

# Waterwood Neighborhood News

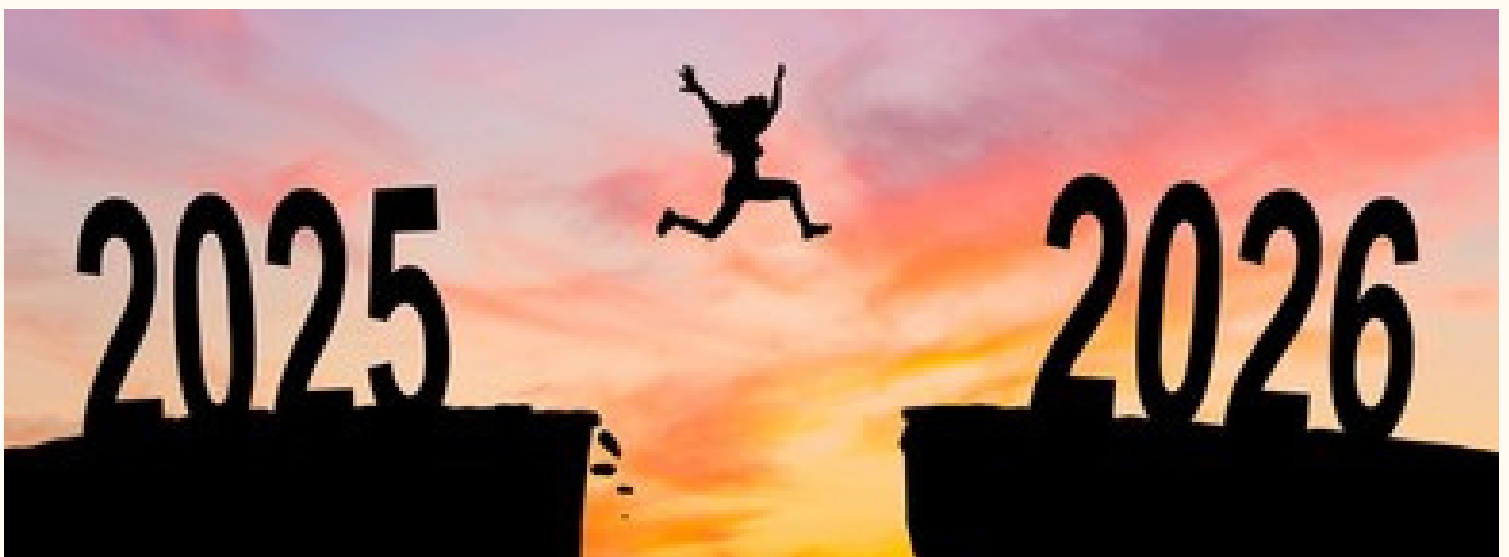
January 2026

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As we step into a brand-new year, we're reminded that what makes our neighborhood special isn't just the place—it's the people. From friendly waves to shared celebrations, this community continues to be a place where connections grow and neighbors look out for one another. Let's put our heads together and work toward a common goal of keeping Waterwood the best place to live! Here's to another year of shared moments, fresh beginnings, and coming together.

Let's do this!



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**San Jacinto County Sheriff**  
**936-653-4367**

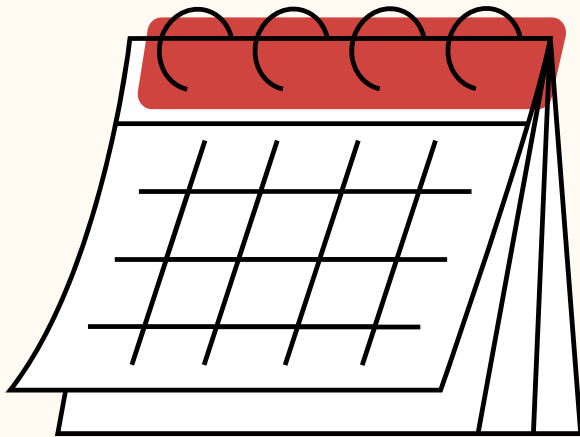
**Waterwood Improvement  
Association Office**  
**936-891-7710**

[Website](#)

**Waterwood MUD/Precision Utility**  
**936-891-7182**

[Website](#)

**San Jacinto County, Texas**  
[Website](#)



## January 2026 Calendar

- **01/07 San Jacinto County Commissioners Court 9am**
- **01/16 Waterwood Municipal Utility District meetins 3pm**
- **01/19 Waterwood Improvement Association Board meeting 9am**

## Save the Dates!

- **02/07 Mardi Gras Celebration**
- **04/11 Spring Fling**
- **07/04 Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Display**

## 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**

**ESD2 Meeting**  
**1st Tuesday at 5pm**  
**WIA Building/Fire Station**



## Happy New Year 2026

The Firefighters and Auxiliary enjoyed a Christmas Dinner which was held in the Station this year. There was plenty of great food brought and enjoyed.

