



Waterwood Neighborhood News



The Water Hyacinth Cometh

If you don't live on or near the water in Waterwood, you may have missed the 2008 plague of the water hyacinth. This plant has come back with vengeance this year and our neighbors on the water are having a real serious problem.

Water hyacinth was introduced to the US in 1884 at the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition in New Orleans. It was imported from its native home in South America as an ornamental plant.

The hyacinth is a free-floating perennial plant that can grow to the height of 3 feet. The hyacinth has special adaptations to allow it to grow and spread rapidly in fresh water. It is the fastest growing plant in the world. It is also considered the world's worst aquatic plant.

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THE 4TH OF JULY PARTY

Are you ready for some fun and fire works? Waterwoodians are going to celebrate a good "Old Fashion" 4th of July celebration on Friday, July 4th, 2008 at the Waterwood Marina. The events will start at 6:00 PM.

A live band will start playing at 6:00PM. Door prizes will be given away throughout the night. The final prize will be a Gasoline Card for free gas. The Waterwood Volunteer Fire Department will sell BBQ and the "fixins" as a fund raiser. They will make you an old fashion country BBQ plate that will "knock your socks off".

There will be three decoration contests with trophies awarded for the top three entries in each category. The first contest will be the best decorated boat. The second contest will be the best decorated golf cart, wagon and/or wheel barrow. The third contest will be for the best 4th costume.

There will be a big tent to shade you from the sun. Space will be on a first come basis. You are going to have to bring your own lawn chairs or whatever you want to sit in and enjoy the festivities. Please bring your own cooler and what goes in it. There will be no beer or soda sales.

There will be free face painting, horse shoes and games. The fireworks will start at dark. Donnie Marshall will be in charge of the festivities.

Make your plans now; invite your family and friends. Let's celebrate our great country and what the 4th really means. See you on the 4th.

Welcome to WNN

Here we are almost summer where has 2008 gone? The heat and humidity are already in the 90s, and summer doesn't start until June 21.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the Waterwood Neighborhood News. We have been in business for one year. Thank you for reading and enjoying our publication. We look forward to another year of serving you.

We need to remind every one, in case of an emergency, call **911**, and then call Waterwood Security at **681-2800**.

Speaking of Security, welcome back Johnny McGee! Johnny was hospitalized for awhile, but he is back serving you and our community. When you see him making his rounds, wave and smile and welcome him back.

Rumor: A potential deal for the Club is "getting close". Now how many times have those words been stated over the years? Hey, any good rumors are good news as far as that matter is concerned.

Rumor #2: The Waterwood Signs at 190 and 980 are going to be moved. Well, the Board voted to move the signs.

Did you all get the mailing from the Club about their activities for non-members? If you didn't, there are a lot of "things" going on at the Club that might be of interest to you. They are open from Tuesday thru Sunday with all kinds of activities. You need to call them at **891-5211** to inquire about day and night time events. Check it out, you could be pleasantly surprised.

Hope you are planning to attend the Old Fashion 4th of July celebration. Pat Willborn, Donnie Marshall and the Social Events Committee are planning to put on the best Independence Day festival ever. **Mark** your calendars; **invite** your

family and friends for Friday, July 4th, 6:00 PM till the last person leaves.

Please email us at wnn@waterwoodwia.com. This publication is your news. Please become a part of the Waterwood Neighborhood News.

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

John Shideler – Editor



HELP WANTED!!!!!!

We need your help in policing the trash area. We are having problems with people, mostly non Waterwoodians, dumping anything and everything out there.

When you are putting your trash in the bins and you see someone without a Waterwood sticker on their vehicle, dumping trash, write down their license number, the time and date. Report this to the WIA office.

If you see a large truck or trailer dumping their load in the bins, call security at 661-2800 and tell them about the problem.

Our maintenance people spend a lot of their time cleaning this mess up. With a little bit of help from you and our Waterwood neighbors, we can clean up this area as well as keep the non Waterwoodians out of our trash.

Thanks for your help.



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Computer Corner By: John Charlton

Backup... Backup.... Backup! We all know we should backup our computers. But what? There are two very different types of backup programs out there. There are programs that will backup your entire hard drive, and, there are programs that will backup files like Word documents and pictures. I use both, and I will also admit I don't use them often enough.

To backup your entire computer you will need either a second partition on your hard drive, a DVD writer, or a USB plug in hard drive. I use the Seagate FreeAgent USB drive. It is an 80 gig drive and cost less than \$100. You can get them up to 500 gig for less than \$150. The nice thing about this drive is it comes with backup software for your files.

The other thing you will need is a program to copy everything on your hard drive to your USB

drive. I use DrivelImage XML. It is a free download and you can find it at www.download.com. DrivelImage XML will backup everything on your hard drive. So, it is a good idea to clean up your hard drive before you back it up. Run Crap Cleaner, go through your music and picture files. It can take two or three hours to backup you entire computer.

When I get a new computer. I load all the programs I use on it and configure the Internet. I then run DrivelImage XML. Usually you can save this image to a DVD, as it will be less than 4.5 gig. If something were to happen to your computer, like a virus, or a glitch in the operating system. You can run DrivelImage and you PC will return to the date you made the image...No Virus...No extra time loading the programs.

Next time we will look at some programs for backing up individual files.

