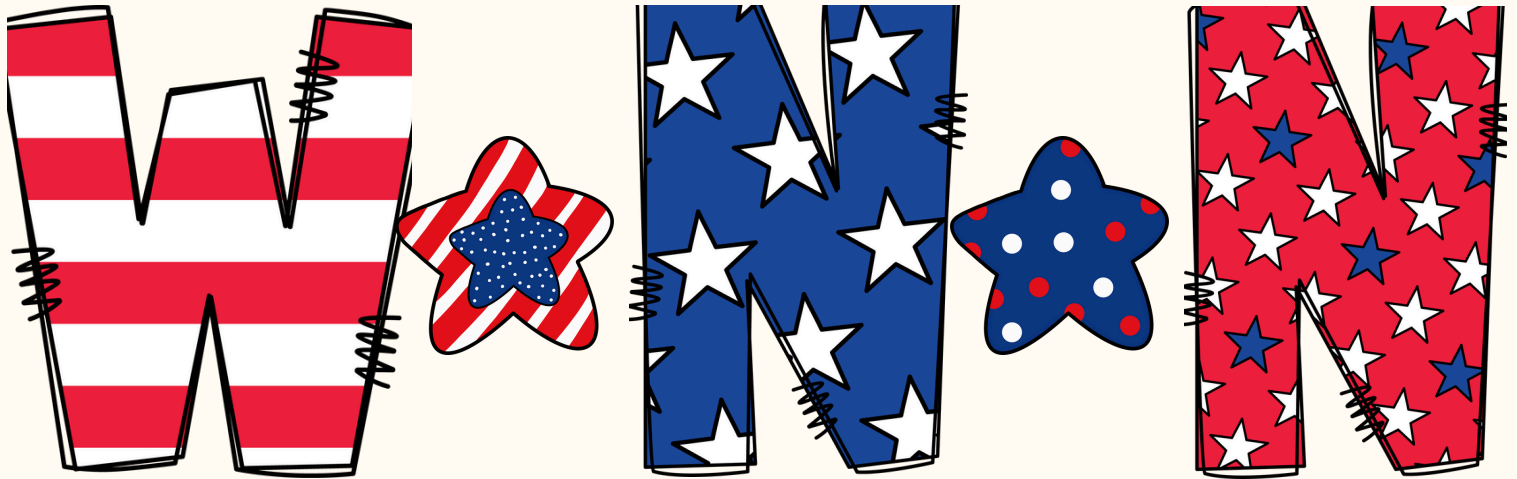


Waterwood Neighborhood News

www.waterwoodwia.org

July 2025

Welcome, July!



4th July

Celebrate Independence Day – Texas Style!

As the sun blazes high and summer heat fills the air, Texans across the Lone Star State gear up to honor the 4th of July with all-American pride. It's a time for freedom, fireworks, and fun in the sun—from backyard barbecues and classic picnics to family gatherings and star-spangled celebrations. Across the United States of America, communities unite under the red, white, and blue, waving stars and stripes in honor of our nation's independence. Whether you're enjoying a well-earned vacation or just soaking up some summer fun with friends, this is the season to shine bright and celebrate all that makes our country—and Texas—so special.

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

July 2025 Calendar greatsite

07/04 Waterwood Independence Day Celebration! See pages 4, 6, 7 & 8 for details!

07/09 San Jacinto County Commissioners' Court 9am

07/18 Waterwood MUD Meeting 3pm

07/21 Waterwood Improvement Association Board Meeting 9am

07/23 San Jacinto County Commissioners' Court 9am

*Taking care
of business!*

Swimming Pool Fun!

Lisa Hayman, Executive Director

The sun is shining bright, and everyone is having fun at the pool. Pool cards are still available for \$20, when you bring your old pool card from last year. If you were not a resident of Waterwood last year, stop by and get a pool card. If you do not have your card from last year, the pool card will be \$75. Stop by the office Monday - Friday, 7:30am-4:30pm to get a pool pass.