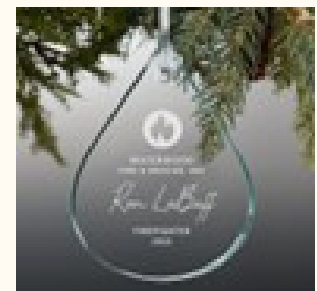
### Outstanding Firefighter of the Year

This year we began a new tradition for Waterwood Fire & Rescue, Inc. Asst. Chief Carole Magee introduced the program by sharing her experience at her first Fire Department Christmas gathering held in 1981 where she was named Outstanding Firefighter of the West I-10 VFD. Captain James Shannon then described what an Outstanding Firefighter looked like and how to become one.

Finally, Chief Ed Kile presented the first ever Outstanding Firefighter of the Year to

## Erik Peterson

He received a small trophy like Carole's and his name will be placed in the first slot on the plaque in the office when it is finished.



Chief Ed gave each firefighter and Board member an apron with our logo on it. We will be styling for the next fund raiser.

Asst. Chief Carole presented each firefighter and board member with a personalized Christmas ornament with their rate/rank/position, the year and organization name. WIA provided a ham or turkey according to each firefighter's preference. And Shane Reeves made a goodie bag for every firefighter AND auxiliary member.

Thank you all for a great first year as your new Fire Department.



## Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Fires

Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!



Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.



1 in every 7 home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths involves heating equipment.



Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.



Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.



Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.



Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.



Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.

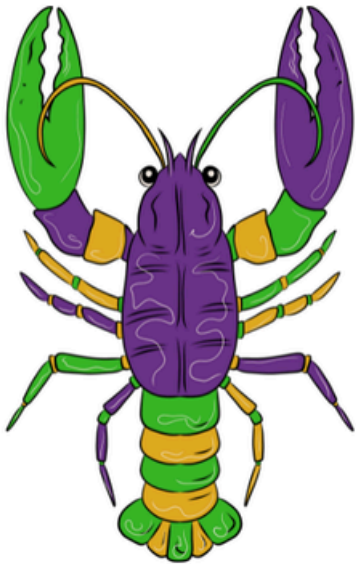


For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit [www.usfa.fema.gov/winter](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/winter) and [www.nfpa.org/winter](http://www.nfpa.org/winter).

# 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!!

## UPCOMING EVENTS - SAVE THE DATES



**Mardi Gras  
Celebration  
7 Feb 2026**



**Spring Fling  
11 April 2026**



## Jingle Mingle



Thank you to everyone in our community who joined us for the Christmas party and helped make it such a wonderful celebration. The attendance was fantastic, with the Fire Station filled with tables, chairs, laughter, and holiday cheer—and thanks to the beautiful weather, we were even able to welcome extra neighbors outside.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal featuring turkey, ham, and an amazing assortment of appetizers, salads, sides, and desserts. The dancing kept the energy high, and of course the highlight of the evening was Santa Claus himself! It was truly special to see so many children—and adults—smiling, taking photos, and even sitting on Santa's knee.

A very special thank you goes to Fire Chief Ed Kyle and Sue Kyle for so generously allowing us to use the Fire Station and for being you-know-who, bringing extra magic to the night. Your support and spirit mean so much to our community.



We are grateful to everyone who attended, contributed, and helped create such a joyful and memorable Christmas celebration. We look forward to many more moments together in the year ahead.



Warmest thanks and holiday wishes to all! 🌲 ✨



## Jingle Mingle, continued



**Best Use of Lights - Sheryl King**

**Most Festive - Sam Butler**

**Most Original  
Gene & Carrie Womack**

**Uglist Sweater - Gina Cotter**

**Funniest  
Gene & Carrie Womack**

## Winners of the Ugly Sweater Contest



**Santa came to town!!**

WATERWOOD PRESENTS



# MARDI GRAS PARTY

SATURDAY FEB 7, 2026  
FEATURING

**DJ GREG RILEY  
GOLF CART  
PARADE  
CRAWFISH  
CAJUN COOK-OFF**

JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY OF  
REVELRY AND BEAD-TOSSING FUN.