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WOULD YOU BELIEVE?

1. Prices on some items at Wal Mart in Huntsville are lower than the same items in Livingston.

Why? Because Livingston is considered a resort area and higher prices are justified?

2. Sometime this year FM 980 will be mowed.

We think the wild flowers have bloomed already!

3. Ever wonder why armadillos are around?

To make your dogs bark at night and to rid your yards of grubs, bugs and grass.

4. Gasoline prices are cheaper in Walker County Lower than any place around Lake Livingston.

There goes that resort area pricing again.

WATERWOOD BENEFITS

1. A quiet and safe place to live

2. Friendly neighbors

3. Enforced Restrictions

4. Well Maintained Area

5. 24 Hour Security and VFD

6. Onsite Management Team

7. Paved Streets and good drainage

8. Good Drinking Water and Sewer System

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WIA Board Meeting 5/19/08

President Jack Zimmermann called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. All of the Directors were present. Nine visitors attended the meeting.

Mr. Spencer Karr, of the Trinity River Authority, was a special guest of the Board. He spoke to the Board about the aquatic vegetation on Lake Livingston. Mr. Karr advised the Board that the TRA had applied for a grant from the federal government through the Texas Parks & Wildlife for aerial spraying to aid with the control of the aquatic vegetation.

Executive Director, Joe Moore, advised the Board that the office had experienced air conditioning problems. After discussion, Mr. Moore was asked to acquire bids for the purchase of a new unit.

The ACB reported that eleven (11) first time violation notices had been mailed. Nine violations have been corrected. There were five (5) Small Improvement Project Applications

5) Small Improvement Project Applications approved by the ACB.

Community Social Events Chair, Pat Willborn, advised the Board that plans for the Old Fashion July 4th celebration were being formatted. Donnie Marshall has volunteered to be the event chairman.

Security Chair, Pat Nabers, informed the Board that one of the Security vehicles had over 150,000 miles and the repair costs were increasing. She said that she would be researching the replacement markets and report back to the Board.

The Board voted to let the lease expire on the land where the existing Waterwood sign sets at the entrance on Highway 190. The Board also voted to remove both the Waterwood signs from their current locations.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 PM.



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Hyacinth Photos

The hyacinth is a very aggressive invader that can form thick mats. It can even grow in toxic water. It grows best in still or slow-moving water. The plants are difficult to destroy. Some of the most effective measures of control are biological controls, such as weevils, fungi, Chinese grass carp and manatees.

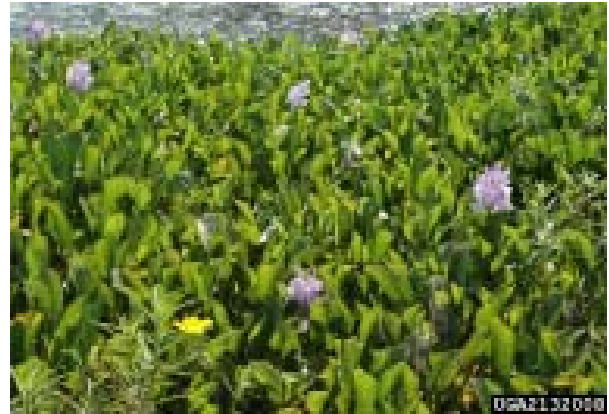
Herbicides and mechanical controls are another solution to its growth. The TRA has sprayed many of the infested spots in Waterwood. The spraying has killed many of these plants. The major problem with spraying is the spray boat, a large air boat, can not get deep enough in infested areas to kill every plant.

Another mechanical control is a harvesting boat. This boat has an open end where the hyacinth is collected and pushed back to a storage area. The harvest is then taken to a deposit area and destroyed. This type of an operation is expensive and does not keep up with the massive growth of the plant.

WNN is told by many sources that we must do something at the original breeding grounds to help stem the flow of hyacinth into Waterwood. The TRA is seeking a grant from the U. S. Department of Agriculture through Texas Parks and Wildlife to have Arial spaying of the shallow head waters of Lake Livingston. This could aid in helping to stem the tremendous growth this year.

We pray for good winds to blow the hyacinth out of Waterwood. We hope the TRA spraying in Waterwood will continue, and we hope the “grant” is awarded for the Arial spaying.

We feel sorry for our lake side neighbors. We hope this problem will be corrected soon.



Before Spraying



After Herbicide Spraying



Boat Harvest



Neighborhood Pets

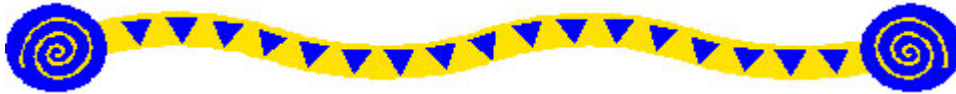


Hi folks, my name is "Nilla" Wafer Prine. I am a Female yellow Labrador Retriever. I live near the eighth green on the golf course. I will be seven years old on July 4th. My mommy and daddy got me when I was six weeks old, needless to say, I'm a "high maintenance blond".

I love living at Waterwood. I like walking down to the club house early in the morning, going for golf cart rides, chasing squirrels and laying on the back deck with the kitty cat the mommy and daddy adopted last fall. Happy 4th of July.

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