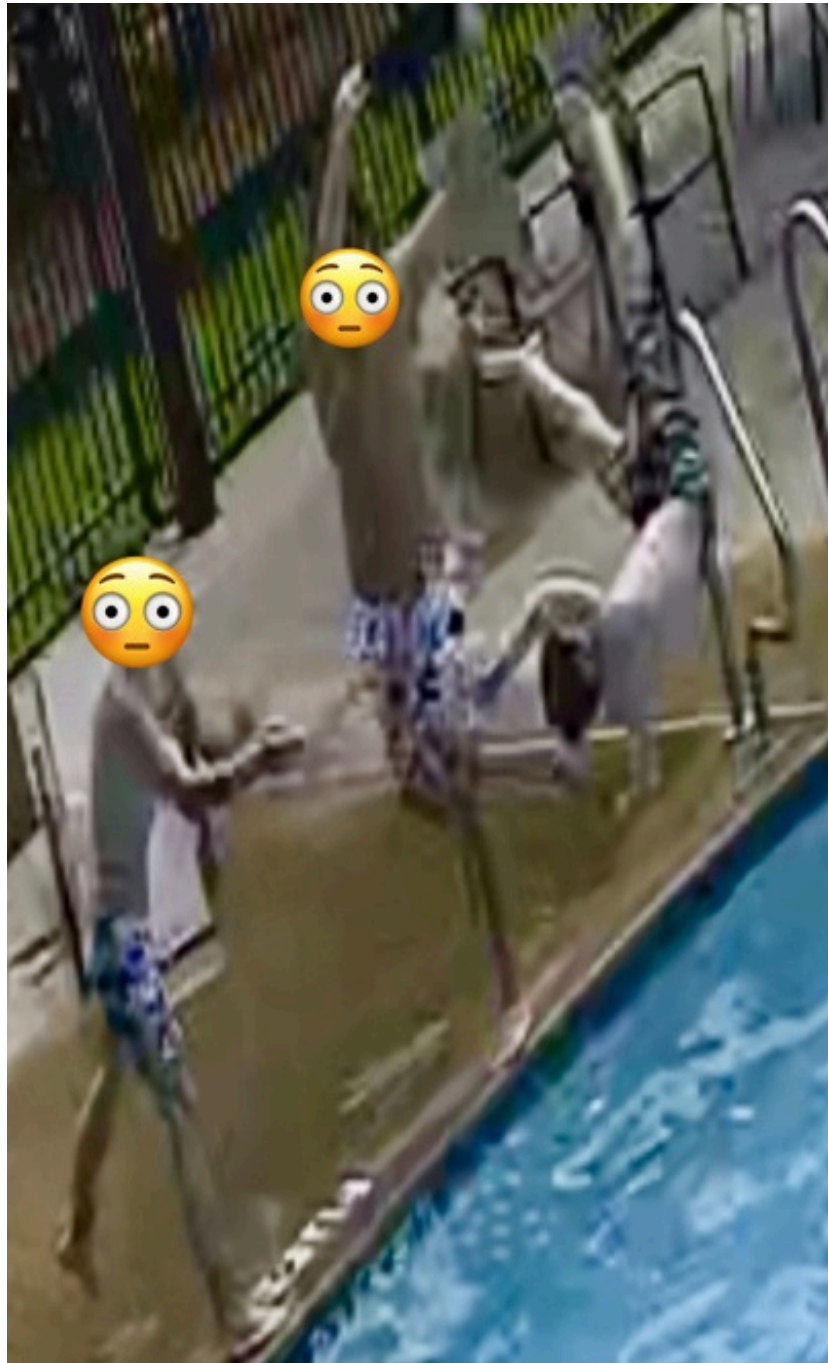
Just a reminder to all of those enjoying the pool. There are cameras at the pool. The pool is 4 feet deep. As stated in the pool rules, these are some of the most frequent things we see happening at the pool this year:

- No food or drink allowed inside the pool or within three (3) feet of the pool.
- No diving, somersaults, cannonballs, preacher seats, or similar entries into the pool are permitted.

PLEASE do not throw children into the pool while standing on the side of the pool. Again, it's 4 feet deep.

We encourage everyone to enjoy the pool, but **SAFETY** comes first!

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer and that the sun continues to shine every day!!



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

Hope to see you
at the pavilion
at
11 am - 1 pm
and/or
6 pm at the
Marina



WATERWOOD WINE DOWN



We had sooo many people even though it had rained earlier in the day. Our neighbors showed up and showed out!! Thanks to everyone who came out to met new neighbors and share a glass or two!!



WATERWOOD PRESENTS

4th of JULY

★ INDEPENDENCE DAY ★

Fireworks Show

FRI, 4 July 2025

6 PM AT THE MARINA

EARLY'S BBQ
FEATURING
Brisket, Sausage,
Beans, Potato Salad,
Onions & Cornbread

**FOOD
TRUCKS
MUSIC
BOUNCE
HOUSE &
SNOW
CONES**

**SOUTHERN DRESSED
TURKEY LEG CO.**
FEATURING
Fried Fish, Fried
Shrimp,
French Fries &
Dressed Turkey Legs

4th
of
JULY

RED, WHITE &



Friday, July 4, 2025
at 11 am

★
WATERWOOD PAVILION

PRIZES AWARD TO THE
TOP THREE
CARTS



WATERWOOD PRESENTS



4TH OF JULY

**FOOD, DRINKS, 50/50 RAFFLE
MUSIC, & GOLF CART PARADE AT
THE PAVILION AT 11 AM**

MUSIC BY DJ GREG RILEY

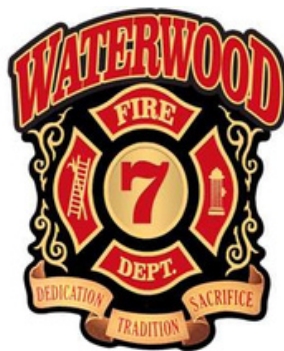
**FOOD FOR SALE BY WATERWOOD
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT, FIRE AND RESCUE**

AUXILLARY & KONA SNOW CONES

**PULLED PORK SANDWICHES,
SAUSAGE ON A STICK, CHIPS,
SODAS, SNOW CONES,
COTTON CANDY,
& POPCORN**



**FIREWORKS AND FOOD TRUCKS
AT THE MARINA AT 6 PM**



Waterwood Fire & Rescue, Inc.

We put in a request to the Texas Forestry Services Helping Hands program for used turnout gear and are happy to say we received **NINE** sets of structure gear, **SIX** pairs of structure boots, **TEN** black structure helmets, and **SIX** yellow wildland helmets.

