

Waterwood Neighborhood News

September 2026

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September in Waterwood

Football, Fairways & a Little More Summer!!

September is here! School is back in session, football season has kicked off, and fall is just around the corner—but here in Texas, summer isn't finished quite yet!

There's still plenty of warm weather to enjoy the lake, boating, fishing, water sports, and a round of golf before the cooler days arrive.

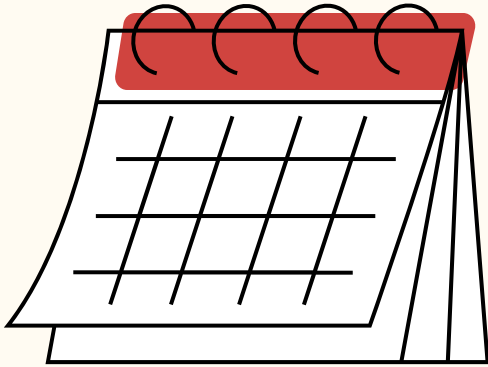
Labor Day gives us a chance to enjoy a long weekend with family and friends while recognizing the hard work and contributions of workers across our country.

So grab your team colors, hit the fairways, enjoy the lake, and make the most of September in Waterwood.

Happy September, neighbors!

Ephesians 4:29

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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

September 2026 Calendar

- **09/07 Labor Day**
- **09/09 Women's League 10am**
- **09/16 San Jacinto County
Commissioners Court 9am**
- **09/18 Waterwood MUD meeting
10am**
- **09/21 Waterwood Board meeting
9am**
- **09/26 Fall Golf Tournament**
- **09/29 Meet the Candidates 6pm**
- **09/30 San Jacinto County
Commissioners Court 9am**

Save the Dates!

- **10/03 Women's League BINGO!**
- **10/10 Annual WIA Meeting of the
Membership 10AM**
- **10/24 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**
- **10/31 Waterwood Fire & Rescue
Halloween Trunk or Treat**

Mark Your Monthly Calendars!

WIA Board Meetings
3rd Monday at 9am
WIA Building

**Waterwood Municipal
Utility District #1 Board Meetings**
3rd Friday at 10am
WIA Building

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

Waterwood Fire & Rescue

Save the Date

Bring a Date

WATERWOOD FIRE & RESCUE, INC.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

October 24, 2026

4-6 pm at the Pavillion

Sponsored by Frank & Debbie Mandola's Restaurant



\$16.00 a person includes

Spaghetti & Meatballs, salad w/Italian dressing, garlic bread, and water or tea
You are welcome to bring your own drink

Mail a check with your name to
Waterwood Fire & Rescue, Inc
192 Waterwood
Huntsville, TX 77320

You can also purchase from

ChiefEdKile909-636-6174

Asst.ChiefCaroleMagee832-754-1360

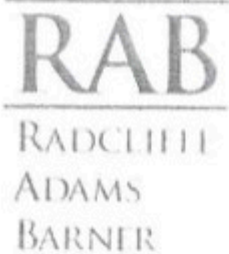
OR YOUR FAVORITE FIREFIGHTER

Bill Bruce, Ed Cotter, Brian James, Marvin Lutz, Erik Peterson, James Schwebach,
Capt. JamesShannon, or DarrenTarr

There is a contest to see who can sell the most tickets

And the WIA office will be selling tickets (check or cash)

Emergency Services District #2



3355 West Alabama Street
Suite 350
Houston, Texas 77098
713.237.1221
rabfirm.com

August 24, 2026

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RRR, FIRST CLASS MAIL AND E-MAIL

Re: Voluntary contributions received by the Waterwood Municipal Utility District ("WMUD") and provided to San Jacinto County Emergency Services District No. 2 (the "District")

At the District's July 7, 2026 and August 18, 2026 Board of Commissioners (the "Board") meetings you addressed the Board regarding the above-referenced voluntary contributions, which are no longer being collected by WMUD. You have also sent correspondence to the District regarding this matter and requested various information via the Texas Public Information Act, which has been provided to you. Further, the District has answered numerous questions you have asked regarding this matter. To succinctly state what you have alleged: you believe that the voluntary contributions were improperly collected by WMUD and then improperly directed to the District.

Any matters regarding the WMUD water bill wording or other general allegations against WMUD should be taken up with WMUD, and not the District, as the District has no authority over WMUD.

