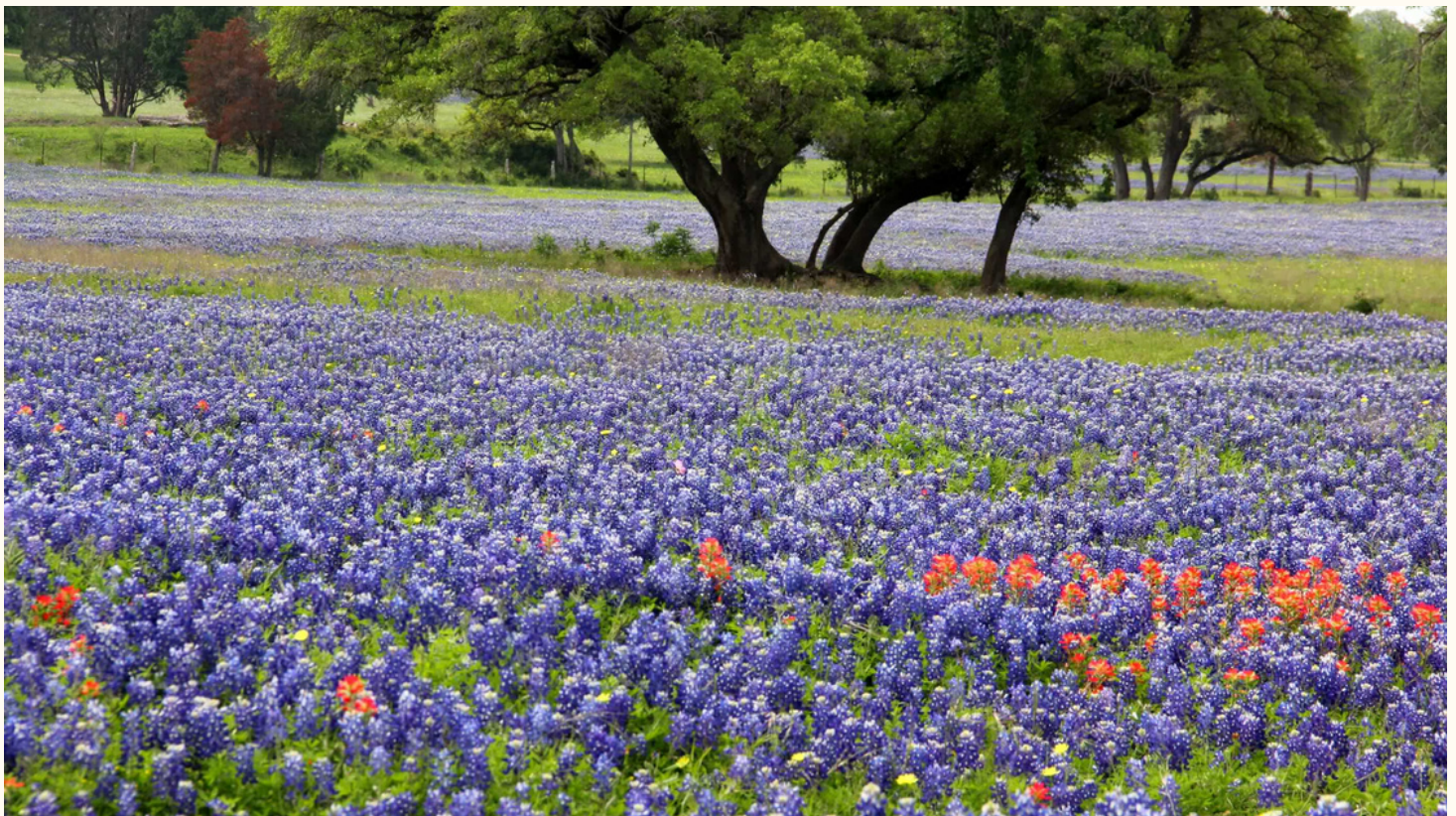
Waterwood Neighborhood News

www.waterwoodwia.org

March 2025

Spring is on its way!