Receiving this saved all of us over \$41,000.00

We will still need to purchase wildland boots for any recruits, but we are ready to outfit new members.... speaking of

We continue to look for more volunteers.

Come join Waterwood Fire & Rescue, Inc. or the Auxiliary

Contact Chief Ed Kile 909-636-6174

Join us at the Pavilion on the 4th

The Fire Dept. will be cooking and serving lunch plates including chips and a drink

\$10 pulled pork sandwich **\$8** sausage on a stick **\$2** popcorn **\$5** cotton candy

Fire Safety Note for July

1. July is the peak month for grill fires (17%), including both structures, outdoor or unclassified fires, followed by May, June, and August.
2. Leaks or breaks were the factor in 11% of grill structure fires and 23% of outside and unclassified grill fires.
3. Gas grills contribute to a higher number of home fires overall than their charcoal counterparts.
4. Failure to clean the grill is the leading factor contributing to the fire in 1/5 of all grill structure fires (19%). In 17% something that could catch fire was too close to the grill
5. July is a good time to make sure your grill is clean if you haven't already done so and/or clean it again if you are a member of the heavy grilling regime.

Waterwood Women's League News

This year, the Women's League awarded an academic scholarship and a technical scholarship to area seniors.

Samantha Valdez from Onalaska Junior Senior High was the successful candidate for the academic scholarship. Samantha graduated 7th in her class and was very active in FFA, sports, Student Council, and the National Honor Society. She will be attending Texas A&M and majoring in Animal Science. She wants to become a veterinarian. Samantha will receive \$1,000 each fall and spring semester for four years, provided she maintains a 2.5 GPA and enrolls in at least 15 credit hours each semester.

Ethan Manuel received the League's technical scholarship. Ethan graduated from Coldspring-Oakhurst High and will be attending the Universal Technical Institute in Houston and will be in the Automotive Program. Ethan's goal is to become a Master Mechanic for the Ford Motor Company. Ethan stated that he became interested in fixing cars when he took apart his sister's Barbie car. Ethan received a \$1,000 award to begin his studies.

The Women's League Scholarship Committee (Sally Charlton, Nancy Stewart, Maryann Readal) reviewed 31 scholarship applications this year. It was indeed tough deciding who should receive the recognition, given the many excellent students who applied. It is a competitive process that includes a resume, references, an interview, a high school transcript, and proof of acceptance to a university or advanced technical program.

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Waterwood Women's League News

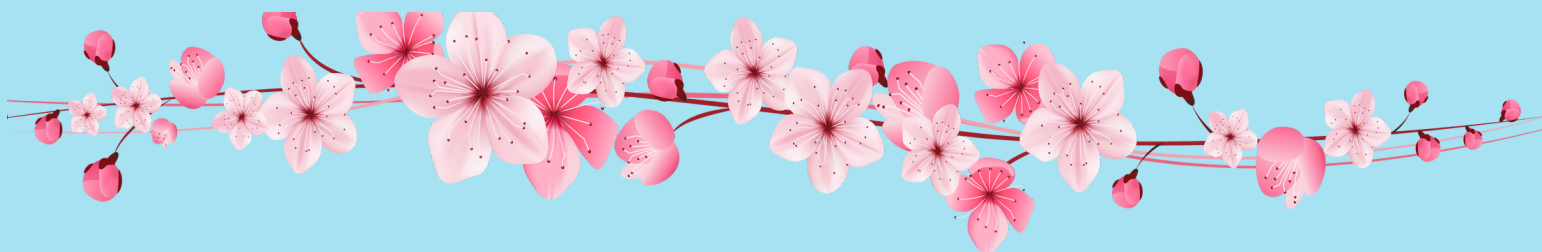
The Waterwood Women's League budgets \$9,000 each year to fund these scholarships. Earnings from the fall bingo and spring garage sale provide support for our scholarships. The League has awarded over \$150,000 in scholarships since the program's inception. We thank the Waterwood community for supporting us in our efforts to help area students further their education.

League annual Garage Sale was a huge success. WWL was able to make over a third of our scholarship money. A huge thank you to the Pointblank Community Church for the use of their Outreach building. It was an ideal place for our garage sale this year. We also want to thank the Waterwood community for donating to and showing up at the garage sale. WWL couldn't do this without your support!

Waterwood Women's League is happy to announce Mary Anne Oller as our new president for 2025-2026. She has many wonderful ideas for the women for next year. We can't wait to see what we'll be doing.

Bingo Night is coming again in October! There will be an update on the exact date coming soon. Hope everyone comes out to enjoy a fun-filled Bingo Night!

Pam Sultan, Women's League President, 2024-2025



Waterwood Women's League News



Maryann Readal

Technical Scholarship Recipient, Ethan Manuel

Sally Charlton



Nancy Stewart

Maryann Readal

Academic Scholarship Recipient, Samantha Valdez

Sally Charlton



Thank you Ladies of the Waterwood Women's League for your hard work, support, and contributions to the future of our communities!