THE WATERWOOD PAVILION

## Waterwood Municipal Utility District #1

### From Waterwood Municipal Utility District

With the new year, the District is optimistic. But first I would like to thank those that have given Christmas goodies to the board and the personnel of Precision. It is appreciated. Now the reason we are looking forward to the new year. The Bond which we have been working on for almost two years is before the state and it appears we will have their approval in the first quarter. Once we receive that, the bond will be available for sale and work on rehabbing the lift stations will begin. This is the first major project the board has approved. The lift stations have been the largest cost for the district. The electric motors have exceeded their lifetime and ragging has added to the cause for them to fail. Ragging occurs when disposal wipes and feminine products clog the impellers. This requires the district to have the lift stations to be pumped and someone physically pull the material from the impellers. It is costly. For 2025 we actually had fewer occurrences of ragging and we thank the public for not having to spend time and money on those issues. And because we did not have to spend money to correct that issue we are starting other smaller projects and repairs in January.

Thanks to all and have a Happy New Year.

Donald Marshall, WW MUD President

## Waterwood Maintenance, Greg Gusman

- *Three bid proposals received for Apartment at Bass Boat Village repair/remodel and reviewed. Also received 3 bids for A/C (Split Units) replacement which was reviewed by the board in my absence.*
- *All bids received for conference bldg. and reviewed by board; I was absent.*
- *No word received from Lilly construction as to bidding a quote or material refund.*
- *Several fallen trees and limbs were removed from the streets by Raymond, saving the cost of using Ray Norman's services, cost savings!*
- *Lawn service continued through the month along with weed eating and leaves blowing off the streets and curbs. Chase purchased two new mowers and a stand on blower that will cut his time leaf blowing the streets and the blower does a better job of removing limbs and debris in the street gutters.*
- *Two trees fell and were cut off the roadway, thanks Ed and Volunteer Fire team. Special thanks to Mark Nettuno for cutting up and getting rid of one tree that fell on La Jolla, savings of \$150.00.*
- *Purchased two poles to install the solar panels for the gate openers, which will be installed in January.*



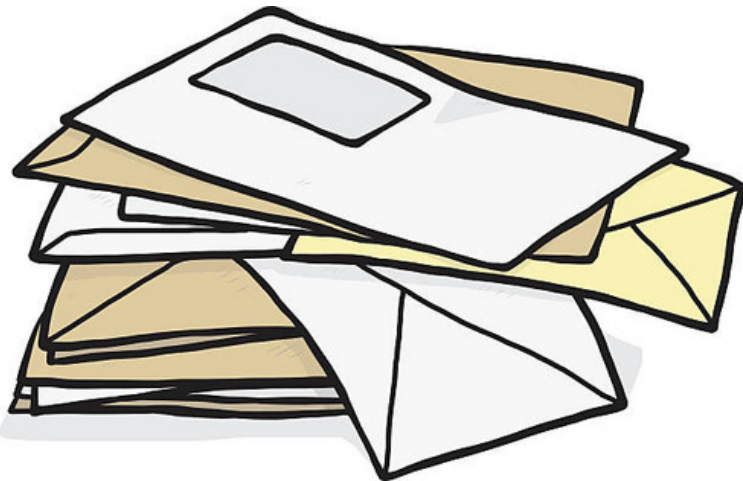
## Waterwood Mail Box Payments Due

Yearly dues for the Waterwood Mail Boxes are due by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Please drop off, or mail, your payments of \$40 to Palmer Real Estate by that date. Checks, cash, money order, Cash app, and PayPal are accepted forms of payment. Make payments out to "PMC" and mail to:

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Huntsville, TX 77320

Please reach out to Melanie for directions if sending money electronically.

Thanks for your business!  
Melanie Cook  
Palmer Real Estate and Management  
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## **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** **January 19, 2026**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, also known as MLK Day, is a federal holiday observed nationwide and recognized by all 50 states. The day honors the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the civil rights leader whose most well-known areas of advocacy include civil rights and racial equality, voting rights, nonviolent resistance, economic justice, fair housing, and opposition to militarism and poverty.