Additionally, preliminarily, your correspondence to the District has referenced Section 344.160, Texas Local Government Code as the statute that governs how emergency services districts ("ESDs") may accept donations. However, as noted at the August 18, 2026 Board meeting, this statute applies to municipalities and does not apply to ESDs.

Also as noted at the District's August 18, 2026 Board meeting, Section 49.351(l), Texas Water Code states that "a [water] district providing potable water or sewer service to household users may, as part of its billing process, collect from its customers a voluntary contribution on behalf of organizations providing fire-fighting services to the [water] district."

Emergency Services District #2, continued...

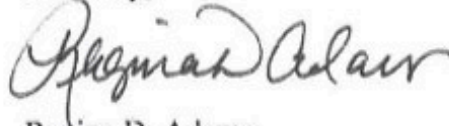
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Because the District is an organization that was created and operates pursuant to Article III, Section 48-e, of the Texas Constitution¹ and Chapter 775, Texas Health & Safety Code, the District constitutionally and statutorily derives the power to provide emergency services (including fire-fighting services) within its boundaries. The District's powers also include the power to accept and receive donations pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code, subsection 775.031(a)(6) and the power to contract for the emergency services it provides pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code, subsections 775.031(a) (2) and (9) with Waterwood Fire & Rescue ("WFR"). The District pays WFR for the firefighting services it provides to the District with the ad valorem tax revenue and the WMUD voluntary contributions the District receives/has received.

In conclusion, since the District has the power to accept and receive donations, and the Texas Water Code allows a water district, such as WMUD, to collect a voluntary contribution on behalf of organizations providing fire-fighting services, the District was entitled to receive the voluntary contributions. The District is the entity responsible for providing emergency services, including fire-fighting services, within its boundaries, which include the entirety of WMUD. Therefore, the District was statutorily allowed to receive the WMUD voluntary contributions. Further, the District has used such funds to pay, in part, WFR for the contracted fire-fighting services- the purpose for which the voluntary contributions were intended.

Sincerely,



Regina D. Adams
General Counsel for the District

RDA/mck/cac

cc: Board of Commissioners, San Jacinto County Emergency Services District No. 2 [via email]

¹Laws may be enacted to provide for the establishment and creation of special districts to provide emergency services and to authorize the commissioners courts of participating counties to levy a tax on the ad valorem property situated in said districts not to exceed Ten Cents (10¢) on the One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) valuation for the support thereof; provided that no tax shall be levied in support of said districts until approved by a vote of the qualified voters residing therein. Such a district may provide emergency medical services, emergency ambulance services, rural fire prevention and control services, or other emergency services authorized by the Legislature.

Waterwood National Golf & Recreation Assn.

Waterwood National Golf and Recreation is proud to announce that we sold our tournament out faster than any previous year. We are working on getting more teebox and hole sponsors. As you know, this is the way we generate funds to keep operating the course. Thank you for the people that have supported us and continue to do so.

In preparation for the tournament we have had a work day. We have several volunteers show up to help. Thank you to each and every one of you.

This is in addition to the people that water the course daily, weedeat the course, repair irrigation issues and do general maintenance. Thank you to all of you. We would also like to give a big shout out to the women's league.

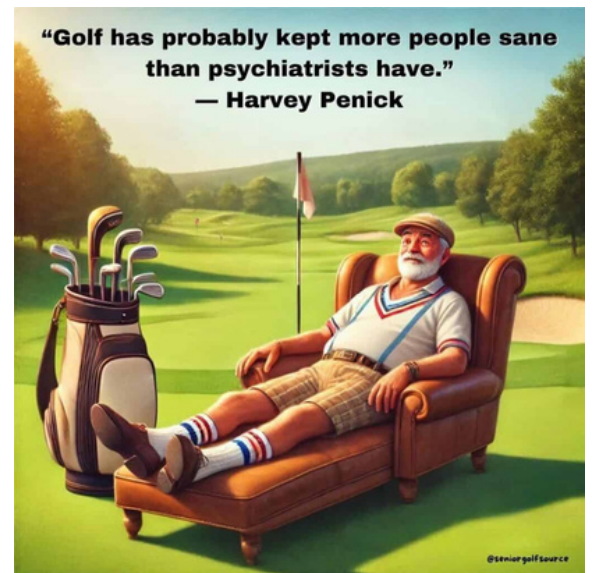
They are volunteering their time to help with many aspects of the tournament on the day of. Thank you. Let's be sure to support them when they do their bingo night.

