

Waterwood Neighborhood News

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August 2025

It's hot...welcome to August!



August in Waterwood!

Summer is still going strong — it's hot, humid, and full of activity! School buses are rolling, routines are shifting, and the second half of 2025 is officially underway. Take time for one more lake day, squeeze in a round of golf, and start looking ahead to fall activities. Whether you're new or a longtime neighbor, stay involved and mingle — there's always something happening in Waterwood!



It's melon time!!



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

August 2025 Calendar Website

08/06 San Jacinto County Commissioners' Court 9am

08/15 Waterwood MUD Meeting 3pm

08/18 Waterwood Improvement Association Board Meeting 9am

08/20 San Jacinto County Commissioners' Court 9am

Save the Date!

09/06 Family Game Night 6pm

09/27 Waterwood National Open Golf Tournament-Perfect Golf Event

10/11 Annual Meeting of the Membership @ the Waterwood Pavilion

11/07 Trivia Night 6pm

12/06 Christmas Jingle Mingle

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

Family Game

Night

6 Sept 2025

6 pm



Trivia Night

7 Nov

Happy Hour at 6 pm

Game at 7 pm



Christmas Party

**Christmas
Jingle Mingle**

6 Dec



Waterwood 4th of July Celebration

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make our 4th of July celebration in Waterwood such a huge success!! This year was one for the books!

We had an incredible turnout, including 15 golf carts in the parade—the most we've had since I've been in Waterwood! What an amazing sight and show of community spirit.

A special thank you to our Volunteer Fire Department and Chief Ed Kile for providing delicious food and for leading the parade with the fire truck—your continued support means so much to all of us.

Huge appreciation goes to WIA Board member Derrick Gill for putting on a truly spectacular fireworks show. It was the perfect ending to a wonderful day.

Thank you so much too our very own DJ Greg Riley for playing fantastic music and for providing a dance floor and trinkets for the children during both events.

We were also fortunate to have a Constable join in the festivities after seeing the parade on Facebook. He kindly stopped traffic to help us stay safe—what a thoughtful and unexpected gesture. A big shoutout to him!

Thank you to our fantastic food vendors: Kona Snowcones, Earley's BBQ, and Southern Dressed Turkey Leg. Your food was a hit and added so much to the celebration.

Waterwood is clearly on an upward trajectory when it comes to celebrating our wonderful neighborhood and community. Events like this are only possible because of the incredible support and participation from all of you!!



Winners of the 4th July 2025 Golf Cart Parade

Thank you for being awesome judges of the golf carts!! You did such a fantastic job looking at all the fun decorations, cool designs, and creative ideas. We could tell you put a lot of thought into your choices, and that made the event extra special! It was fun to see everything through your eyes, and your smiles made the whole day even brighter. You were, fair, friendly, and full of great energy - we were so luck to have you all as judges!!



First Place:
Robinson Family



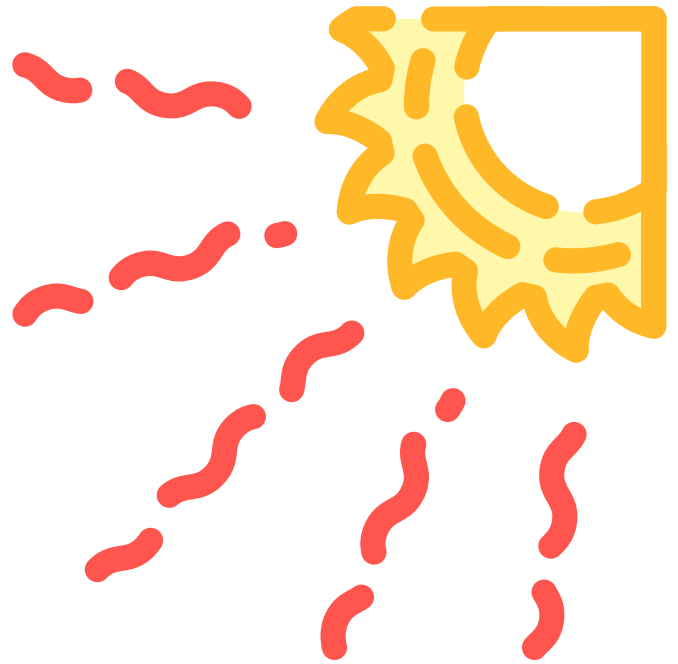
Second Place:
Carole Magee



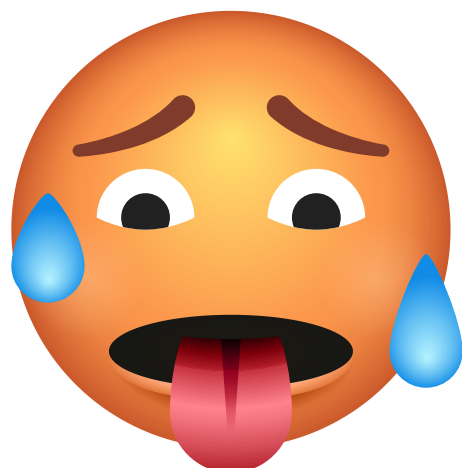
Third Place:
Oller Family

"I'm sure things will be back to normal by August"