MLK Day commemorates Dr. King's leadership in the American civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s. Through peaceful protests and powerful speeches, he challenged racial segregation and inspired a nation to pursue social justice.

The holiday is designated as a National Day of Service, encouraging Americans to volunteer and give back to their communities.



## Acts of Kindness...



Have you ever taken time to look around and take notice of those who go above and beyond? While there are a few in our neighborhood, there is one who stands out to anyone who gets packages in the US mail. **JC LeFlore** volunteers his time and energy to help not only Jim, our carrier, but he also takes time to do even more by labeling and sorting the packages in the office. This isn't a job that has ever been assigned to anyone but is simply a way to make finding packages easier for our community. He is a HUGE help and over the last few months especially, has done most of the labeling and sorting. He is not employed by Palmer Management but is just a kind soul who steps up when and where he can. He sees where there is a need and acts on it. He has been known to carry packages out to vehicles and was shocked to receive a perfect Christmas gift from one who appreciates all his work and help with the packages, **Jean Murry**. It is a coffee mug personalized to fit him perfectly (see photo on top left)! He was thrilled to receive it (along with the other goodies folks brought by) so what better way to feature acts of kindness of two people? Thanks to JC for all the work he does for the community! And thanks to Jean Murry and others for recognizing it and acting so kindly on it!



## Waterwood Improvement Association Board of Directors & Staff

President-Rod Kirschner  
Exec. Vice President-Phyllis Lavallais  
Secretary-Melanie Cook  
Treasurer-Rob Davis  
Greg Gusman  
Derek Gill  
Jamie Groskopf  
Louis Pabor  
Sam Butler

Lisa Hayman-Executive Director  
Melissa Gill-Office Assistant

Raymond Ramirez- Independent Contractor for WIA Maintenance

### **Standing Committees**

Architectural Review Committee- Raymond Ramirez/Kathy Samperi/Mike Ross  
Audit/Financial-Rod Kirschner/Louis Pabor/Rob Davis  
ESD2 Rod Kirschner/Jamie Groskopf/Rob Davis  
Maintenance- Greg Gusman/Derek Gill (Backup)  
MUD- Jamie Groskopf  
Nominations- Derek Gill  
Security- Derek Gill  
Strategic Planning/Real Estate- Jamie Groskopf

### **Other Committees**

Bylaws & Covenants-Melanie Cook/Jamie Groskopf  
Collections-Melissa Gill  
Communication/Website-Melanie Cook  
County & State-Sam Butler  
DEC-Rod Kirschner/Phyllis Lavallais  
Legal Committee- Rod Kirschner/Jamie Groskopf/Rob Davis/Louis Pabor  
Social-Phyllis Lavallais/Derek Gill

### **Liaisons**

WNGRA-Rod Kirschner/Greg Gusman  
WWL-Phyllis Lavallais

Congratulations to our new directors!

# 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

**SIGN UP TODAY**

**KAITLIN COOK**  
President San Jacinto  
County First Responders

- Mom
- Veteran
- EMT-B
- Health Science Educator
- EMS Instructor



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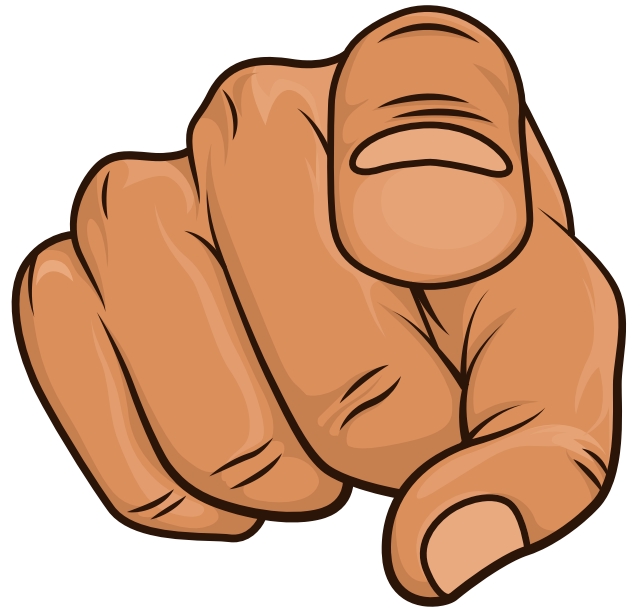
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