Waterwood Women's League News

The Waterwood Women's League Honors High School Seniors

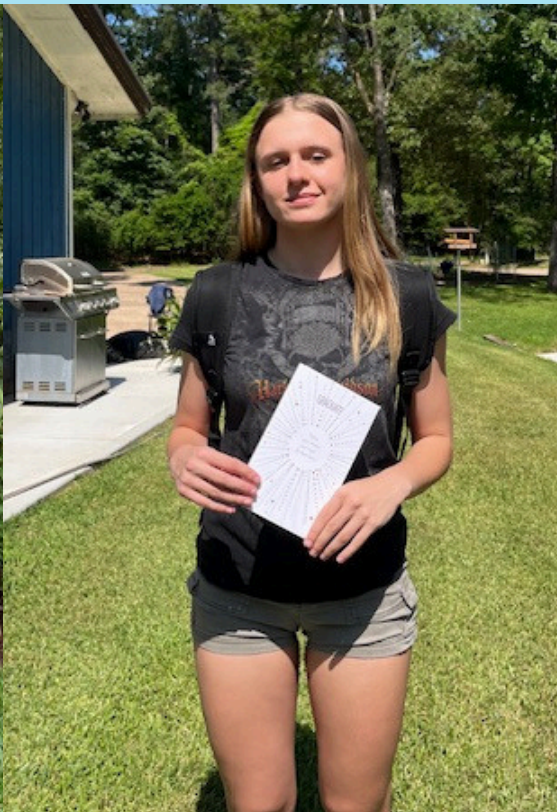
The Women's League membership voted unanimously to congratulate graduating seniors living in Waterwood. Gabriella Glover, Monica Stewart, and Kevin Kemmerling received \$100 gift cards from the Women's League as graduation gifts.

Gabriella graduated from Coldspring-Oakhurst High School. She will be attending Sam Houston State University in the fall and will major in Agricultural Science with a teaching certificate. Monica graduated from Coldspring HS and is beginning her career by serving our country in the military. Kevin graduated from Covenant Christian School and will be attending Sam Houston State University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Congratulations to all of you! And thank you to the Waterwood community for supporting the League's fundraisers.



Gabriella Glover



Monica Stewart



Kevin Kemmerling

Waterwood National Golf & Recreation Association

A date for the tournament has been chosen. Mark it in the Calendar. September 27, 2025. We have Al Rincon as the tournament chair and he is marketing the date. He has asked for volunteers to assist with many aspects of putting the logistics together. The Waterwood Women's League is assisting again this year. It is the beginning stages of preparation, but we could not pull it off without their help. I have already contacted Diamonds in the Rough and they will be participating again this year. We are working on some new partnerships as well. Texas Roadhouse has expressed interest and we have a non-profit in Wheel Chairs for Warriors participating as well. This will be an exciting tournament this year and we look forward to your participation.

In anticipation of the tournament, we have been completing some work on the course. Irrigation is always an issue and we have been repairing the leaks as they appear. The repairs to hole number three have been completed to include gravel as an area to drive on when passing through. Gavin did an excellent job with the repairs and we would like to tip our hat to them. More repairs are coming on the course and we are discussing a way to improve the course for people that do not play golf.

Stay tuned.....

Thank you,

Gene Womack, WNGRA President

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



**WATERWOOD
IMPROVEMENT
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

We Are Looking for new Board Members

Looking for super creative neighbors
to join our team!!

Elections will be held in
September. If you are
interested or have questions,
please contact me!!

Wiasocialgroup@gmail.com
703-577-9908

JOIN US



Deed Restriction Enforcement Committee

July 2025 Deed Enforcement Committee Newsletter Report

June had 16 new violations, and 6 previous violations were cured.

New Violations were:

- 4 -yards
- 8 -Tree Stumps
- 2 -Parking on grass
- 1 -Fence falling
- 1 -Tires in carport/lean to
- 1 -side structure ceiling damage visible from street

We need your continued efforts to keep Waterwood looking attractive.

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!

Boat Deed Drive- The month of July the committee will do the semi-annual boat waterfront deed enforcement drive.

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.

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 waterwoodvia.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- Progress is being made on the Trailer/boat storage area and it should be open the last week of July, barring weather delays. A notice will be put out when it is open again. Thanks for your patience.

Fire and Burning- With the recent San Jacinto County wildfire please be careful when burning in your firepit and grills. Keep watch on the fire and not let it spread.

Note the Waterwood Policy on Fires and Burning:

Waterwood Policies Number 12, Page 7 Fires and Debris Burning. Outdoors burning of any material including trash, rubbish, debris, leaves, grass, brush, shrubs, native growth, tree stumps, trunks, or limbs, and construction materials are expressly prohibited. Outdoors fires used for food preparation or recreational purposes (e.g. fire pits) are permitted provided they are continuously controlled and monitored and are confined in a manner that does not create a fire hazard to the surrounding property. When a San Jacinto County burn ban is in effect, Waterwood residents shall comply with the outdoors fire prohibitions established by the San Jacinto County Commissioners Court.

**be a good
neighbor!**

Notes from the Board President

July 2025 Waterwood Newsletter Presidents Report

My name is Rod Kirschner, I am the new 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 several 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 opened the last week of July. We have a new rental agreement, and final preparation is being completed at the writing of this report.