Hello again Waterwood neighbors and friends! As the year rocks on and winter turns to spring, be sure to take advantage of the warmer, sunny days that come with rolling into March. We have activities, events, and plenty of pollen! So, take that antihistamine and step outside, meet your neighbors because after all, we ARE a community and your involvement is crucial to the health of our beautiful Waterwood. So step out, share ideas, stories, and learn what we all have in common. So, c'mon, take the risk and don't be shy!



Informative Numbers, Links, and Dates

Waterwood Security
936-661-2800

San Jacinto County Sheriff
936-653-4367

**Waterwood Improvement
Association Office**
936-891-7710
Website

Waterwood MUD/Precision Utility
936-891-7182
Website

San Jacinto County, Texas
Website

Mark Your Monthly Calendars!

WIA Board Meetings
3rd Monday at 9am
WIA Building

**Waterwood Municipal
Utility District #1 Board Meetings**
3rd Friday at 3pm
WIA Building

March 2025 Calendar atsite

03/05 San Jacinto County Commissioners' Court 9am

03/12 Waterwood Women's League Meeting 10am

03/17 Waterwood Improvement Association Board of Directors Meeting 9am

03/17 St. Patrick's Day

03/19 San Jacinto County Commissioners' Court 9am

03/21 Waterwood MUD Meeting 3pm

Save The Dates

04/10 Waterwood Women's League meeting 10am

04/12 Waterwood Improvement Association Spring Fling 12pm-3pm

05/03 Waterwood Women's League Garage Sale 8am-2pm

05/02 Trivia Night 6pm

Keith's Corner-Waterwood Maintenance

Keith's Corner: *Waterwood Maintenance*

Greetings from the maintenance department, neighbors.

Progress since the last column:

The Maintenance Committee has been totally reorganized for the second time in two years. In each year it has taken a big jump upward in productivity and skill level compared to my first year. There are many people involved in this improvement. Let's meet them.

The latest roster of Maintenance includes:

- o Ray Ramirez in dual role as Roads/Paving and Paid Maintenance person.
- o Sam Butler on Facilities and unofficial advisor to maintenance
- o Pat Zappa as inspector for the mowing contract and coordinator for Leaf and Limb.
- o Tom Readal has stepped down as the Pool Man as of March 21st. Tom's work at the pool reflected true commitment and care for the facility. Tom was the prime mover behind the construction of the Pool and Pavilion. This is why he did such a good job taking care of them; for him it was a labor of love. When you see him please thank him for years of commitment.
- o In Tom's absence we are looking for any person or company willing to handle this job on an ongoing basis. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, or if you know of a person or company who might be, please contact us at wia@waterwoodwia.com ASAP. This effort is the highest priority in Maintenance at the moment.
- o Dianne Chrestopoulos as Entrances Coordinator. We expect she will work with Chase's Lawn Care to greatly improve the look of the two formal Waterwood Entrances at 190 and 980.
- o Last but not least, Derek Gill as backup for all things maintenance, Facilities guy, and the man who will take over when I drop off the Board eventually. Derek led the charge to find our paid maintenance person and is a key part of the team.
- o And me, aw shucks, I'm just a humble maintenance guy.

My thanks go to each of these folks. They care about what they are doing and have given Waterwood their best efforts on a consistent basis.

"MAINTENANCE PERSON" position for Waterwood

Derek and I are pleased to announce that RAYMOND RAMIREZ has been hired to perform this work. Those of you who have gone to the Garbage Area lately may have noticed that it is being policed on a regular basis. This is the result of Ray's work. The Mardi Gras celebration at the Pavilion was a bit brighter this year due to the improved appearance of the storm-damaged Pavilion. Ray has done a lot of work on the facility in several areas. The Pool and Pavilion is receiving constant care again and is looking better every week. Not only is Ray doing great work, but he is a source of good ideas for effectively improving the community; I've heard several of them already.

Federal Disaster Response While we are closer to the resolution of this matter, there has been no fundamental change since last month's column, so I am repeating this news in its entirety.

