



Waterwood Neighborhood News

State of the Association

By: Jack Zimmermann, President

After completing a major road rebuilding and paving project in 2011, 2012 should find WIA moving back to a balanced budget – one where our “income” matches our “outgo.” Approximately half of the dollars needed to provide the services our residents receive comes from annual assessments and the other half comes from interest earned by our very conservatively invested bond portfolio.

Two years ago WIA took measures to work within a balanced budget by reducing expenditures where possible and raising the annual assessment charge (although it was and is significantly less than what would be permitted under the deed restrictions). Because of our investment strategy, the income stream from our investments has not been affected by the poor economy. This coming year we expect to continue to provide excellent services to the community within a balanced budget.

By careful budgeting and prudent bidding practices, WIA provides general maintenance service by a new contractor at a reduced contract price, ambulance service with qualified EMT's aboard at the same rate as in previous contracts, volunteer fire department protection with a recently upgraded fire truck and new equipment, reliable security and patrol service by our dedicated security officers, and household garbage disposal service at a competitive price.

Our Architectural Control Board will continue to fairly and equitably enforce the Waterwood Policies requirements of the deed restrictions to protect the value of your property, and we plan to continue our tradition of a community wide

BBQ for WIA members and guests in the spring, a celebration of the 4th of July with a BBQ and fireworks display, and a more vigorous decorations program for next Christmas and Chanukah.

We hope that litigation over the maintenance of the right-of-way on the Waterwood Parkway will come to an end with WIA being awarded the right to continue to keep the Parkway safe and attractive by having the temporary injunction WIA obtained in court become permanent either by trial or settlement.

There is the possibility that a land investor who has shown interest in re-building the development's amenities – the golf course, country club, hotel, and marina – may succeed in its quest for cooperation with major property owners to do so. I have appointed a WIA committee composed of members with vast business experience, good judgment, and integrity to interact with the land investor to assist where possible and to advise and consult to ensure the best interests of Waterwood residents are considered.

The trials and tribulations we have all experienced in recent times have not changed the one constant that Waterwood enjoys – our wonderful people. We are blessed with dedicated WIA employees and volunteers, and neighbors who care about each other. It is the character of the residents of our community that makes Waterwood what it is.

May 2012 be the best year for each of us.

WNN "Happenings"



We hope you and your family had a very Happy Holiday celebration. We look forward to keep you and all **Waterwoodians** informed on what is happening in your community throughout 2012.

The **WIA** Board in its December 2011 meeting approved a new EMS contract for two years. We will continue to have an ambulance stationed in Waterwood at our **VFD** building for twelve hours a day.

The Board also approved the **WIA** Budget for 2012. This budget includes the costs for EMS, **VFD**, Security, Trash Pick up, Maintenance, Administration and normal operational expenses.



Speaking of **EMS**, you have to **call 911** to get the ambulance to come to your location. If you call **WIA** Security, you only delay the dispatch of **EMS**.



WOW!! Did you hear that lightening and thunder storm that hit **Waterwood** on December 19th. Well, lightening hit in the Green Tree Subdivision and a pine tree exploded. No one was hurt and no houses were damaged. Please see photos on **page 5**.



It looks like the **Waterwood MUD #1** will have a new management firm. We understand a new contract will be signed in January 2012. We will cover this matter in the February 2012 **WNN**.

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

THE WNN IS PUBLISHED ON A MONTHLY BASIS. THE ARTICLES AND COMMENTS ARE WRITTEN TO INFORM AND ENTERTAIN THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND/OR OWN PROPERTY IN THE WATERWOOD COMMUNITY. IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT US. THANK YOUR FOR READING THE WNN.

John Shideler – Editor

Waterwood's Magical Holiday Lights

The 3rd Annual **Waterwood Holiday Lighting Contest** was a great success. The **WNN** judges viewed **41** homes over three nights. The Small Home category was so close that the judges had to go back every night to look at the two best homes to determine a winner. The two homes were so good that the judges awarded two first place trophies in that category.