August:



Stay HYDRATED

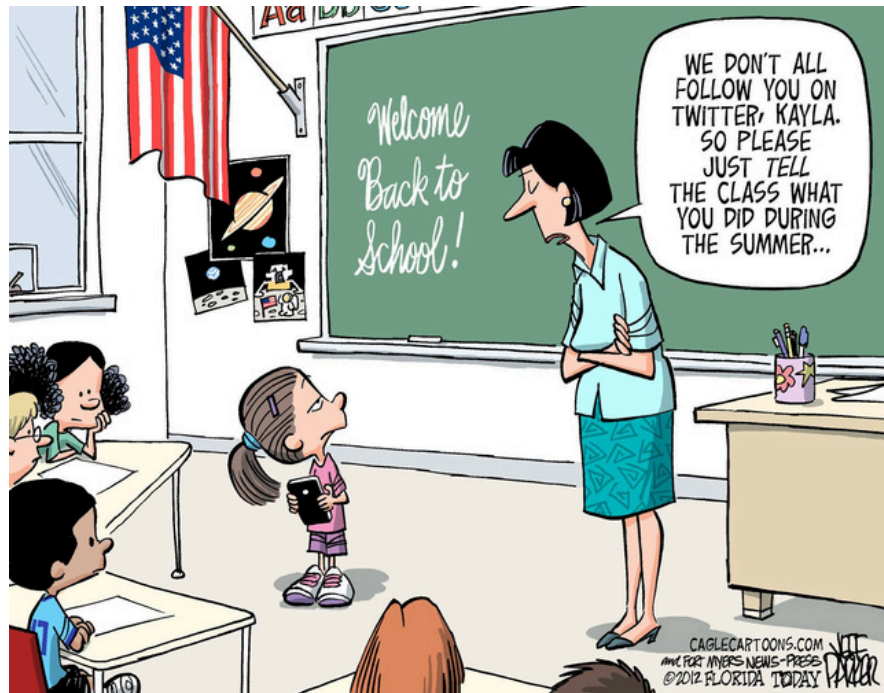


Don't forget! School starts soon!! Stay alert for our kids!

Of course I am sad you're going back to school, because I have to stay home all alone where it's quiet and do whatever I want.



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Say a prayer for, and thank, Teachers!

Teaching is a walk in the Park... If that park is Jurassic Park



THERE ARE DAYS WHEN TRYING TO CONTROL YOUR CLASS IS LIKE TRYING TO HUG A TORNADO.





Waterwood Fire & Rescue, Inc.

Thank you for a fun and safe 4th of July

We enjoyed seeing you in the Pavillion for the noon lunch fundraiser
and at the Marina for the fireworks.

SAVE THE DATE

October 11th, 2025 4-6 pm at the Pavillion

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Spaghetti from Debbie & Frank Mandola's Restaurant

\$16

Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad w/ Italian Dressing, Garlic Bread, and Drink

We are taking pre-orders
Mail Checks with names to

Waterwood Fire & Rescue, Inc.
192 Waterwood
Huntsville, TX 77320

Contact Carole Magee for more information carole.magee@gmail.com

OR

Live Ticket Sales at the Station
Aug. 4th & Aug. 18th 6-7:30 PM
Cash or Check

We **need** more volunteers.
Please join Waterwood Fire & Rescue, Inc. or the Auxiliary
Contact Chief Ed Kile 909-636-6174

Fire Safety Note for August

The First Rule for Fire Safety is

GET OUT, STAY OUT, CALL FOR HELP

911 and tell them you are in San Jacinto County

Veterans' Donation Project

In honor of all those men and women who have served our country, we want to show our appreciation. We have a collection in the fall to be given to the Veteran's Administration office in Coldspring. A few days before Veteran's Day, November 11, we send our donations to be dispersed from the Veteran's Office in the Coldspring Courthouse.

Our collections include:

SWEATS FOR VETS which is a campaign to give sweatshirts and sweatpants to Veterans in the hospital. Large and Extra-large sizes for men and women are so appreciated. All adult sizes will be collected to donate.

SOCKS FOR SOLDIERS is another collection in which black and white over the ankle socks for men and women are donated.

WARMTH FOR WARRIORS is the third campaign which provides lightweight blankets to give warmth for wheelchair bound Vets. The blankets go to hospitals, also, to give extra warmth before and after surgical procedures.

ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY are challenged to help with this donation project. A collection box will be located inside the Palmer Real Estate lobby. Pick up will occur on a daily basis (M-Sat)

The campaign begins on Labor Day to acquire numerous rewards for our American Veterans!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

SJ Morrell, chairman

Waterwood National Golf & Recreation Association

We continue to try to improve the green space we affectionately refer to as a golf course. We have noted more and more people out enjoying everything from golf to fishing. It is great to see. Please remember that we can only continue to operate this space with your donations. With that being stated, we have announced the tournament and that date is September 27, 2025. Al Rincon is volunteering his time once again to help pull this off. We have some new committee members and some that have been helping since the first tournament. It could not be done without these key people. Thank you to each and every one of you. Please sign up soon as the tournament is filling faster than the previous ones. We are also going to limit participation to 128 this year.

If you have been out and about you might have noticed us working in different areas. Recently we applied sprigs to greens 18 and 2. Of course, right on cue, we had two major leaks. Thankfully Gavin, Alex, Raymond, and Danny all chipped in to get repairs done. One repair on hole number five has been especially difficult. We will continue to address them as they arise. Secondly, we have had issues with hogs. This seems to be worse than in years past. WNGRA is doing what we can to mitigate the intrusions and complete repairs.

The future looks good for having a successful green space that is improved to provide enjoyment for those that choose to utilize it. If you see us out working, stop and say hello. We won't put you to work unless you volunteer. LOL

Gene Womack, WNGRA President

Membership is \$35.00 per member for the year. WNGRABOARD@gmail.com is the Zelle.

Deed Restriction Enforcement Committee

August 2025 Deed Enforcement Committee Newsletter Report

The Deed Enforcement Committee welcomes volunteers. Currently we have seven volunteers for our monthly deed drives. If you would like to become a DEC volunteer or have a concern, please email the committee at waterwooddec@yahoo.com You do not have to be a retiree or a full-time resident to be a volunteer!

July had 18 new violations, and 3 previous violations were cured.

New Violations were the following:

Yards - 10

Stump-4,

Carport-1

House/property-3

Mowing continues to be an area of concern- The committee understands with the rains that lawns grow faster than normal but let's all do our best to keep our yards cleaned up and mowed to keep your Waterwood neighborhood looking good.

Boat Deed Drive- The committee did the boat drive and found only 1 violation.

Exterior construction- Remember that if you are doing any exterior construction- you need to get **ACB Large or Small Improvement Application/Additional Improvement Application** available on the website waterwoodwia.org under documents or at the WIA office. You need to submit the application and get **ACB** approval before you can start construction. There are fines if you fail to apply and get approval. You also need to have the Pink Sign placed in your yard visible from the street or it is a \$50 fine.

Neighbor to Neighbor- Most concerns relating to adjoining/nearby properties should be resolved by first contacting the property owner before contacting the DEC.

Trailer/boat storage- The trailer storage is open, and applications can be obtained at the WIA office. In September the committee will start citing property owners who have boat trailers, trailers, RV's, etc. that are parked on the street or property in locations not permitted by the protective covenants.

We need your continued efforts to keep Waterwood looking attractive.



be a good
neighbor!

Notes from Rod Kirschner, Board President

August 2025 Waterwood Newsletter Presidents Report

My name is Rod Kirschner, I am the President of the Waterwood Improvement Association.

The WIA board has been very active in working and planning for the future of Waterwood. We have initiated the process of planning for the New Building that was voted on by members three years ago. We are aware that there are many highly qualified individuals in Waterwood that have the necessary skills to help plan and work on development of the building. If you would like to be on the committee for the new building, please reach out to myself or to the WIA office with you name and contact information.

The trailer storage area is projected to be open, and we have a new rental agreement that can be picked up at the WIA office.

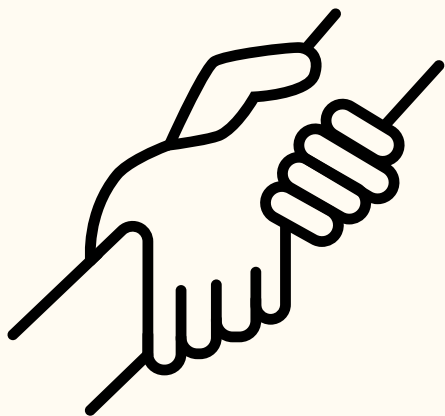
We think we have a solution to house the EMS that will solve several problem areas. It is in the initial states of planning and further updates will be announced in the coming months.