Keith's Corner-Waterwood Maintenance

We have been notified by San Jacinto County that FEMA has “approved our claim for reimbursement” for the money spent repairing many culverts after the May 2024 storms. This is very good news, and it is gratifying after so much work was done to obtain this. I must thank Lisa and Melissa, and especially Ray Ramirez, who spent literally hundreds of hours with me reviewing all of the invoices and paperwork to make sure that we told FEMA an accurate story of how the repairs were done. We are grateful to A and L Paving, the company was there for us when we really needed them and did a great job.

The last hurdles will be for us to:

- Monitor San Jacinto County to assure that we receive whatever the amount FEMA recommends.
- At this time we only have a verbal statement that approval has been obtained.
- FEMA has told us that there might be an ‘after payment audit’ of our paperwork. If they have a problem with this, they tell us that we might have to give some of the money back. (I’m not making this up; you gotta love our Federal Government!) Luckily Raymond and I have worked hard to internally audit all the records generated by this work, and have reviewed it all once again.

LEAF and LIMB PICKUP

LEAF AND LIMB PICKUP is planned for the FIRST and THIRD MONDAYS of each month. NOTE that the FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS IN MARCH are MAR 3rd and MAR 17th. The first Monday in April is the 7th.

MOWING CONTRACT for Board Approval at February Board Meeting (2/17/25)

After a lengthy discussion and input from several residents, the current structure of the Mowing Contract was approved by the Board in its 2/17 meeting.

SJC PCT 4 is Planning the fix for the “Inbound Dip” in Waterwood Parkway

Roughly halfway between 190 and the “Welcome to Waterwood” sign on the Parkway, there is a barricade on the side of the road that indicates a severe dip in one lane. This “dip” has been sinking and growing for a while. It effectively forces traffic into one lane only for passage. During a recent talk I had with Mark Nettuno, he informed me that this is in the Precinct 4 Plan to be fixed “soon.” The Dip is in fact a collapsing culvert, a big one of 48 inches diameter. Please note that whenever this work starts, the PARKWAY WILL BE SHUT DOWN IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. Look in the customary places - the E-sign by the Office and on Facebook – for warnings about the work. Expected timing for work completion is around 3 days, weather cooperation assumed.



WATERWOOD VFD & AUX

Thank you Waterwood for your generous support during the
Mardi Gras Celebration.

The Pumper led the parade of decorated Golf Carts

And

Red Corvettes

And the Brush Truck ended the parade.

We made a total of \$557

With donations, 50/50 draw and Auxiliary Bandanas

And Fill the Boot.

Ed Cotter won the 50/50 drawing and donated his \$165
winnings back to the department.

In addition, we received a check donation from
Anita Paul.

If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation,
you may do so payable to our 501c3

Waterwood Fire & Rescue, Inc.

192 Waterwood

Huntsville, Tx 77320

Waterwood Municipal Utility District #1

Right now spring appears to be here, but my experience tells me that if March comes in like a lamb it will go out like a lion. Easter is late this year, so be prepared for the possibility of cold weather yet to come. Now for the good news. This week we have an engineering firm evaluate our lift stations to determine what is needed to bring them into optimal working condition. With that information, and the audit which should be ready by the March meeting, we can better plan financing the project. Two years ago the board decided to concentrate on the lift stations as the first of many needs because they were the costliest of our maintenance and operational. Eventually we will upgrade all operations.

I invite all interested to attend our meeting. The next meeting will be March 20th starting at 3 p.m. in the Waterwood Improvement Association community room.

Thank You,

Donald Marshall, Waterwood MUD Board of Directors President

HOW IS A MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT DIFFERENT FROM A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION?

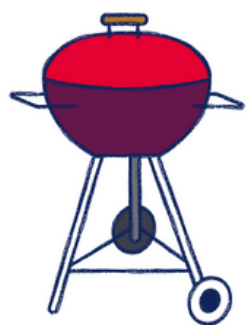
In some ways, a MUD might appear similar to a homeowners association (HOA). Both a MUD and an HOA have authority over defined areas. Both collect payments from homeowners to cover the costs of the services they provide. That's where the similarities end.