The WNN thanks all you Waterwoodians who made our Holiday celebrations so successful because you light up our neighborhood. We hope all of the contestants and more Waterwoodians will participate in our 4th Annual Lighting Contest in December 2012.



LARGE HOME CATEGORY

1st Place – Steve Loy Family – 26605 Edgewood

2nd Place – John Channing Family – 24432 Pine Valley

3rd Place – Rick Brown Family – 20400 Doral

SMALL HOME CATEGORY

1st Place – Robbie McCue Family – 28621 Netawaka

1st Place – Donnie Sellers Family – 28633 Netawaka

2nd Place – Margaret Hancock Family – B6 @ Beach



We plan to judge the contestants earlier next year. This early judging and announcement of the winners will let all those who wish to, drive by and see the winners first hand .

Don't you know the Netawaka neighbors will be trying to break the 2011 tie next year? Stay tuned in for next Christmas, the competition has already started.

We all look forward to the weekend of lights next December. See you then.. **WNN**

(See more photos on pages 7-9)



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Waterwood Women's League

The December 2011 meeting of the Waterwood Women's League was held at Chelsea's Tea Room in Conroe. The business meeting was held first, and was followed by a lovely lunch.

A jewelry making demonstration by Susan Cartright was the program for the day. Susan makes beautiful jewelry from natural stone embellished with silver and copper wire.

WWL also collected toys for the Children's Gift Donation at the Coldspring Sheriff's Department. Tracie Taylor delivered a carload of gifts to the Sheriff's department for distribution to needy families.

The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2012 at Grace Baptist Church on 980. A talk on "Gardening in Waterwood" will be featured along with a Soup and Salad Lunch.

Please see photos on **page 10**.

Lightening Hits Waterwood



Waterwood Golf Course Facts

The Waterwood National Golf Course enjoyed another year of care and play thanks to the contributors and the unselfish work of our volunteers.



The drought presented two problems that were responsible for constant demands on our time and expenses. The first issue was the many leaks (45) in the course sprinkler system. This was caused by the constant shifting of the dirt as it contracted from the dry conditions.

With the tireless efforts of the paid maintenance crew, and the key volunteers Mike Prine, Bill Miller, Andy Wilkie, Willie Wiginton, John Channing, Sam Nabers and Gary Nelson, the repairs were made and the expenses stayed within the budget.



The largest project of the year was the bulkhead replacement around the back and side of #14 green. After many years of use and neglect; the structure was giving way to the constant beating of the lake and threatened to undermine the green itself.

With the support of the course owner and volunteers, the bulkhead was professionally replaced, Grass seed was planted and with the combination of hand watering and the return of rainfall the signature hole has been saved and returned to a beautiful challenge.

The annual meeting of the WMGA was held December 3, 2011. The following officers were elected: Justin Curren-President., Willie Wiginton-Vice President, John Channing-Secretary/Treasurer, Steve Morrell-Social Chairman and Norton Schump-Tournament Director.

The membership acknowledged the tireless work of Mike Prine. Mike was always ready and willing to take on any task in any conditions. Bill Thornton was recognized as the 2011 club champion.

Waterwood Women's Golf Association also elected new officers for 2012. Shirley Allen-President, Barbara Matthews-Vice President, Shirley Morrell-Treasurer, Margaret Evis-Secretary, Dona Curren-Tournament Director.

Golfing awards for the year were presented: Low Gross-Betty Snapp, Low Net-Pat Hicks, Low Putts-Tommie Kwiatkowski, Low Putts in 9 Holes-Pat Willborn Most Improved-Janice Messina.

As we look towards 2012 we are thankful to all our contributors and our volunteer workers. With the continued support of these key groups we can continue to provide a challenging and rewarding golfing experience for our homeowners and residents.

Waterwood Holiday Lights



First Place Large Home



First Place Small Home



Second Place Large Home



First Place Small Home



Third Place Large Home



Second Place Small Home

Waterwood Holiday Lights



More Waterwood Lights



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