

Waterwood Neighborhood News

April 2026

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Hello April

Have a blessed Easter Sunday!



Matthew 28:5-6

April arrives with a sense of renewal, carrying the spirit of Easter and the promise of new beginnings. As spring unfolds, longer days and warmer air invite us to slow down, reflect, and start fresh. It's a season that reminds us growth doesn't happen overnight, but with time and care, something beautiful always emerges. Whether it's reconnecting with your community, embracing change, or simply enjoying the present moment, this time of year brings a lightness that feels like a gentle reset.

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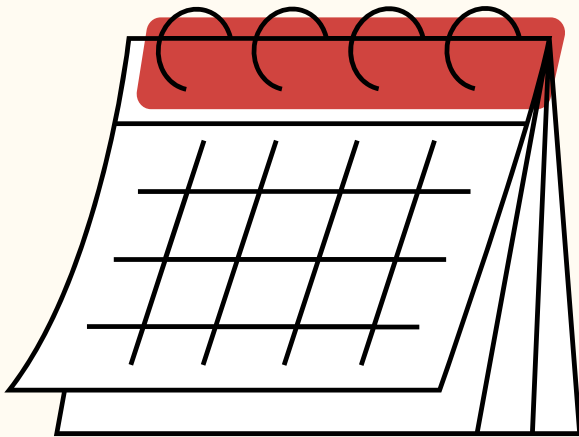
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936-661-2800

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**Waterwood Improvement
Association Office**
936-891-7710
[Website](#)

Waterwood MUD/Precision Utility
936-891-7182
[Website](#)

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[Website](#)



April 2026 Calendar

- **04/05 Easter Sunday**
- **04/07 SJC ESD2 meeting 5pm**
- **04/08 Women's League 10am**
- **04/11 Waterwood Spring Fling!**
- **04/15 San Jacinto County
Commissioners Court 9am**
- **04/17 Waterwood MUD meeting 3pm**
- **04/20 Waterwood Improvement
Association Board meeting 9am**
- **04/29 San Jacinto County
Commissioners Court 9am**

Save the Dates!

- **05/02 Trivia Night 6pm**
- **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



Waterwood Fire & Rescue



We have had our busiest month yet with 5 calls and counting as of March 27th. Most have been mutual aid but one was a structure fire in Waterwood where we received mutual aid from several departments. Fortunately, two pups were eventually rescued and attended to by the EMS.

**Welcome our two new members
Drew and Priscilla Mauldin**



Spring – Time for Cleaning and being Safe

- Properly use and store gasoline in containers sold for that purpose. Never bring inside even in small amounts.
- Carefully dispose of rags with paint and stain. Do not leave them in piles in the garage.
- Use/store flammable and combustible liquids with care. Keep them in their original containers. Do not smoke when you are around them.
- Inspect grills to ensure they're in good working order. Check hoses for leaks and clean out the inevitable spider webs and mud dauber nests.
- Keep debris well away from your home to reduce fuel for fire.
- Clean out your clothes dryer and make sure the air exhaust vent pipe for your dryer is not restricted

Waterwood Municipal Utility District #1

The last few months of 2025 were quiet for the district as far as emergency repairs allowing us to have the resources available for projects we wanted to tackle in 2026. We have now completed the replacement of the storm drain pipe in Bass Boat Village which should alleviate their flooding problem. We also repaired/replaced the access hatch and vent at the water storage tank.

But February and March have not been so kind. We had to replace a pressure relief valve at the water storage tank which required shutting down the entire system. Sorry for the inconvenience but it was necessary due to the fact the valve was 50 years old and when replacing it, the pipe some 6 feet below in the ground, broke which had to be replaced causing further delays. The good news is this should last a very long time. Two lift stations required attention as well as several water leaks, one requiring road repair.

We have hopefully filled out the last paperwork to receive the FEMA reimbursement we requested two years ago. After countless meetings with the FEMA officials requiring Roy to fill out new paperwork and then having the process handed over to the state, requiring more meetings and paperwork, it now appears to have come to conclusion.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) inspection occurred on Wednesday March 25th. The results of their inspection will be sent to us in the coming weeks.

And speaking of TCEQ, our bond to renovate all the lift stations, which now is in the second year, has been in their review committee since last fall, and we do not know when it will be approved. For the residents of Waterwood, do note that when the district was formed in early 1980's, the district approved several million dollars for future improvements, and we are financially able to issue bonds without increasing the tax rate. In fact, we have reduced our tax rate the last two years.