An HOA is a private organization whose authority comes from contracts and restrictive covenants. A MUD is a government entity with the power to levy taxes. While HOAs may have the authority to foreclose on homeowners who fail to pay HOA dues and assessments, MUDs rely on county governments to collect taxes and enforce delinquencies. MUDs are subject to laws like the Open Meetings Act and the Texas Elections Code.

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 if you need additional information. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your journey!!

UPCOMING EVENTS - SAVE THE DATES



**FLING
BLOCK
PARTY
BBQ**

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!

**WATERWOOD
SPRING FLING
SAVE THE DATE
12 APR 2025**

TRIVIA NIGHT

2 MAY 2025

HAPPY HOUR BEGINS AT 6 PM

GAME BEGINS AT 7 PM





A True Mardi Gras Experience:

The residents of Waterwood truly know how to throw a party! This year's Mardi Gras celebration was a true testament to the creativity, energy, and kindness that make our community so special. With grace and style, we all came together to create a celebration that brought the joy and spirit of Mardi Gras to life.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success – we couldn't have done it without you! Until next year, laissez les bon temps rouler!

With appreciation,
Phyllis Lavallais
WIA Social Chairperson





A Special Thank You to Our Donors:
We are beyond grateful for the support of our wonderful sponsors. Special thanks to Louisiana Fish Fry for their generous donation of Boil Booster packages and to Teysha Winery for their beautiful wine gift basket. Your contributions helped make this celebration a huge success!

For the Kids – Fun and Games:
There was no shortage of fun for the little ones either, with a fantastic bouncy house that kept them jumping and laughing all day long.



Music That Kept Us Dancing:
A big shout-out to DJ Greg Riley, who kept the beats rolling and the crowd singing with his outstanding playlist. From classic Mardi Gras tunes to contemporary hits, he truly set the tone for the day's festivities.

A Taste of Louisiana – Fried Fish and Crawfish:

Our taste buds were treated to some amazing fried fish and crawfish, courtesy of Patricia's Food Truck and Mursky's. The crispy, flavorful seafood was the perfect addition to our Cajun spread!



Congratulations to the Winners:

We want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all of the cook-off winners! Your delicious dishes were the true highlight of the event.



Savory Choice



Overall Choice Bread Pudding



SWEET CHOICE

Mardi Gras Neighborhood Celebration: A Day to Remember!



What an unforgettable day we had in the Waterwood neighborhood! Our Mardi Gras celebration brought everyone together with fun, food, and plenty of festivities that truly captured the spirit of the season. From the colorful golf cart parade to the delicious Cajun cook-off, it was a day of laughter, excitement, and community spirit.



Golf Cart Parade & More:

The parade kicked off with a spectacular show of creativity, featuring an incredible lineup of golf carts, each one more festive than the last! Highlights also included three stunning red Corvettes roaring through the streets and a pumper fire truck that added a special touch of excitement to the parade. As the parade snaked its way through Waterwood Parkway, the small crowd cheered, and beads were thrown left and right, bringing the fun of Mardi Gras to life right here in our neighborhood!



Cajun Cook-Off – A Feast for the Senses: Our residents didn't just bring their Mardi Gras spirit, they brought their A-game to the cook-off! We sampled some of the finest Cajun dishes, including savory gumbo, mouthwatering jambalaya, and the sweetest bread pudding you can imagine. Cajun mac cheese, creamy crawfish bread, numerous Cajun dips gave everyone with a mouthful of yumminess. We even had a scrumptious beautifully decorated King Cake. The competition was fierce, and everyone left with full bellies and happy hearts.

**WATERWOOD SPRING
NEIGHBORHOOD FLING
BLOCK PARTY**
MUSIC - FOOD - GAMES

Join us for a lively Block Party,
filled with community spirit,
laughter, and positive energy!
It's a great opportunity to
connect with neighbors, make
new friends, and celebrate our
neighborhood's unique unity.