We have had some changes to the WIA Board due to lives changing and appointments being made to fill that remaining term. Currently the board is:

Rod Kirschner, President, Deed Enforcement Committee Chairman Liaison to WNGRA, Legal Committee , ESD2 Committee

Keith Caulfield, Executive Vice President, Elections chairman , Legal Committee

Melanie Cook, Secretary, Communications/Waterwood Newsletter/Website, Covenants and Bylaws

Phyllis Lavallais, Social, Treasurer, Nomination Committee Chairman, Liaison to Waterwood Women's League, Deed Enforcement Committee

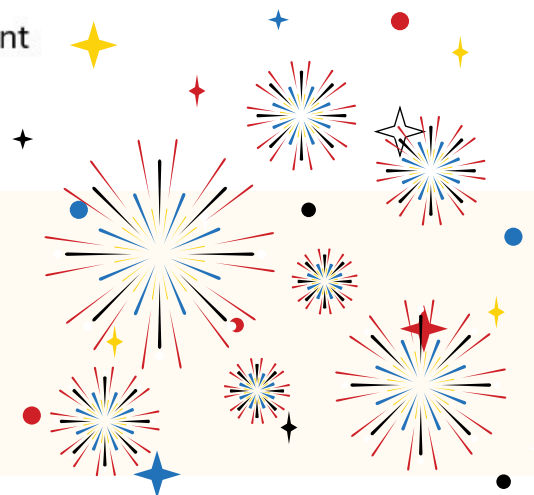
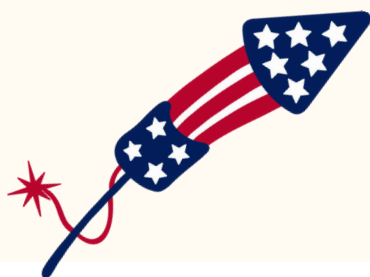
Jamie Groskopf, Strategic Planning, Liaison to MUD, Legal Committee, ESD2 Committee

Sam Butler, Liaison to County & State Government

Derek Gill, Security

Larry Maas, Finance

Greg Gusman, Maintenance

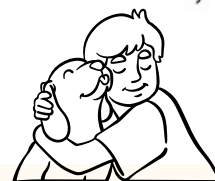


Come join in the celebration at the many activities WIA has planned for the 4th of July.

At the Pavilion: -Golf Cart Parade, Fire Department fundraiser serving BBQ, and other activities.

At the Marina: Food Trucks, Music, Bounce House, Snow Cones, and **WATERWOOD FAMOUS FIREWORKS SHOW AT DARK.**

See you there, Be Safe, Love your neighbors and pets!



Keith's Corner-Waterwood Maintenance

Keith's Corner: *Waterwood Maintenance*

Greetings from the maintenance department, neighbors.

Progress since the last column:

The Maintenance Committee is composed of the following folks, all of whom are valuable to Waterwood:

- Ray Ramirez in dual role as Roads/Paving and Paid Maintenance person. In addition to these jobs, Ray has taken over the day-to-day monitoring of the community pool. Go by and see how much better the area looks!
- Sam Butler on Facilities and unofficial advisor to maintenance
- Pat Zappa the "Triple Threat:" Trees Person, as inspector for the mowing contract, and coordinator for Leaf and Limb.
- Dianne Chrestopoulos as Entrances Coordinator. The last day of work performed on the Entrances was Tuesday, June 24. Have you noticed how much better they are looking these days? Dianne will repeat this work along with Chase's Mowing about once a quarter.
- Derek Gill has been backup for all things maintenance, but now he is headed to the Security Team; good luck Derek!

My thanks go to each of these folks. Many folks tell me that Waterwood is looking much better these days. The people listed above are the reason. When you see them, thank them, they will appreciate it.

And me. There is a BIG CHANGE in store regarding that subject. I've been asked to do a different job for the WIA Board for the next three months.

So, with my duties changing, I had long talks with an interested party who is now our Newest Board Member, handling Maintenance. His name is GREG GUSMAN, and I have all the confidence in the world in him. Greg is having talks with the Team right now, as this is written. Greg was nominated and accepted to the Board at our last meeting on June 16th. He will handle Maintenance for these last 4 months of the Board Election Year, until the new board elections in October. Greg finishes the term of Rick Harlow, who is moving away from the subdivision. Word has it that Greg will be running in October for his own term on the Board.

Greg will handle Maintenance in his own way and with his own ideas. I'll support him in any way that I can.

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 JULY are July 7th and July 21st. The First Monday in August is August 4th.

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Keith's Corner-Waterwood Maintenance

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Paid Maintenance Man [Raymond Ramirez], partial list of accomplishments

- Raymond is handling much of the repair work needed to repair the Pool and Pavilion area on a phased-in basis. Wooded Springs Ranch is slated to perform some of the erosion fixes as this is being written; under Ray's supervision.
- In addition, Ray is in the process of prepping the flower beds for better appearance and to resist erosion.
- Pressure washed the Pavilion again after several parties. People, you pay for your sloppiness. This washing was specifically to clean up stuff that should by all rights should have been picked up by the pavilion renters. Don't complain about your high assessments when you cost yourselves money like this.
- With Ray's guidance we swapped out some of the dumpsters at the Garbage Area for dumpsters with lids. This was supposed to "even up" the levels in the various dumpsters so that we wouldn't get extra charges from the garbage company. Well, folks, you are Geniuses! You instantaneously figured out ways to fill up a different set of dumpsters to overloading, while ignoring the ones with lids. This causes about the same amount of overcharges as we've had all along. As I said just above, don't complain about your high assessments when you cost yourselves money like this.
- I have to review and approve Ray's list of his accomplishments for the last month, every month. His bulleted list, single-spaced, is over a page long. Take a look at the Office and the Pool, you'll notice his work, I guarantee it.