Lastly, spring is here so enjoy the "nice" weather before summer arrives, which here in East Texas is just around the corner.

Thank You, Donald Marshall

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

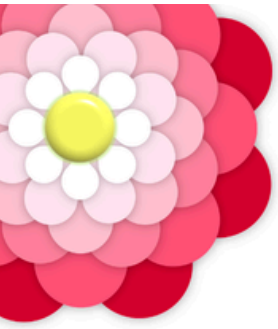
Spring Fling
11 April 2026
12 Noon
Pavilion



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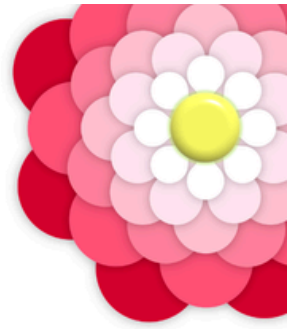
NIGHT

2 May 2026
Pavilion
6 pm happy hour
7 pm game begins



WATERWOOD
PRESENTS

Spring Fling BBQ Potluck



11 April 2026
12 Noon
at the Pavilion

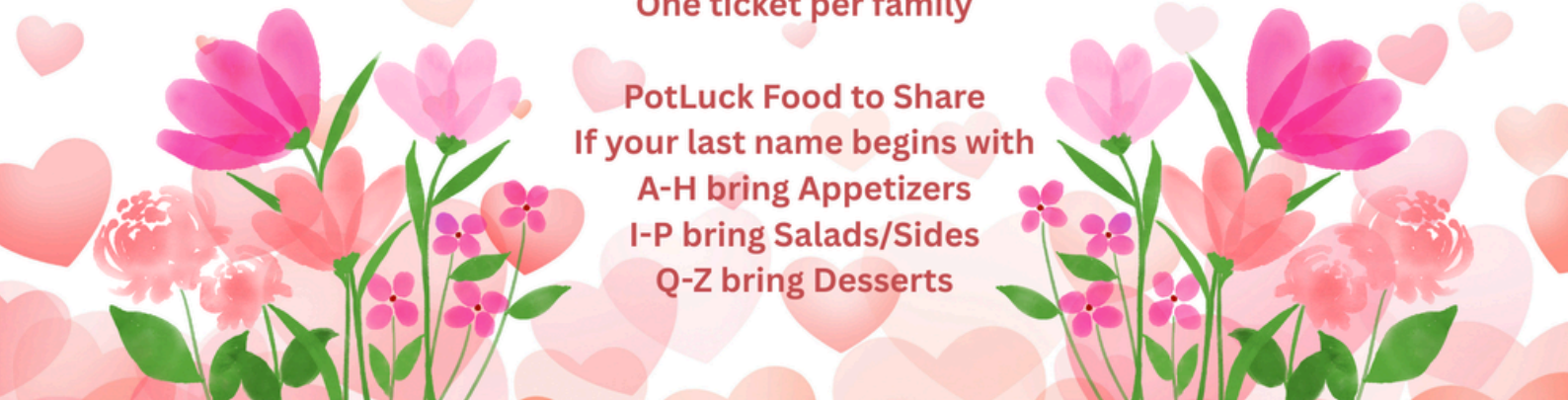
**FREE BBQ to all
Waterwood Residents
and Renters**

Cornhole
Contest
Music
Free Food
Bounce House

Waterwood will provide Brisket, Pulled Pork and Chicken

Pick up your food ticket and provide the name of your dish to the WIA Office
One ticket per family

PotLuck Food to Share
If your last name begins with
A-H bring Appetizers
I-P bring Salads/Sides
Q-Z bring Desserts





WATERWOOD PRESENTS

Trivia Night



SATURDAY, 2 MAY

6 PM HAPPY HOUR

7 PM GAME STARTS

FREE FOOD . GAMES . FUN

TEAM UP FOR THE ULTIMATE TRIVIA TEST

6 PERSON TEAMS

PRIZES FOR THE WINNING TEAM

FOOD | MUSIC | BYOB

WATERWOOD PAVILION



Waterwood National Golf & Recreation Association (WNGRA)

Gene Womack, WNGRA President

WNGRA has been getting active again this Spring. After taking some time off over the Winter, we have started getting the course and greenspace improved for the neighborhood. Mickey Culpepper took the lead role in getting the dead trees cut on the course. We still have several to cut, but the majority of the dead trees have been taken down across the course. This improves safety for all that utilize the greenspace.