The WIA fourth of July activities were well attended. There were fifteen vehicles in the Golf Cart Parade. There was good food provided by the Waterwood Fire and Rescue members, along with good fellowship at the luncheon at the Pavilion. The evening session at the Marina was well attended with food trucks, music, and a great fireworks show.

Thank you:

- to the Gill family for coordinating the lighting of the fireworks,
- the Waterwood Fire Department for you presence and vigilance on the safety of the fireworks,
- Greg Riley for the Music and DJ at the Pavilion and at the Marina

Great time for all.



We ♥ our
Volunteers

COMMUNITY

Keith's Corner-Elections

Greetings from Election Central, neighbors. Welcome to my first column as Elections Chairman.

A BIG JOB

When I was nominated to be Elections Committee Chairman, it was quite similar to how it is for a brand-new Board member. I had far more to learn than I had to contribute.

I've talked with many people about how elections are run out here. And, as a voter myself, I knew that we could try to simplify the voting process. My lovely wife and I have read the mail-out packages of the past with puzzlement, trying to make sure we got the instructions right. As many things relating to the Board turn out, the more I learn, the more I realize that Elections have rules and regulations that come at us from many angles. Most of the confusion that everyone out here faces when opening up our mail-out package comes from WIA having to satisfy all of the rules and regulations.

I have a saying about my oilfield career: 20 years ago, I got paid to install 20,000 tons of steel on the seabed, in 20 days, in water that was 2,000 feet deep. Nowadays? I write 20- to 200-page reports. Being a consultant and collaboratively writing all that stuff has given me a new skill. I am pretty good at taking complex things and making them seem simple.

My commitment to y'all in Waterwood is to use that skill to do two main things:

1. Make the mail-out package easy for you to understand and fill out while still meeting all our rules and requirements. The election team is more than halfway through with this, with one big hurdle left to go: We've written a simpler package. However, this package has to go to our lawyers for review. This is happening right now. My prayer is that the lawyers don't change it all up!
2. Review everything about the election procedures and how we gather, count, and verify all of your votes. Document and tweak these procedures - where we can - to make them more trustworthy than they already are. The Board has already discussed ways to do this. It's my job to make it happen.

I've heard the talk out there on the streets, that our elections can't be trusted; we have "our finger on the scale" so to speak. After more than two years on the Board, I disagree with this point of view. If you want to call the Board dumb or incompetent, speak on, brother! This is your first amendment right as an American. But I have never seen the Board or any of its administrators attempt to sway any election, whether for "issues" such as changing the governing documents, or for "people:" Board of Directors elections. We spend most of our effort simply arranging for these elections; there's not extra time in the day to rig them.

I would say one other thing about our elections: Most of the time, when a controversial issue comes up before the community, the Board only has a guess as to whether it will pass or fail. Remember VRBO's a while back? The Board had no idea what the community felt about them. We prepared for either outcome, yay or nay. I even went to some effort to predict how the Board would administer VRBOs when that issue 'passed.' I still have my planning

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Keith's Corner-Elections

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documents that were done for that purpose. VRBOs did not 'pass' that day. That meeting was a catastrophe, but when it was over the Waterwood community had clearly spoken. The power in the community is the voice of the people. The power of the Board is subservient to this.

The perception out there that the Board "forces things down our throats" gets proven false every time the community gathers for an election. You all have spoken to the Board very clearly time and time again. I expect you to do the same this October 11th. My goal is simply to make the process safer, easier, and clearer for all of you.



*Together,
we make a
Difference*



Waterwood Municipal Utility District #1

The months of June and early July have not been kind to us with expensive repairs throughout the district. From two watermain repairs to a total rebuild of one of our manholes, which was damaged from a deteriorated storm drain and had to be repaired, to a replacement of electric motors and control panel of a lift station, this time period we hope will not be repeated. The cause of most of these repairs is due to the age of the infrastructure. Fifty years ago, when the system was developed and installed, the equipment and materials used were state of the art. Now we are living in an era when that is no longer the case, and we are working to install better material when we do repairs. Such is the case with our isolation valves. Most are no longer operable, which is why we could not isolate the main water line leak that occurred on July 3rd resulting in the operators having to shut down the entire system to keep the ground storage unit from running dangerously low. We decided to remedy this situation by installing isolation valves along the water mains when a leak requires excavation.

Currently our bond is in the final stages of approval, and we are waiting to hear from TCEQ as to when the bond can be sold. I do want to point out that this does not require a tax increase.

Our FEMA request is also in the final stages of approval, and we hope to hear soon on the status of our request. Lastly, the public is invited to our open meetings which are on the third Friday of the month starting at 3 p.m. located in the Waterwood Community Room at 24518 Pecan Tree Lane.

Thank You,

Donald Marshall, Waterwood MUD Board President

Community Services

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Classes:

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

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KAITLIN COOK
President San Jacinto
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