Trailer Storage Area

- The Trailer Storage Area is scheduled to accept your trailers back on the week of July 22nd through July 26th, Tuesday - Saturday. Please **come to the Office and sign up** on your way; there are some changes.

Future Plans

- Raymond and I put our heads together and have prioritized "Phase 1" for fixing the erosion at the Pool from last year's May storms; this plan has started. The WIA Board has approved the expenditures for this effort.
- My new job on the Board will be to handle the October Elections. I'm immersed in that effort already and hope to improve our process.

Farewell to Maintenance

I came on the Board in late 2022 and have handled the maintenance function for over 2-1/2 years. It took a solid year before I got my feet under me; there was so much to learn. Most of that first year was spent with a chain saw in my hand. Late in that year I realized that it would take a team effort to make any headway at all. So, I built the first Maintenance Team. Some of the folks listed above are still volunteers. Despite some conflicts, some of them serious, all of these folks are still respected and appreciated. Some others have dropped off the Team over the months, they are appreciated too.

Keith's Corner-Waterwood Maintenance

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Over the last year, so many things came together for the good of the neighborhood. We got the place fixed up again after the horrible May 2024 Storms. And we Got Paid from FEMA for it as well. That was a huge win-win which might just be my proudest moment. We recovered from several big disasters, such as the 'brother-in-law' tree crew that dropped a huge pine tree onto the Pavilion Playground and caused over \$18,000 in damage. The playground is fixed and is better than ever. Hiring Raymond Ramirez was another big step for Waterwood. That hiring process was a longtime idea that I made happen, with the help of Derek Gill. It is working out quite well for all concerned.

When I was recruited to run for the Board, Rick Harlow 'hooked me' with this statement. "I don't want to sit here, do nothing, and watch Waterwood go backwards." After talking with him, I agreed with that statement: neither did I. Also, about that same time, the Lord gave me a strong message about serving my neighbors. (*Had to say Yes to God, right?*)

To those who supported me, and to those who disagree with me, know this: I did everything I could to give the residents of Waterwood value for their money. I promised to speak the truth to power and have always done so. The decisions I made for the Board were for one purpose: to make Waterwood better in as many ways as I could. I'll have to let all y'all decide how closely I came to accomplishing these goals. Thanks to the residents and the team members who gave me the opportunity to give something back to the community. I'll see you guys on Election Day.

July...the month of important (and fun) observations!

National Ice Cream Month

National Hot Dog Month

National Watermelon Month

National Grilling Month



Waterwood Municipal Utility District #1

Waterwood Municipal Utility District has good news to share with the community. First we have received our audit from Axley and Rode LLC. at our June regularly schedule meeting. The district is healthy. The report will be on our website waterwoodmud.com for anyone wishing to review it. Second, the district is moving forward with a bond to refurbish our lift stations. It will be for a little more than \$2 million dollars. The good news is that the district does not need to increase our tax rate to qualify for the bond amount. In the mid 1970's the voters of Waterwood authorized a large amount of bonds that we can draw on. The amount is located in the audit. The debt service fund right now is in a good position for the bond. Work is continuing on the bond through our engineering firm Bleyl, bond firm RBC, auditors and Precision our service provider. Next we will then have to wait for TCEQ approval. Third, our request for funds from FEMA for damages hurricane Beryl delivered in 2024 has reached the administration review. Thanks for the work of Precision and a diligent Roy on getting this approval.

On the negative side we are having to spend thousands of dollars to "derag" the lift stations. The reason is material that is flushed. Disposable wipes do not mean they are flushable and as well feminine hygiene products. This is money we could use for capital improvements but have to spend . Please do not flush these products.

I invite all interested individuals to attend our regularly scheduled meeting on the third Friday of the month.

