



Waterwood Neighborhood News

Waterwood Security News

Have you noticed the **WIA** Security vehicles parked at different locations throughout our neighborhood during the normal patrolling hours? This “park-patrolling” was initiated in 2009 and continues today.



WIA President, Jack Zimmermann, on March 16, 2009, asked all **WIA** Committees to reduce their annual budget by ten (10) percent.

Security Chairman, Barry Stanley and the Security committee developed a new “patrolling” schedule to cover our community effectively while meeting the new budget requirements.

This plan reduced the hours of all of our security officers. It also asked our officers to park at different locations and observe traffic moving to and from that specific area.

This new program decreased the overall Security payroll. It reduced the monthly mileage on each Security vehicle, saving on fuel costs. The reduction in miles driven was projected to reduce the annual vehicle “up keep” costs.

The WNN asked the **WIA** office for Security mileage figures for the last five years. The following is the average monthly mileage for each specific period: 2006-9500 miles per month, (mpm), 2007-8200 mpm, 2008-7000 mpm, 2009-5000 mpm, and 2010-4800 mpm.

The current Security committee chaired by Walt Ringler calls the method of roving patrols, “Control by Observation/Intimidation” (COI). The Committee’s objectives are to have the Security vehicles parked at strategically located positions at certain times during the patrol period.

The Committee advised, “Roving patrols, combined with strategic COI positions within the community, we believe, are more effective than often being in a remote part of Waterwood, trying to be all places at once.” “It’s a very effective way of providing Security to our whole community”, they said.



The Security team has a new vehicle. It is a 2011 Dodge RAM 1500 pickup truck. It is scheduled to be used by the night shift and will be placed into service the first week of February

WNN "Happenings"

Well, Our January 2011 weather was something else. Hail storms on January 4 and January 30. Three days of Lows in the 20s and highs only in the 30s. We had over four inches of rain.

Waterwood experienced the coldest and wettest January in many years.



Mark your calendars, the annual "**Spring Fling**" is scheduled for Saturday, **April 9, 2011**. It will be held at the **VFD** building. More details will be forthcoming from the Socials Chairman, Donnie Marshall.



Well folks, the "**Poop Police**" are going to have to start patrolling the golf course once again. There is "**P**" along the cart paths. Now we all know that those "**P**"ing pets must be strays, because **Waterwoodians** would clean up after their animals!!!! Be a good neighbor, "Pick up the **Poop**"!

The Quarterly Waterwood Blood Drive was held at the **WIA** office on January 11, 2011. Fifteen Waterwoodians donated their blood, the "Gift of Life" for someone who really needs it.

Chairperson Jan Goldsmith wanted to "thank everyone that took their time to donate to this wonderful and sorely needed blood drive."

Waterwoodians know not to place the following items in our dumpsters:

Appliances, Cardboard Boxes not flattened, Chemicals, Construction Debris, Diesel Fuel, Degreasers, Explosive Materials, Furniture, Gasoline, Grass Clippings, Motor Oil, Tires and or Wooden Pallets.



It must be those nasty ole "**other**" guys who are dumping some of items in our dumpsters. If you see someone who does not have a **WIA** sticker on their vehicle dumping trash, write down their license number, type of vehicle, date and time. Call **WIA** office at **891-7710** and report these people.

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This beautiful home located on the 16th Fairway of Waterwood National Golf Course is in immaculate condition from the outside in! 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 car garage with a large deck overlooking the golf course make this home perfect for entertaining. Living, Kitchen and Master Bedroom are up with both guest bedrooms and bath down providing excellent privacy for you and your guests. Check out the large craft/utility room downstairs! Oversized lot provides a buffer on one side and the golf course provides a buffer on the other. [Houston MLS# 10223774](#)

Waterwood Women's League



After an excellent lunch and short meeting, the restaurant's chef and owner, John Eschenfelder, took us on a tour of the historic buildings.



The **WWL** held their January meeting at the Homestead Restaurant in Huntsville. This site is rich in history and culture, the restaurant sits on a location on 19th Street made up of several old cabins.

READ for Scholarships

The **WWL** could use more books for the **READ for Scholarships** program. If you'd like to contribute your gently used books, call 936-891-5397 for pickup. Books are available at the Palmer Realty office on a book case located across from the P.O. Boxes. Books only cost \$.50. The money raised from all activities goes toward our scholarship fund.

The next meeting will be a **Valentine's** Party at the home of Donna Curren on **February 12th at 6:30 pm.** Hors-d'oeuvres and desserts will be



The Collard Log Cabin and the Dunlap Log Cabin were moved to their current locations from New Waverly and Kittrel, Texas and a white board house built in the 1870s from Willis, Texas. The original structures have been preserved and give a feeling for how life might have been back in the 19th Century.