**SATURDAY
12 APR 2025
12:00 PM-3:00PM
WATERWOOD PAVILION**



Flashback: Waterwood National Country Club

*Waterwood National Country Club—
a sportsman's dream.*

A project of the size and scope of Waterwood could only be accomplished by a leader in the field of land and community development. Horizon Corporation and its subsidiaries are developers of a number of outstanding new communities in the Southwest, and have the experience and the resources to see Waterwood through.

Few companies, for example, could afford to build and manage a country club complex such as Waterwood National.

The magnificent Clubhouse alone cost some \$1.7 million. It is a 38,000-square-foot structure on two levels, with a striking, angular roof line faced in copper. The side walls are of redwood, glass and concrete. Of all of Waterwood's great-looking buildings, the Clubhouse must be considered the set piece.

The main level holds a cocktail lounge, a bar and a dining room seating 250, and banquet and ballroom which seats another 275. The furnishings and decor are in warm autumn shades of reds, golds and purples, accentuated by redwood paneling and Navajo tapestries. The total impression is of relaxed elegance.

On the pool level, the Clubhouse has a pro shop, locker rooms, saunas, a grill and lounge.



Flashback: Waterwood National Country Club

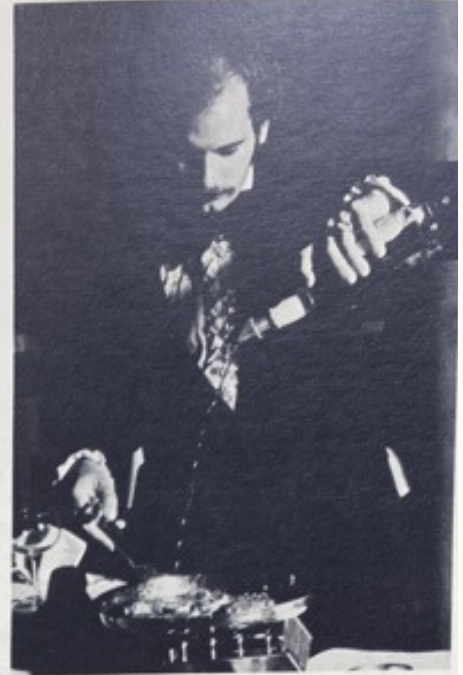


Informal entertaining amid congenial surroundings.

Relaxing in clubhouse lounge.



(Opposite Page) The entrance to Waterwood National Country Club.



Elegant service and an outstanding menu are featured.

The formal dining room overlooks the golf course.



Flashback: Waterwood National Country Club



Relaxing
evenings...
gourmet food...
wine downs...

Sunday & Easter
Brunches...
Corporate meetings...
Community
gatherings...
Memories



Waterwood National Golf & Recreation Association

With Spring approaching, we are gearing up to work on the greens that were heavily damaged when the watering system failed last summer. We have a plan to repair greens on 18, 10, 2, 16, and 15. This will require many volunteers. We will post on the Facebook page dates for the repairs.

The irrigation system is a constant battle. Alex, Ed and Al got the system operational again late last summer and we have back-up now as well. WNGRA should not be in a position where we lose irrigation for weeks at a time again. We owe them a big THANK YOU. It is a constant issue and the new Operations person, Gavin Hoffpauir, is repairing those breaks as needed. The people that help with the watering will be crucial when we get the new grass and seed in place. Gavin will need volunteers to help keep the water going every day. He is revising the schedule as we speak and would be happy to have additional volunteers.

We will be scheduling our first quarter member meeting very soon. Look for the notification via email or on the WNGRA Facebook page.

A tentative date of June 7, 2025 has been set for the annual golf tournament. Al Rincon is the tournament Chair. We will need volunteers for this event as well. More information to come soon on the tournament.

Gene Womack, President

Community...are you a part OF or apart FROM...

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What is a Community?

Community is a group of people who share the same things, such as: where they ...

- ✓ live
- ✓ work
- ✓ play.



It is also a place where people solve problems together.



DEFINITION

- Community building is an activity which encourages interaction between people, and in doing so expresses commonalities and decreases isolation.



DEFINITION



► COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- 1. An unpaid service for the benefit of the public that is performed by lawbreakers as part (or all) of their sentence.
- 2. Services volunteered by individuals or an organization to benefit a community or its institutions.