Big news for this May. The friends and family tournament is BACK. We have a date of May 30th for this activity. This is the smaller tournament used to raise funds for the course. There will be no carts provided, so bring your own and join the fun. The prizes are still being discussed, but we are going to have prizes. We hope to have a good turnout this year. The big tournament will be at the end of the year around the same time as last year's tournament.

As always, we encourage people to donate to the cause. There are signs posted on 18, 9, and 1 with codes to scan for donations. If you are using the greenspace for fishing, walking, exercising the dog, or golf, please consider donating. It takes quite a bit of money to keep the space going.

Thank you.

Waterwood Women's League

GARAGE SALE!

Hi neighbors! The Waterwood Women's League is gearing up for our annual **GARAGE SALE** to be held on May 2. This is one of our major fundraising events which benefits our education scholarship fund for deserving local students. We award one four-year college scholarship and one technical college scholarship annually. Since 1984, we have awarded more than \$160,000 to local high school students to better their lives.

We would appreciate your help by donating any items which we can sell at the event. We will be doing one pick up date in Waterwood for larger items on Friday May 1 between 9-11am. Please leave your items at the front of your driveway marked "WWL". Please TEXT Dianne Chrestopoulos at (940) 297-9943 to schedule your pickup. If you would be willing to help by donating a trailer to use and/or manpower for the pick-up we would greatly appreciate it.

Otherwise, we'd prefer you drop off your donations at the sale location in Point Blank that day. More information on items we can & cannot accept is available on our WW Facebook sites and the neighborhood marquee sign.

GARAGE SALE LOCATION
7360 HIGHWAY 190
POINT BLANK
(POINT BLANK COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER)

So, as you're doing your spring cleaning and downsizing, please consider saving your items for the women's league. Please contact WaterwoodWomen@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for your generosity - it truly makes a world of difference by helping deserving youth improve their lives through higher education.

Waterwood Women's League continued...

Our Membership is Growing!!

The Waterwood Women's League has welcomed 11 new members since our 2025-26 year began in September! We're thrilled to also report that 3 of the new members live outside Waterwood as it's not a requirement to be a Waterwood resident to join.

Our March meeting included a guided lesson on the Japanese art of making a Kokodama plant by our two master gardener league members Maryann Readal and Dianne Chrestopoulos. On April 8 we will be going on an outing to a local winery. We will wind up our 2025-26 year in May with a children's book author presentation. Our meetings are typically held at 10am on the second Wednesday of the month. We have a warm and wonderful group of women, and we'd love for you and your friends to consider joining us for a meeting and becoming a new member! Please email WaterwoodWomen@gmail.com for more information.

Mary Anne Oller
Waterwood Women's League President



Some of our Women's League members
with their beautiful Kokodama plants.

Waterwood Women's League

2026

GARAGE SALE

All proceeds go toward scholarships for local high school students

DATE : SATURDAY, MAY 2

TIME : 8 AM - 2 PM

**7360 HIGHWAY 190 POINTBLANK
(POINTBLANK COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER)**

- Plants
- Toys
- Medical Equipment
- Home Decor
- Furnishings
- Sports Equipment
- Yard Equipment
- Books
- Home Fashion

AND SO MUCH MORE!

COME & SHOP FOR A GREAT CAUSE!



Emergency Services District 2 (SJCESD2) <https://sjcesd2.org/>

What is an Emergency Services District (ESD)?

An Emergency Services District (ESD) is a local, voter-created government entity in Texas—similar to a school or hospital district. It focuses on funding and providing critical emergency services like fire protection, emergency medical response (EMS), ambulance services, and rural fire prevention.

ESDs give communities like ours more local control and dedicated funding through our property tax to ensure faster, better emergency help—without relying solely on county-wide resources.

Background of Emergency Services District #2

November 5, 2024: Waterwood residents voted overwhelmingly to form the second Emergency Services District in San Jacinto County. This means our area now has its own dedicated emergency services district for improved response times and resources tailored to our needs.

December 27, 2024: San Jacinto Commissioner's Court appointed the inaugural Board of Commissioners.

January 1, 2025: the newly formed ESD2 officially began operation-ready to serve!

Board Meetings-You're Invited!

The ESD #2 Board meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 5:00 PM in the Waterwood Improvement Association (WIA) offices. These are open to the public to learn more, share ideas, or just see how your new district is working for you.

