



# Waterwood Neighborhood News

## Waterwood 2011

2011 was a good year in Waterwood. Please find below and on the following pages, the "Highlights" of 2011 for our neighborhood.



In January, a new Maintenance Crew started cleaning and repairing our neighborhood. JJJ Enterprises, headed by Craig Jeffcoat, started their new contract.



In February, our VFD received a donation of a new vehicle from the Ringler Family.

We also had a "controlled burn" in our neighborhood that our VFD had to contain and control for a few days.



April brought the annual "Spring Fling", 150 Waterwoodians met their neighbors and enjoyed a BBQ at the Fire House.



A new land investor, ILS, (Waterwood Partners LLC) bought 513 Waterwood lots from San Jacinto County (SJC) at an auction in May. Also, the Waterwood Women's League presented two scholarships this month.

The on going drought made SJC to impose a Severe Burn Ban throughout the county in June.

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# WNN "Happenings"

Our January Rain brought Lake Livingston waters back to our docks and bulk heads. The lake level is almost full.



**Marina Before January**



**After the January Rains**

Did you know that San Jacinto County has a substation in Point Blank? They sure do. You can pay your taxes and buy your licenses there. The office is open Wednesday and Thursday, 8AM to Noon and 1PM to 4PM.

The office is located in the Precinct 4 offices on FM 156 near the Post Office. The people there are very helpful. Try them, you will like it.

The annual golden finch migration hit Waterwood on January 20. They stayed and ate two bags of feed in two weeks at our feeders.



Commissioner Mark Nettuno attended the January 2012 WIA Board meeting and reported that a portion of a FEMA grant to San Jacinto County was used on the purchase of a new generator for the Waterwood MUD District at the water plant.

The Waterwood Volunteer Fire Department also received a grant. He also reported that he is keeping watch on a possible culvert problem on the parkway that is in need of repair.

Mr. Frank Markey of Waterwood Partners LLC, the Dallas firm who bought 513 Waterwood lots for San Jacinto county, reported on the survey that was mailed to Waterwood residents. He reported that his firm is working with a group to put together a presentation to the owner of Waterwood Golf Course for future development of our community.

**"May the best of 2011 be the worst of your 2012 "**

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John Shideler – Editor

## Waterwood Women's League

The Waterwood Women's League (WWL) held their January meeting at Grace Baptist Church on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. After a short business meeting, a delicious lunch of Soups and Salads made by some of our membership was enjoyed.



The lunch was followed by a presentation, "Gardening in our Woods", given by Maryann Readal and Dona Curren. The program gave many ideas for gardening in the Texas heat and drought and how to garden to attract Nature into our gardens.



The next WWL meeting will be a Valentine Day affair with spouses/significant others. This meeting will be an evening dinner affair held at Margarita's restaurant in Huntsville. More information will be sent to members soon.



The WWL is welcoming new members from Waterwood and the surrounding communities.



The purpose of the Waterwood Women's League is to:

- get to meet ladies in Waterwood and surrounding areas
- support local Scholarship Funds
- support other charitable endeavors in the area such as Care Share and Backpack Buddies

The WWL welcomes new members from Waterwood and the surrounding areas. Please contact Trista Byrd at 713-705-2801 or email: [tbbyrd612@yahoo.com](mailto:tbbyrd612@yahoo.com)

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## **A Story From Our Arkansas Friends**

Several days ago as I left a meeting at our church, I desperately gave myself a personal TSA - style pat down. I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing.

Suddenly I realized, I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My wife, Mollie, has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition.

My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. Her theory is that the car will be stolen. As I burst through the doors of the church, I came to a terrifying conclusion. Her theory was right. The parking lot was empty.

I immediately call the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen. Then I made the most difficult call of all, "Honey," I stammered. (I always call her "honey" in times like these.) "I left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen."

There was a period of silence. I thought the call had been dropped, but then I heard Mollie's voice.

"Dick!" she barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my time to be silent.

Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me."

Mollie retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this policeman I have not stolen your car!"

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July brought the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. The “Burn Ban” eliminated the use of any fire works in our neighborhood. On July 31, our temperature was 106.3 degrees.



During August and September, WIA approved the resurfacing of La Jolla and other places in our community. The job was finished in September.



The Annual WIA meeting was held in the expanded Waterwood Board Room in mid October. 52 people attended and participated in this annual affair.



November brought the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Doral “Cook Off”. 56 people participated in the annual get together.



2011 Waterwood activities ended with the annual judging the “Holiday Lighting” contest. 53 homes were viewed by the judges.



# Waterwood's January Burn



## Waterwood's Ladies Golf

On Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, the Waterwood Ladies Golf Group played their first tournament of the year. The ladies participating were Janice Messina, Pat Hicks, Ruth Wiginton, Shirley Morrell, Rita Birney, Shirley Allen, Margaret Evirs and Dona Curren.



The day began with cloudy skies and a very cool breeze but finished in beautiful winter sunshine. The ladies played a Scramble and the winning team consisted of Rita Burney, Shirley Allen, Margaret Evirs and Dona Curren.



The next tournament will be on the second Saturday of February.

## Gleanings

Presented by: Donna Curren

Winter is a nice gardening season in Texas. Unlike the other seasons, Winter doesn't demand that you go out and work and sweat and wear yourself out. You can pull a few weeds, trim a shrub, stick a bulb in the ground or just wander around.

Winter is the season of the perfect garden; the time when you can imagine all you want to grow. The tomatoes are never more succulent than when you browse through seed catalogs. The flowers are brighter, the fruit is sweeter.



There are no bugs in your dream garden. I never imagine weeds in the garden when I am making a plan or hoping for new plants. When I look out, the beds are always clean and ready for new growth. I forget that Bermuda grass comes up a little later, and tries to take over the world.

Winter is a quiet time in the garden, and we all need some quiet times. January and February are times to regenerate the soil, the plants and the gardeners. It is also a time to rest and gather strength for the coming growing season. I always look forward to Spring, but the looking forward is also a great pleasure.

Anticipation builds while your garden is growing nicely in your dreams. Enjoy your dreams and rest up before the real work begins.