A Definition of Community

Communities are quite simply, collections of individuals who are bound together by natural will and a set of shared ideas and ideals.

“A system in which people can enter into relations that are determined by problems or shared ambitions rather than by rules or structure.” (Heckscher, 1994, p. 24).



The process of social learning that occurs when people who have a common interest in some subject or problem collaborate over an extended period to share ideas, find solutions, and build innovations. (Wikipedia)

What Is a Community?



- A community is a group of people who are located in a particular space, have shared values, and interact within a social system.
- The four components of community are:
 - People
 - A location in space
 - Social interaction
 - Shared values



Waterwood Women's League News

A night out was the theme of the Waterwood Women's League's February meeting. The ladies and their guests enjoyed a delicious dinner at Sam's Table located on Huntsville's town square before seeing Sam Houston University's theater department's production of "Twelfth Night", a Shakespeare play. Sam's Table has been a loyal sponsor of our Bingo Night and was a very accommodating dinner host.

In March, our meeting will be on March 12th at the WIA boardroom at 10:00. Our guest speaker will be from the Texas Bluebird Society. Not only can you learn about bluebirds, but you can join the Texas Bluebird Society and take home a bluebird birdhouse for \$25. Come join us.

The April meeting will be on THURSDAY, April 10th when we will visit West Sandy Creek Winery in Richards, TX. We will meet at Palmer at 10:00 to carpool. The cost of a flight of wine is \$15. We will have lunch at the winery.

GARAGE SALE

Date: Saturday, May 3, 2025

Time: 8:00-2:00

Where: Hwy 190 in Pointblank

THIS IS A NEW LOCATION!!

Start saving those items you wish to donate!

Acceptable/non acceptable items and item drop instructions will be coming in April.

Pam Sultan

Deed Restriction Enforcement Committee

March 2025 Deed Enforcement Committee Newsletter Report

The deed enforcement committee welcomes volunteers. Currently we have 7 volunteers for our monthly deed drives. February was a very good month as there were no new violations, and several previous violations were cured.

There has been some confusion about trailer/boat storage. Since the trailer storage area is being cleaned up and is closed, the DEC will not be writing any violations for trailers or boats stored on your property until the trailer/boat storage area is opened again. Hopefully this clears up any misunderstanding.

Remember that if you are doing any exterior construction- you need to get an Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Large or Small Improvement Application/Additional Improvement Application available on the website waterwoodwia.org under documents or at the WIA office. Then you need to submit the application and get ACC approval before you can start construction.

Additionally we are starting to check for damaged fences, leaning or needing repair. Should your fence need repair or replacement, please remedy by fixing or removing your fence before we have to send you a deed restriction violation letter. If you are repairing or replacing your fence with the same type of material, you do not need an ACC Small improvement Application/ Additional Improvement Application. However, if you are changing from the original design and material then a Small Improvement Application/ Additional Improvement Application is necessary.

We are getting complaints of dogs running loose and unattended, pooping and peeing in neighbors' yards, chasing people and pets. It is a violation of the protective covenants of all subdivisions and carries a fine of \$250. San Jacinto County has a leash law as well. So please keep your dogs confined in your yard and on a leash when they are not in your yard.

Mowing season is here, so let's all work on keeping our yards cleaned up and mowed to keep your Waterwood neighborhood looking good. March means Spring and Spring means cleaning.