Note: In order to comply with Texas State laws, agendas of upcoming meetings are posted in advance in the following places:

- ESD2 Website (<https://www.sjcesd2.org/agendas-minutes/>)
- Outside of WIA Office
- Filed with the San Jacinto District Clerk and posted in the Court House in Coldspring

Emergency Services District 2 (SJCESD2)

<https://sjcesd2.org/>

Current Board and contact information:

Please reach out with any questions, concerns, or suggestions—the Board is here to serve our community!

Marie “Ree-C” Murphey	President	m.murphey@sjcesd2.org
Alex Chrestopoulos	Vice President	a.chrestopoulos@sjcesd2.org
Mickey Culpepper	Treasurer	m.culpepper@sjcesd2.org
Lisa Hayman	Secretary	l.hayman@sjcesd2.org
Patrick Marshall	Vice Treasurer	p.marshall@sjcesd2.org

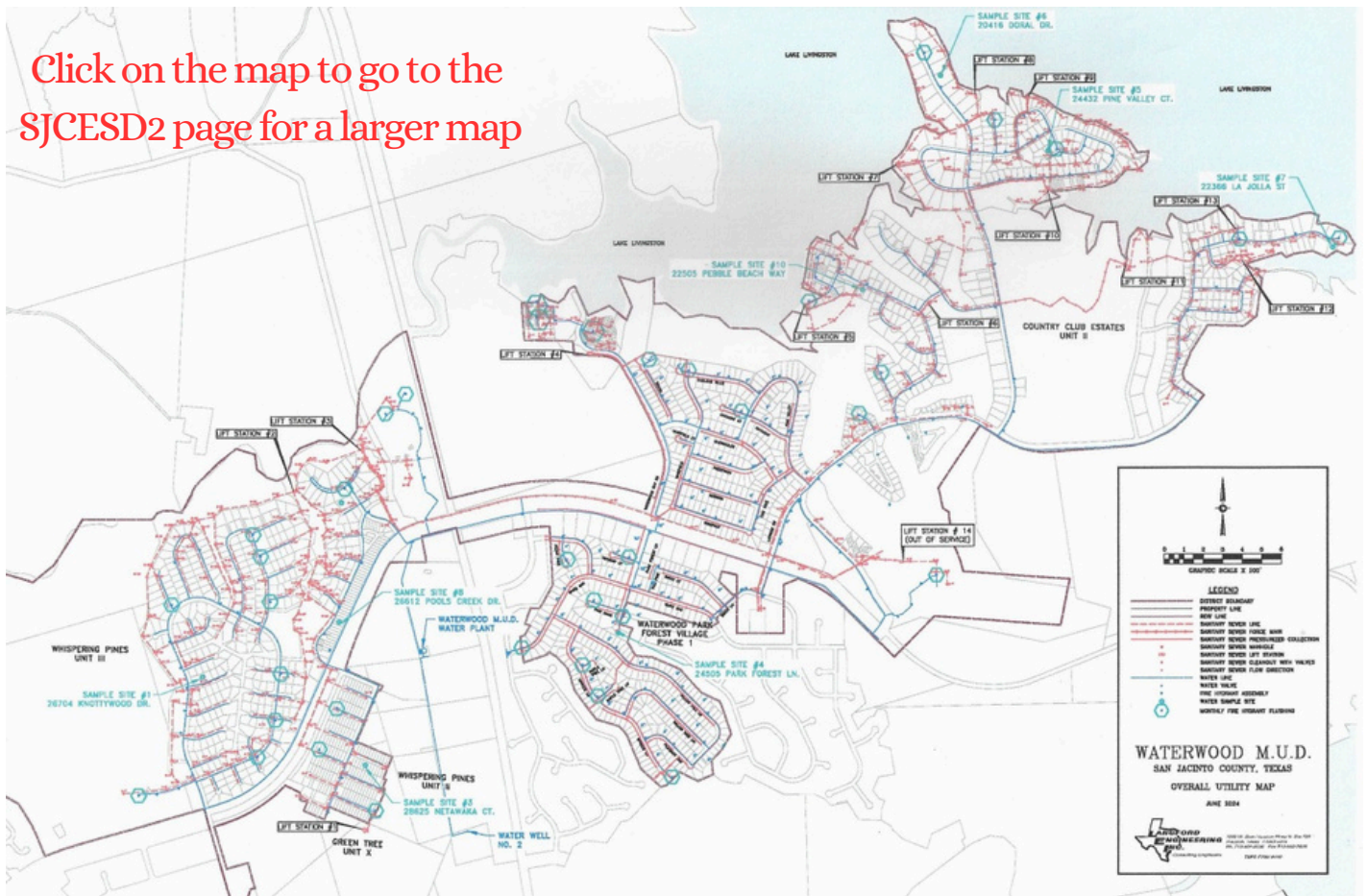
Website and Information links:

ESD2 San Jacinto County Texas website : <https://www.sjcesd2.org>

Upcoming Agendas for Meetings: <https://www.sjcesd2.org/agendas-minutes/>

Please watch this space for future articles on what’s going on in ESD2!