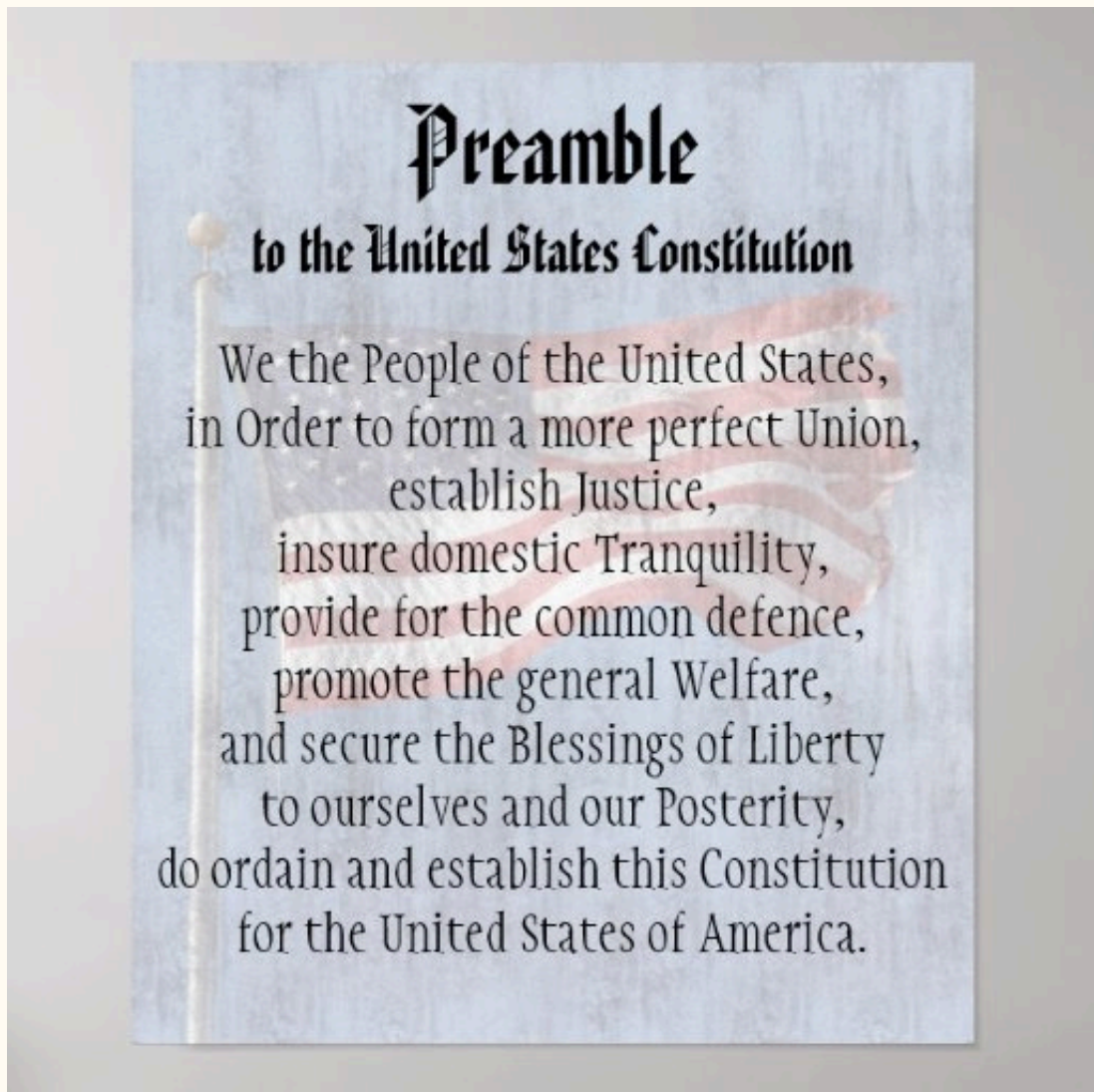
Thank You,

Donald Marshall, Waterwood MUD Board President





From the Waterwood Neighborhood News family to yours...
Have a wonderful, fun-filled, blessed, and safe 4th of July!



Member Feature

Roger Honea Retires a 42-Year Career in Telecommunications

“On call” 1976

Celebrating the Career of Roger Honea

With over Four Decades of Dedication to Telecommunications, Roger began his career in telecommunications in the late ‘70’s at just 20 years old, contracting with Tri-County Telephone in Garrison, Texas. In 1982, he became a full-time employee when Waterwood Communications, owned by Gene and Diana Hunziker, acquired Tri-County. At the time, all customers in the Garrison area relied on 8-party shared lines. With the help of a Rural Electrification Administration (REA) loan, Waterwood Communications launched a major upgrade to convert the system to single-party lines. Roger’s hard work was instrumental in completing this massive modernization effort.

After the successful Garrison project, Gene and Diana asked Roger to relocate to Waterwood to train as a Network Central Office Technician. He completed training at Alcatel’s facility in Raleigh, North Carolina, and returned to lead the installation of a new Alcatel Central Office Network—replacing the aging WWII-era Western Union Crossbar Switch. The cutting-edge switch was installed at the Waterwood office on Pecan Tree Lane, where Roger’s office remains to this day. From that point on, he became the 24/7 on-call technician for the central office.

When Sugarland Telephone acquired Waterwood Communications, they replaced the Alcatel system with a Nortel DMS-10 Network Switch. Roger led the installation and transition, then maintained the DMS-10 for 34 years until a lightning strike in early 2024 forced its retirement. Roger and a colleague from the Trinity office then transitioned the system to Meta telecommunications technology, completing the switchover in just one week. In mid-2024, monitoring and maintenance responsibilities for the Waterwood central office shifted to Windstream’s Trinity office.

Roger’s career spanned more than 42 years and four major mergers:

- Waterwood Communications/Tri-County Telephone (1982–1989)
- Sugarland Telephone (SLT Communications) (1989–1992)
- ALLTEL Corporation (1992–2006)
- Windstream Communications (2006–2024)

Throughout these changes, Roger remained a constant, adapting to evolving technologies, procedures, and leadership. He worked under 12–15 different supervisors over his career and served his community with unwavering commitment.

Roger always put his Waterwood customers first. At one point, he was required to service Waterwood and then drive 107 miles daily to Garrison. Later, under a different manager, he commuted 115 miles each weekday to the Winnie/Anahuac area—while still handling customer service and repairs in Waterwood. This grueling travel schedule lasted for nearly 20 years!