You will see people out on the course doing everything from cutting down trees to hauling off debris. There will also be course repair on hole number 15. Please give them space to complete their repairs.

We look forward to having a great tournament experience this year just like the years past. Come on out on September 26, 2026 and show support for the neighborhood.

Gene Womack, President, WNGRA

Waterwood National Golf & Recreation Assn.



Waterwood Municipal Utility District #1

In August we had two open meetings, one as a budget workshop and the other was our monthly meeting.

First to note: the board proposed the 2026 tax rate to be 0.74500 per \$100 evaluation. This proposal was on the recommendations of our financial advisor, our bond agency, and the board members. It is the same as the 2025 tax rate. It will not be approved until the September meeting allowing individuals the opportunity to have feedback to the board.

Based on that recommendation, the board created a budget for the 2026/2027 fiscal year. Using the certified tax role provided by the county, Waterwood's assessed taxes will be \$118,619,775. Using the proposed 2026 tax rate of 0.74500/100, and the approximate collections of 90%, the board set the budget for revenue and expenses accordingly. Please note that collections historically are around 96% and at the end of July we received 92.6%. Estimated to receive in two separate accounts are: for Interest and Sinking (our bond account) we will receive \$275,000.00. This amount allows us to pay for both the 2014 bond and the new bond without raising taxes. That account has an additional \$630,000.00 in secured investments and according to RBC, our bond agency, our account looks favorable to investors. We know the 2014 bond has an annual payment of \$143,000.00 and the new bond will be about the same depending on the interest rate. That account is financially sound for years to come. On the Maintenance and Operation budget we expect to receive from taxes \$533,000.00 and from our water rate \$560,000.00, giving us an estimated amount of \$1,099,000.00. Going item by item through the proposed expenses, we estimate it will be \$813,250.00. In proposing both the income and expenses, we were conservative, which gives us a surplus at the end of the fiscal year.

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As for the remainder of this calendar year, we have proposed several projects with the reserve from the 2025 fiscal year. Three projects are slated for September. One is to secure the right-of-way to our water storage facility. We do have a right of way listed in one of the deeds to the properties involved, but we would like to continue using Woods Road which we have used for almost 50 years making improvements to the existing road. We were cited by TCEQ for the fence at well #2, which we can easily make the necessary repairs and plans are already in the works. As well we are looking at repairs needed to the building at the wastewater treatment plant. These projects for the most part you may not notice but are necessary for operations of the utility systems.

And finally, we have prepared for any event of a tropical storm. September is historically the most active month for these storms. This not to alarm you but to remind all Waterwood to be prepared and to be on the alert to any development that may occur.

Donnie Marshall, MUD Board President



Waterwood Women's League

The Waterwood Women's League will begin our 2026-27 season on Wednesday September 9 at 10am in the WIA conference room. Our theme is "A Stroll Down Memory Lane". Please come dressed in your best 1950's attire. Dig out your poodle skirts, pedal pushers and saddle shoes! Prizes will be awarded for Best Costume, Best Retro Game Skills and a 1950's Trivia contest! A tasty luncheon of favorite foods from the 50's will be provided by the Women's League Executive Committee. If you are not already a member, please consider coming to the meeting and hopefully joining our great group of women! Dues are only \$25 for the year. It's not a requirement to be a resident of Waterwood so please spread the word to everyone you know. The only requirement is to be a woman who enjoys making friends and helping students achieve success. To accommodate everyone, we always plan at least one evening meeting during the season for those of our members who can't meet in the mornings and we invite our male family and friends to join us for certain outings which may interest them (hello... FOOTBALL!). Whether you can attend only one meeting or all, we'd love to have you!

Our season runs through May 2027. We have set a fantastic lineup of monthly activities and events which also include our big BINGO fundraiser on October 3, a visit to the Zen Buddhist monastery, a SHSU tailgating night, our annual Christmas party, learning to play Mahjong, a visit to the Bush Presidential Museum, an artist workshop, a visit to a nearby winery, our annual GARAGE SALE fundraiser, wildlife presentation by our local forest ranger, and a BOOK FAIR fundraiser.