Click on the map to go to the SJCESD2 page for a larger map



Treasurer's Report – April 2026

My name is Rob Davis, and I am the new WIA Treasurer. Thank you for putting your trust in me by electing me to support and represent you. April is tax time for many of us and as we look at our own financial health, I thought it would be appropriate to share the past reported financials for our POA. To get a handle on the current financial status at WIA, I used the audited financial reports on the WIA website to perform the following compilation of historical financial data for WIA between 2011 and 2024. I hope this historical information is helpful and I look forward to hearing your input on this data.



WIA Reported Year Over Year Financial Comparison 2011- 2024

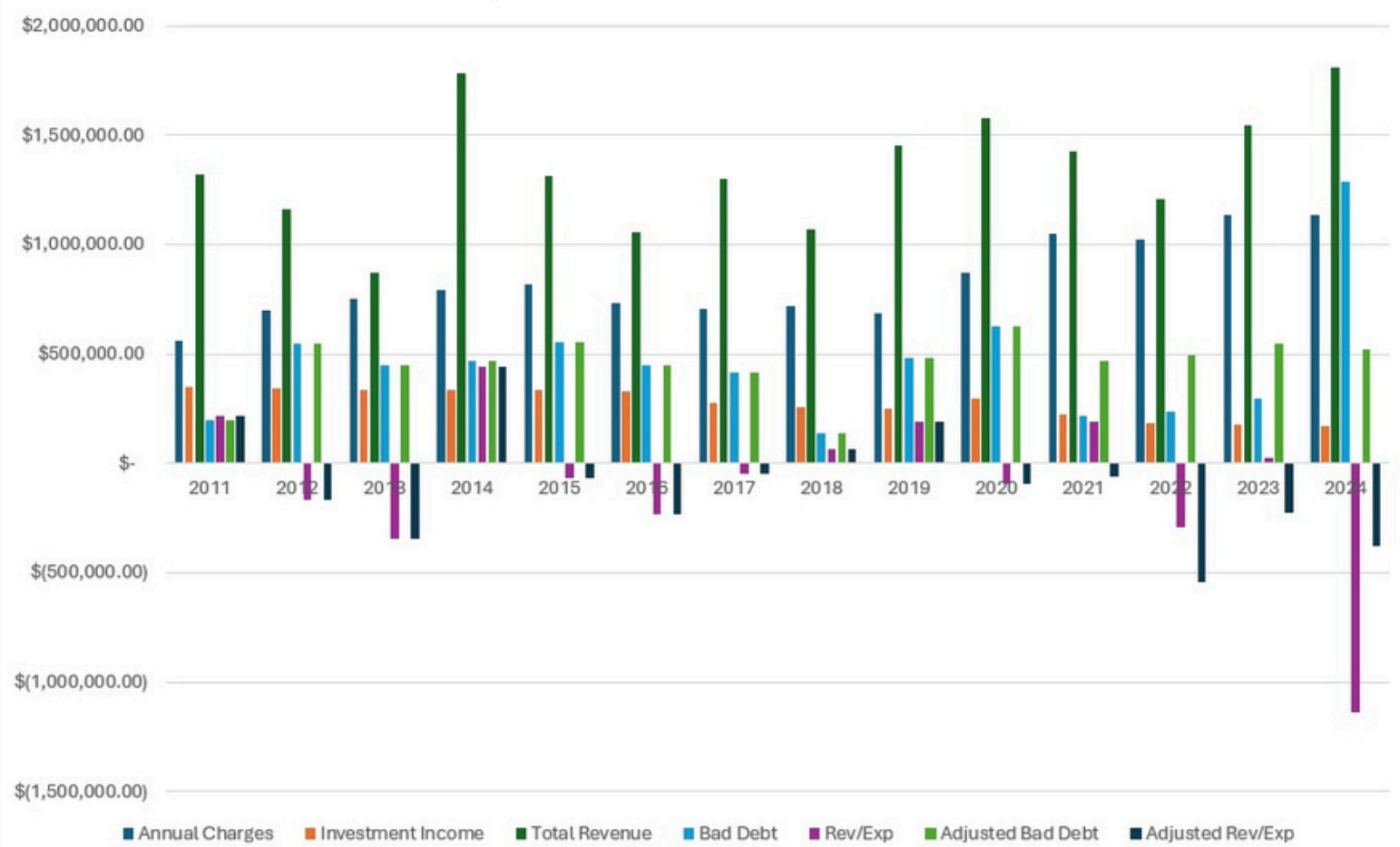
All Data from Audited Annual Financial Reports on waterwoodwia.org