WWL Meeting Schedule for 2011

February 12– Valentine's Party -round robin dinner (husband or significant other invited)

March 12 – Round Top Guitar Festival (husband or significant other invited)

April 13 – "An American Woman in Iraq", Crystal's Patio, Coldspring

May 11 - Decorating with Phyllis Palmer

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Smiling Is Infectious

Smiling is infectious; you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.
I went around the corner and someone saw my grin
And when he smiled I realized I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile then I realized its worth,
A single smile, just like mine could travel round the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected
Let's start an epidemic quick and get the world infected.
It takes seventeen muscles to smile and forty-three to frown.

(A thought from the internet)

Waterwood's Winter Birds

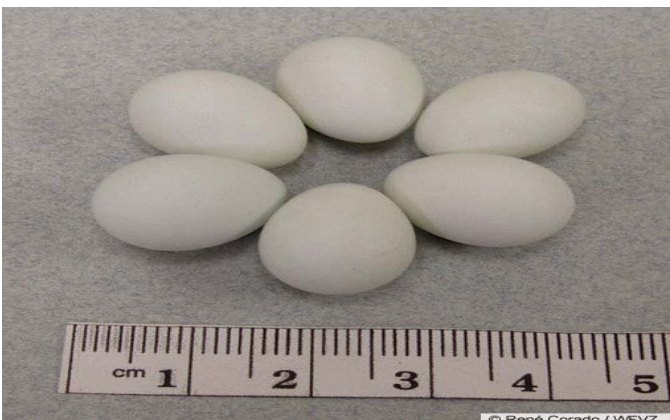
The annual migration of the American Goldfinch hit Waterwood in December. We have enjoyed seeing these lively little balls of golden feathers throughout our neighborhood.

The WNN researched these friends and found some interesting facts that are presented in the following. The American Goldfinch is a social bird, and gathers in large flocks while feeding and migrating.

Its breeding season is tied to the peak of food supply, beginning in late July, and produces one brood each year. The male and female fly around together seeking a suitable nest site. The female builds the nest, usually in a shrub or sapling in a fairly open setting rather than in a forest interior.



It takes the female about 6 days to build the nest. The finished nest is about 3 inches across on the outside and 2-4.5 inches high. The normal "clutch" size is 2 – 7 eggs.



During the spring, the body of the male is a brilliant lemon yellow, with a jet black cap and white rump. The female is mostly brown, lighter on the underside with a yellow bib. Fall colors are duller, becoming a pale yellow brown below and olive-brown above, with a pale yellow face and bib.



Summer Coat



Winter Coat

The Goldfinch feeds on seeds of plants as a main food source. It uses its beak to remove the seeds and agile feet to grip the stems of plants while feeding.

Photos of the Waterwood goldfinch are on **page 7**.

Waterwood's Goldfinch



No Room



Cardnals Need Food Too



Lots of Room Down Here



Eating Alone



Almost Full



The Right Side is Better

In Memory Of

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Betty Carter

Betty Carter, wife of Waterwood Security officer Billy Carter passed away on January 20, 2011. A graveside service was held at the Center Hill Cemetery in Oakhurst on January 25, 2011.

She is survived by Billy Carter husband of Point Blank, Texas, Steven Carter, son of El Campo, Texas, Marie Hayes, daughter of Victoria, Texas, Ricky Carter son of El Campo, Texas, Patrick Carter son of El Campo, Texas, Steven Ray Newton son of Alabama, George "Butch" & Billy Downs, brother and sister in law of Bluffdale, Texas, 14 grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren.

Don Craven

Long time "Waterwoodian", Don Craven passed away in December. Don was the Waterwood Country Club Manger from 1985-89.

The WNN interviewed Don for the "Waterwood History" series. He stated, "My best memories of WCC was the very special people who made up the staff." He also said, "The members were a great group to work with during my time at Waterwood."

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill
Be a scrub in the valley—but be
The best little scrub by the side of the rill;
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a bush be a bit of the grass,
And some highway some happier make;
If you can't be a muskie then just be a bass—
But the liveliest bass in the lake!

We can't all be captains, we've got to be crew,
There's something for all of us here.
There's big work to do and there's lesser to do,
And the task we must do is the near.

If you can't be a highway then just be a trail,
If you can't be the sun be a star;
It isn't by size that you win or you fail—
Be the best of whatever you are!

Douglas Malloch