A vibrant poster for a Bingo Night fundraiser. The background is a light blue grid with orange lines, resembling a bingo card. A large orange circle with a blue border is centered on the poster. Inside this circle, the text "WATERWOOD WOMEN'S LEAGUE" is at the top, followed by "BINGO NIGHT" in large, bold, white letters with blue outlines. Below that, it says "AUCTION AND WINE CORK PULL FUNDRAISER". At the bottom of the circle, there are two smaller circles: one orange with "WINE NEEDED BY 10/2!" and one blue with "DONATE bottles BEFORE 10/2". The poster is decorated with several bingo cards in the corners, some showing numbers like 54, 34, 14, and 45. There are also small blue stars scattered around.

WATERWOOD WOMEN'S LEAGUE

BINGO NIGHT

**AUCTION AND
WINE CORK PULL FUNDRAISER**

**WINE
NEEDED
BY 10/2!**

**DONATE
bottles
BEFORE 10/2**

**SATURDAY
OCT 3RD**

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Waterwood Parkway
Huntsville, Texas 77320

**100% OF MONEY RAISED IS USED TO FUND
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LOCAL STUDENTS**
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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE PICK UP CONTACT
JULIE ROSS 832.654.0080 • CHRISTEL BUTLER 281.300.8844

Waterwood Elections 2026



The banner features a scenic background of a lake with a wooden deck, an American flag, and a wooden chair. The text is overlaid on this background.

WATERWOOD
NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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NEIGHBORS
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**SPECIAL ELECTION
EDITION**

★ COMING SOON! ★

An important community election is approaching, and we want to help Waterwood residents stay informed.

Watch for a **Special Election Edition** of the **Waterwood Neighborhood News**, coming soon!

 MEET THE CANDIDATES Candidate names, biographies & information	 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS Information about the amendments on the ballot	 ELECTION DETAILS Important dates & voting information
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**YOUR COMMUNITY
YOUR VOICE
YOUR VOTE**

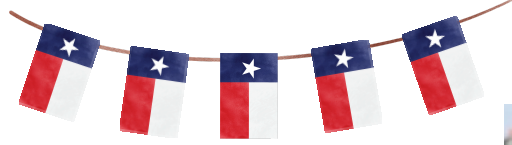
 **WATCH YOUR EMAIL AND FACEBOOK FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION!**

Come meet the candidates for the WIA Board of Directors and get information about the proposed amendments, September 29 at 6pm

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All about... TEXAS!



THEM: YOU REALLY LOVE TEXAS HUH?

ME: I GUESS

ALSO ME:



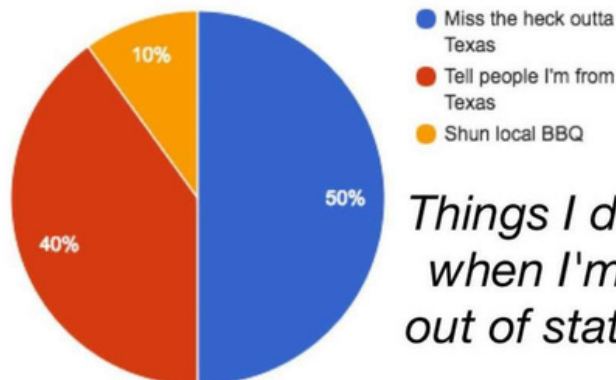
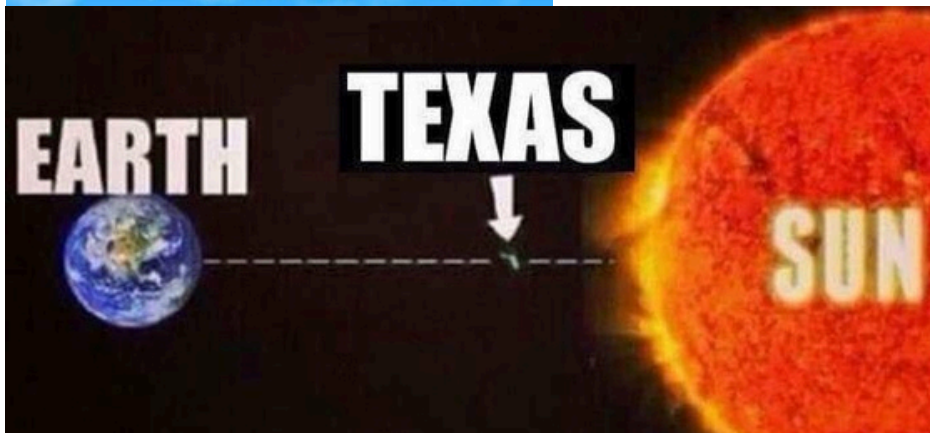
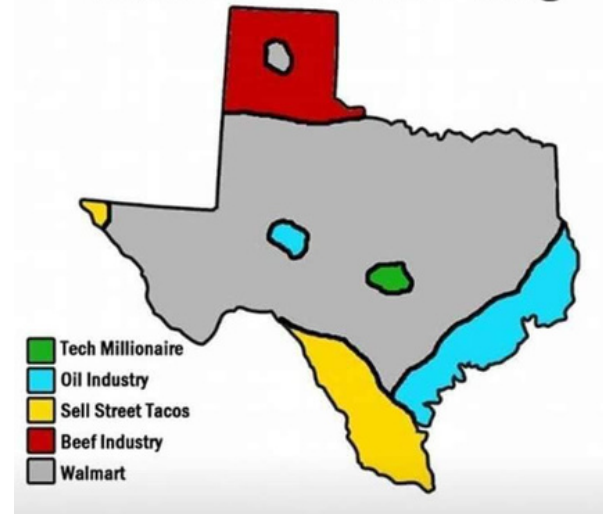
IN TEXAS, WE DON'T HAVE FALL WE HAVE HOTUMN