Though many believed Roger had a “cushy job” in Waterwood, few realized the countless hours he spent behind the wheel, the vacations he canceled, the family events he missed, or the toll it took on him and his family. His wife Belinda often joked that her family doubted Roger’s existence, given how rarely he was able to attend family gatherings. “Was there REALLY a Roger?”

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Member Feature–Roger Honea Retires a 42-year career in telecommunications

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Over his career, Roger braved hurricanes, tropical storms, tornadoes, and lightning strikes, often working 20-hour days during disasters to maintain or restore service. He spent long hours checking generators, relay stations, and damaged infrastructure to ensure his customers stayed connected.

Roger’s retirement marks the end of an era. His dedication, technical skill, and deep sense of responsibility to his customers and coworkers set a high bar. Replacing Roger will be no easy task—his shoes are, without question, very big ones to fill. Thank you Roger for your dedicated service to our community!

“Off Duty” 2025



RESTORING SERVICE — Roger Honea, repairman with the Tri-County Telephone Company, works busily to restore telephone service to the more than 75 Garrison citizens who were without service Thursday evening as a result of telephone lines which were knocked down as a transport truck carrying an oil derrick through Garrison caught telephone and electric lines with its high load. The driver, William D. Reeves of Kilgore with the Big M Construction Company of Longview, said he was unaware of the accident, and the company has offered to pay for the damages, according to DPS Trooper James Moore. (Staff photo by Hardy Meredith)

**Waterwood
Communications**



SLT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.



ALTEL CORPORATION

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Member Feature–Roger Honea Retires a 42-year career in telecommunications



On May 7, 1974 the Waterwood Telephone Company opened its doors for business. The original switching unit was a World War II “cross-bar” switch that was mounted on a tractor trailer van.

The phone lines and TV cable lines were laid by a sub-contractor for SHECO who laid these lines with the electric cables all at one time.



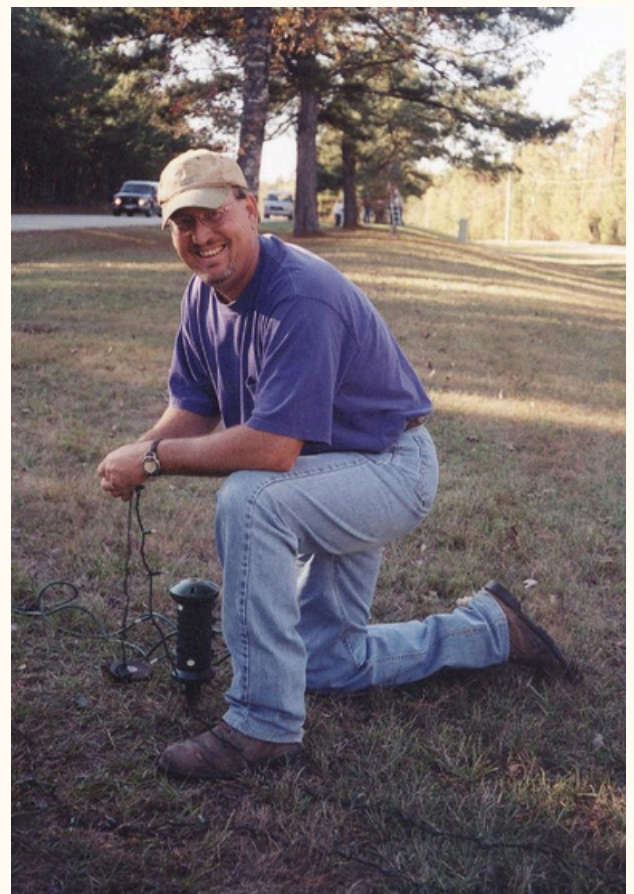
The current “phone” office/building was built in the mid 1980s. Roger Honea, our Customer Service Technician remembers pulling cable into the new switching station. Roger has been with the “phone” company since 1978

Roger has watched our little phone company grow and change hands over the past thirty years. Waterwood Communications was bought by Sugarland Telephone in the mid 1980s.

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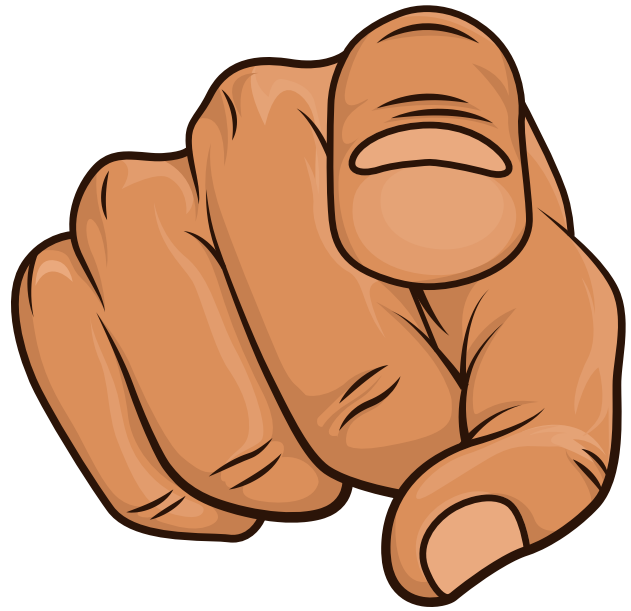
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