Note: All Values are USD (\$) and Entries in Parenthesis () are negative

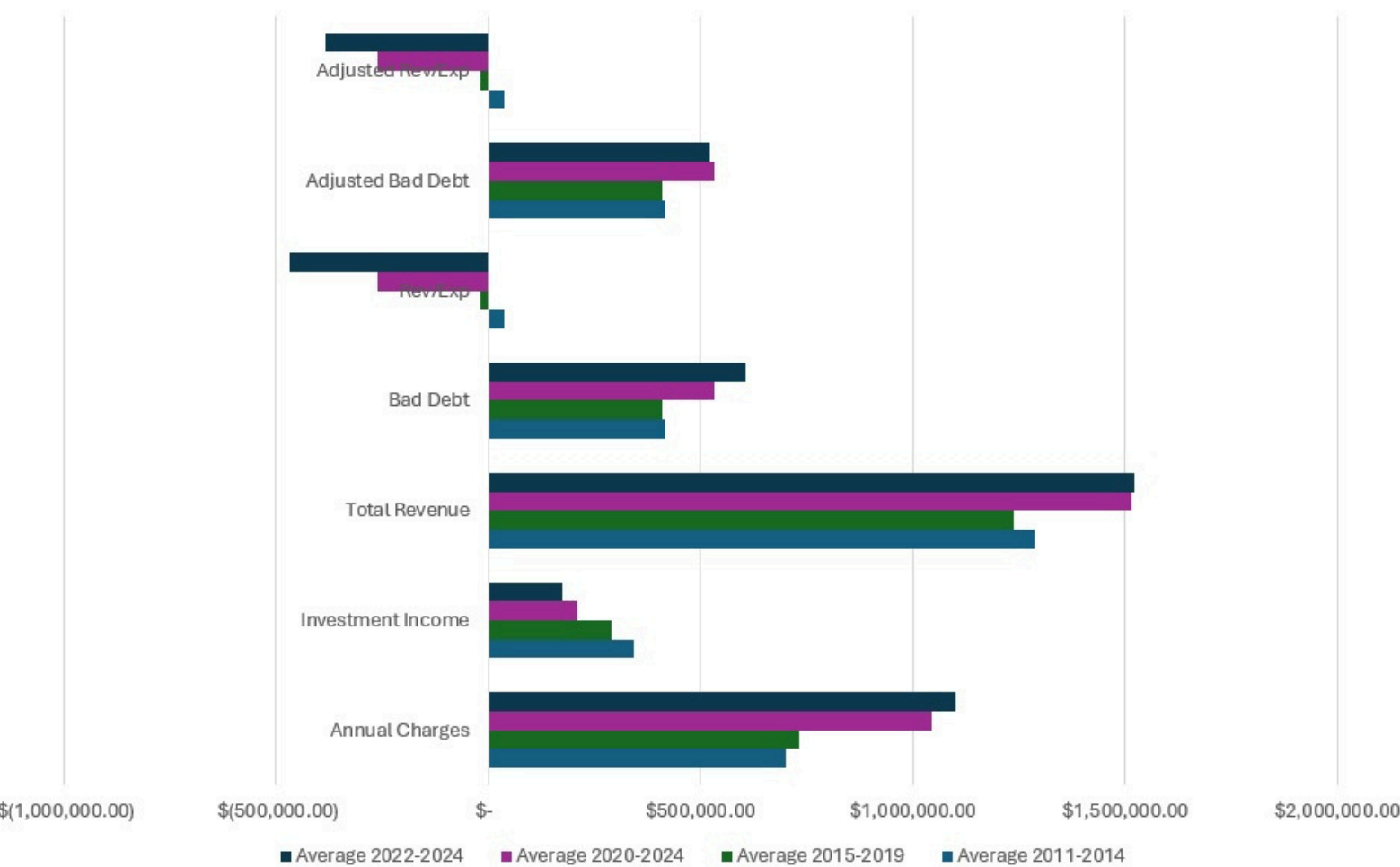
Year	Annual Charges	Investment		Bad Debt	Rev/Exp	Adjusted Bad	Adjusted
		Income	Total Revenue			Debt **	Rev/Exp **
2011	557,055.00	351,813.00	1,321,363.00	194,921.00	218,575.00	194,921.00	218,575.00
2012	701,694.00	339,390.00	1,162,717.00	549,079.00	(165,707.00)	549,079.00	(165,707.00)
2013	752,470.00	336,294.00	872,830.00	450,897.00	(342,897.00)	450,897.00	(342,897.00)
2014	790,556.00	338,066.00	1,783,312.00	466,317.00	438,741.00	466,317.00	438,741.00
2015	815,880.00	337,975.00	1,312,479.00	552,942.00	(66,104.00)	552,942.00	(66,104.00)
2016	729,779.00	330,321.00	1,054,508.00	448,581.00	(230,060.00)	448,581.00	(230,060.00)
2017	707,325.00	278,926.00	1,301,141.00	416,183.00	(46,643.00)	416,183.00	(46,643.00)
2018	719,675.00	253,130.00	1,071,338.00	138,646.00	62,559.00	138,646.00	62,559.00
2019	687,075.00	249,902.00	1,455,588.00	482,653.00	190,206.00	482,653.00	190,206.00
2020	869,009.00	292,882.00	1,577,519.00	623,656.00	(92,228.00)	623,656.00	(92,228.00)
2021	1,048,652.00	219,897.00	1,424,625.00	214,133.00	189,999.00	467,850.00	(63,718.00)
2022	1,024,549.00	182,904.00	1,208,575.00	237,322.00	(292,486.00)	491,039.00	(546,203.00)
2023	1,137,498.00	175,861.00	1,546,339.00	296,101.00	26,682.00	549,818.00	(227,035.00)
2024	1,137,498.00	169,524.00	1,810,388.00	1,284,169.00	(1,140,102.00)	523,717.00	(378,944.00)
AVG '11-'14	700,443.75	341,390.75	1,285,055.50	415,303.50	37,178.00	415,303.50	37,178.00
AVG '15-'19	731,946.80	290,050.80	1,239,010.80	407,801.00	(18,008.40)	407,801.00	(18,008.40)
AVG '20-'24	1,043,441.20	208,213.60	1,513,489.20	531,076.20	(261,627.00)	531,216.00	(261,625.60)
AVG '22-'24	1,099,848.33	176,096.33	1,521,767.33	605,864.00	(468,635.33)	521,524.67	(384,060.67)