HOW TO SPEAK TEXAN



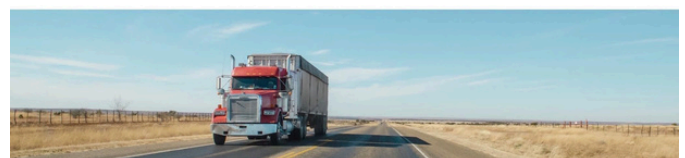
What You Do For A Living



Things I do when I'm out of state

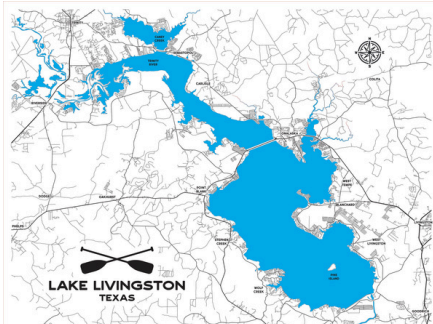
Europeans: I drove 20 minutes to Germany then I went to get groceries in The Netherlands and went into France for dinner.

Texans: I was in Texas, I drove for 8 hours, and I'm still in Texas...



Click links to check out San Jacinto County!

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San Jacinto County
Emergency Services
District #2



**San Jacinto County
First Responders**



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Trojans First - Shaping the Future Together



**LET YOUR LOVE
BE STRONGER
THAN YOUR
HATE OR
ANGER.**

- Jane Wells



1 Peter 3:10

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



Waterwood Improvement- WIA - Communications

175 followers • 2 following

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



*Keep coming back! Over the
next few months, we will be
featuring some of our
Waterwood area
community members.
Authors, artists, and others
with different skills and
talents, all with great stories
to share. Let's get to know
each other, so...
Stay tuned!*

Proverbs 10:12

**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?
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Money? Lake Livingston? Sports?
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news.waterwood@gmail.com

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By Kelsey Henderson, LMT



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SCAN TO SAVE MY DETAILS

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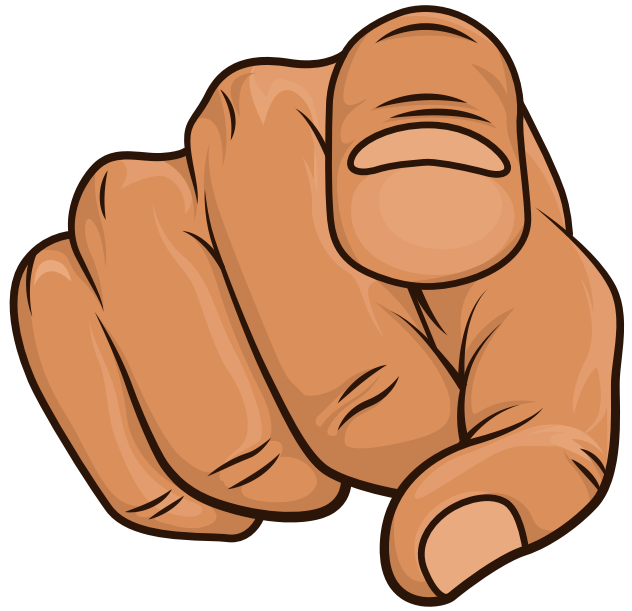
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