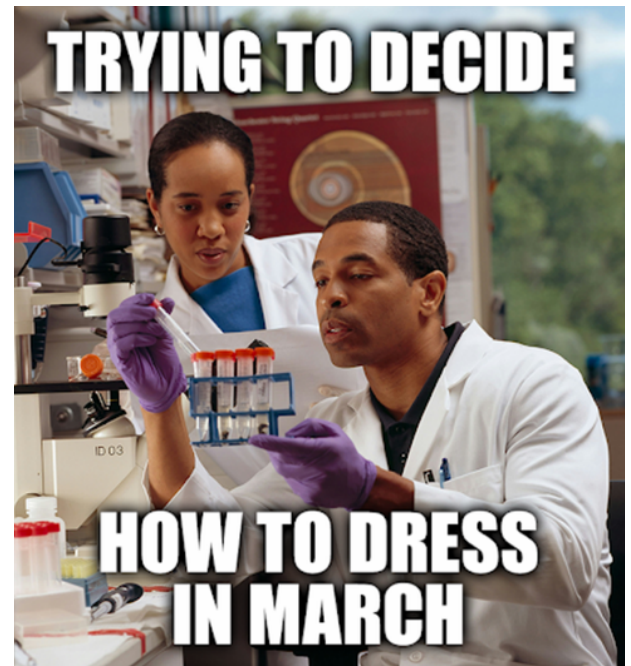
Thank you for your continued maintenance. If you would like to become a DEC volunteer, email the committee at waterwooddec@yahoo.com



Luck
is
what happens
when
preparation
meets
opportunity.
-Seneca

Waterwood Post Office Box Fees Due

The 2025 Post Office Box fees are due. The maintenance fee is still \$40 per year with keys costing \$10 for up to 2 keys (subject to change due to increasing prices of keys), and \$20 each for replacements. Fees may be paid in cash in the office or by check or money order, made out to "PMC". You may also pay by PayPal by contacting me directly by texting 936-661-7767. Thank you for your patronage and patience as we do our best to offer you quality service with parcel handling within the Palmer Real Estate office while we attempt to conduct our normal business of Real Estate. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to let me know. As a reminder, always ALWAYS use both physical AND mailing addresses when ordering anything, no matter how you think it will be shipped. Courier companies (UPS, FedEx, DHL, etc) have contracts with the Postal Service for final delivery and do NOT use the same address.



See you all in April!

Community Services

CPR WITH KAITLIN



"This county deserves to have as many CPR trained citizens as possible. Help me make that a reality."

Classes:

- ✓ BLS Provider \$55
- ✓ Heartsaver CPR AED \$55
- ✓ Family and Friends \$25
- ✓ Stop the Bleed \$Free

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President San Jacinto
County First Responders

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- EMT-B
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Classified Ads

The advertisement features a central image of a white bowl containing several colorful fiber optic cables (pink, purple, blue, and yellow). Light rays emanate from the cables, creating a sense of speed and connectivity. The background is a light blue gradient with a subtle grid pattern.

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Willis • 10129 FM 1097 W. • 936-890-0454

Smith Memorial Park Cemetery • 10129 FM 1097 W. • Willis • 936-890-0454



Back row: Owner, Greg Smith, Will Smith. Front row: Michael Hunt, Cari Rogers, Belinda Honea, Judith Rodriguez and Billy Cauthen

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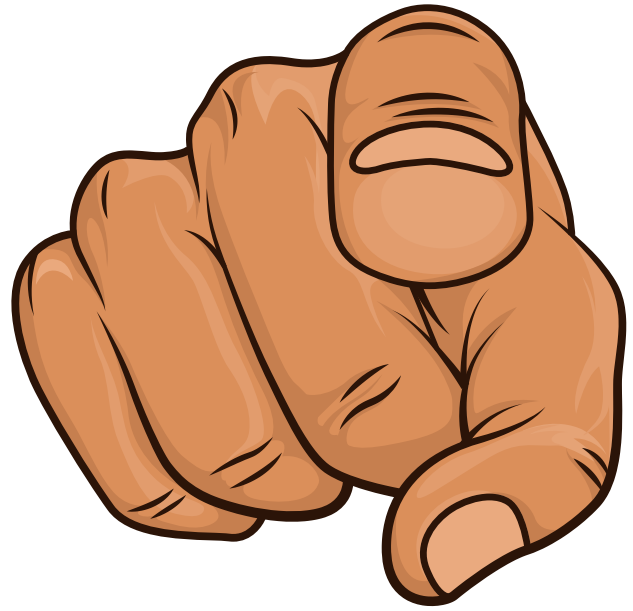
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Be sure to tell your friends
to join the list!!





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