** To try and allocate (because of the reported change in accounting methods used) the large Bad Debt expense value of \$1,284,169.00 reported in 2024 equally along the maximum legal potential 4-year time frame, it was distributed between years 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. Note that the baseline estimate of original bad debt used for 2024 was the approximate average from the previous two years, \$270,000.00. The remaining \$1,014,869 was divided by four (yielding \$253,717 per year of additional "Bad Debt") and added to the "Bad Debt" for the four reported years above to get the approximated "Adjusted Bad Debt" values in the table above. These values were substituted for the same four years under "Bad Debt" reported on the audited financials to obtain the "Adjusted Rev/Exp" values in years 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. While the sum of these values is the same as those reported on the audited financial reports, they were reallocated solely in an effort to help better estimate the recent year over year performance for these four years and for the change in accounting practices relating to "Bad Debt" expense instituted in 2024.

Annual Comparison 2011 to 2024 WIA Audited Financials

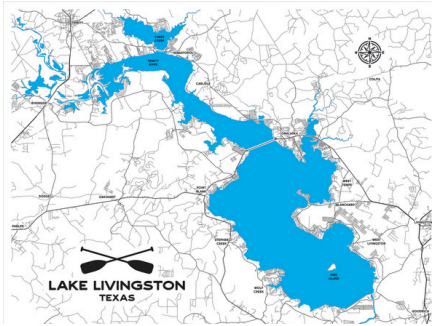


Average Comparison over 4 to 5 year Intervals of WIA Audited Financials



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Lake Livingston



Sam Houston National Forest

San Jacinto County Emergency Services District #2



San Jacinto County First Responders



Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD
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FREE TIRE RECYCLING EVENTS

San Jacinto County residents are encouraged to bring disposable tires to these events:

Friday, April 10, 2026

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Pct 2: 550 N Byrd Avenue Shepherd

Pct 1: 141 Hwy FM 222 N Loop Coldspring

Pct 4: 401 Counts Rd Point Blank

Pct 3: 31 Lilley Yeager Loop N Cleveland

Event Times: 7:30 am – 12:00 pm (or trailers are full)

Important Information:

- ❖ No Cost.....
- ❖ Tires up to 24.5
- ❖ **NO TRACTOR TIRES or HEAVY EQUIPMENT TIRES**
- ❖ **All Tires must be off the rims**
- ❖ Tires will be unloaded for you.
- ❖ Tires will be accepted during event times, please do not drop off tires before or after event

****Tire Amnesty Event provided by grant funding from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Deep East of Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG) in conjunction with San Jacinto County**



*****NO COMMERCIAL DEALERS*****

The Lighter Side



DEAR APPLE, "YALL" IS A WORD SO PLEASE STOP CHANGING IT TO TALL, HALL, AND FALL.



THANK YOU. SINCERELY, TEXAS

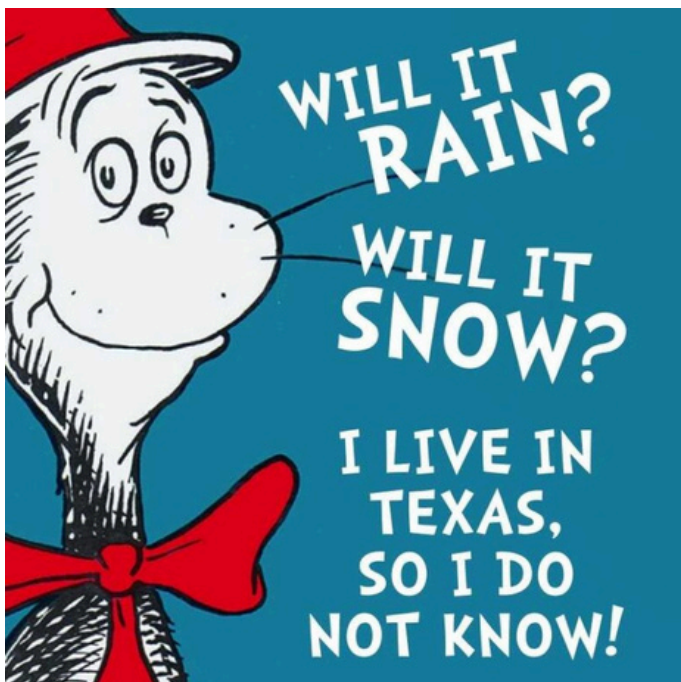
TEXAS EXPLAINED



WEATHER IN THE UNITED STATES



WEATHER IN TEXAS



Instead of shamrocks like the Irish have for good luck, Texans have bluebonnets, because you can't get luckier than being a Texan 🍀

Romans 15:5



Click the link below and check out the official Waterwood Improvement Association (WIA) Facebook page!



Waterwood Improvement- WIA - Communications

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Waterwood Improvement Association is the property owner association in the lakefront community of Waterwood on Lake Livingston.



"A kind word is like a spring day."

Ephesians 4:32

Your feedback is appreciated! I'm happy to hear new ideas for the WNN. Send me your photos, funny stories or quotes, ideas for new topics to explore or research. You have questions? Questions or comments about bugs? WIA? Languages? Travel? Pets? Texas? Money? Sports? Bring it! We'll find the answers!

Email me at:

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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
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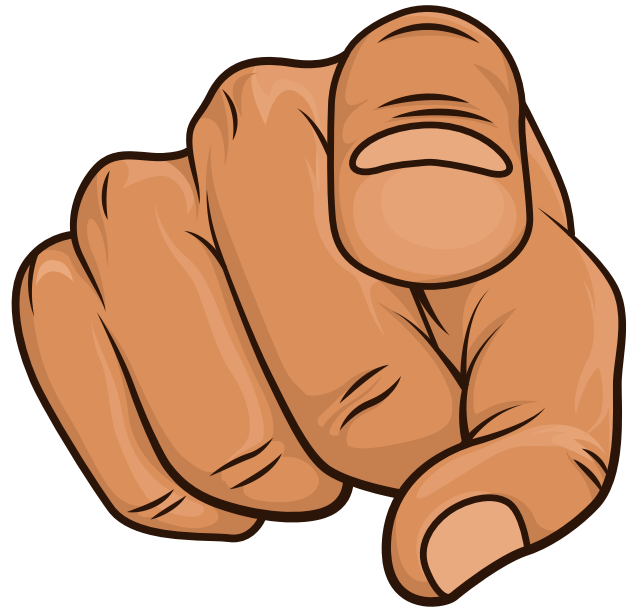
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