



Waterwood Neighborhood News



*Waterwood Municipal Utility District
Water Processing Plant*

Waterwood MUD

Where and how do “Waterwoodians” get their drinking water? Out of Lake Livingston or out of the Ground? We get our water out of Lake Livingston and two wells.

The Waterwood Municipal Utility District No. 1 (MUD) was created by an order of the Texas Water Commission on February 8, 1973. The District was established to provide water, sewer, drainage and fire protection to residents of the District.

MUD contracted with Waterwood Improvement Association, Inc. (WIA) on June 28, 1973 to make adequate provision for the extension of utility services into the community of Waterwood. The tenants of this contract stated that MUD would incur the costs to acquire, construct and maintain the facilities and all operational expenses. WIA would incur the costs

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Spring Fling on 4/26/08

Get ready for the Waterwood Annual “Spring Fling”. All Waterwoodians and their guests are invited to join your neighbors for fun and food on Saturday April 26, 2008 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

The “Fling” will be held at the Country Club by the swimming pool. Parking will be in the Club parking lot next to the Cabanas. The swimming pool will be available to the “Fling” participants. A life guard will be present.

The menu is “BBQ with all the trimmings”, plus drinks. The price is **FREE** to all Waterwoodians and their guests. Mark your calendars and join us on April 26.

A “Fling” golf tournament will be held at the Club on the 26th. It will start at 8:00 AM.

It will be a Scramble format with A, B, C, and D players. The fees are: Golfing Members - \$10.00 for the prize money and Non members an entry fee of \$35.00. This entry fee includes \$10.00 for the prize money and \$25.00 for a round of golf and a cart.

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Welcome to WNN



Waterwood in the spring, how beautiful. The Redbud trees are budding; The leaves on the trees are coming back. The weeds are coming up in our yards. Isn't it great to live in the country and be a "Waterwoodian".

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The WIA annual "**Spring Fling**" will be held on Saturday, **April 26th** at the Country Club.

Also start planning to be in Waterwood on the **4th of July**. The Community Social Events Committee is planning to have a good ole fashion 4th of July celebration. It should be one of the biggest and best 4th celebrations ever held in Waterwood. More information will be forth coming. Don't miss these events. Start making your plans now.

GOOD NEWS! Matt Landow advised the WIA Board that the current owner is in discussions with two prospective buyers for the Club and Golf Course. In the mean time, they remain "optimistic" and are "fixing things up".

ATTENTION "Waterwoodians", we have to keep our pets under leash while walking them. Our constable and the county animal control officer will start issuing citations to the owners of any pets running loose. We need your help in abiding by the San Jacinto County "Leash Laws".

Thanks for all those emails about the WNN. We are happy that you are happy. If any of our readers have any new places to go and/or see around our area, please drops an email at wnn@waterwoodwia.com and let us know so we can share this with other "Waterwoodians".

The feature article in our next edition of the WNN will be about one of our favorite governmental bodies the San Jacinto County Appraisal District. We hope to inform all "Waterwoodians" about the "dos and don'ts" in dealing with our friends in Coldspring.

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 YOUR FOR READING THE WNN.

John Shideler – Editor



Waterwood Boat Club Meets



The initial meeting of the Waterwood Boat Club (WBC) was held on March 15, 2008.

Officers were elected; Walt Ringler – Commodore, Mike Burney - Vice Commodore and Earl Mc Vay – Rear Commodore.

Charter Members of the WBC are: Ed Barnett, Mike Burney, Justin Curren, Baldomar Garcia, Al Goldsmith, Steve Heide, Bob Lane, R. J. Macha, Johnny McGee, Earl McVay, David Merlot, Phil Palmer, Tom Readal, Walt Ringler, John Shideler, and Bill Stevens.

The initial purpose and goals of the WBC are to establish an organization that serves the mutual

interests of the boating community in Waterwood.

The members would share information and experiences concerning boating and related activities. The WBC would provide a source of data concerning boat dealers, sales and service as well as information related to boating facilities and marinas.

Members would also provide mutual support in all boating activities such as parades, social events and holidays. The WBC would also provide mutual aid for on-the-water emergencies via a small phone network of members.

If you have any questions and want to join the WBC, please contact Commodore Walt Ringler at:

walt@american-enterprise.com.



Computer Corner

by John Charlton



SPAM! If you lived in Hawaii or served in WW II you know what Spam is. However, this article is not about that rare canned delicacy. We are going to talk about the stuff that comes to your email account that you never requested, and if you have email, you have SPAM.

There are plenty of good commercial Spam filters out there. However on the free side things are a little tight. If you use Microsoft Outlook, the best free program is called SpamFighter. Once

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installed SpamFighter will place another tool bar below the regular Outlook tool bar. It will scan your incoming email and place all known Spam in a separate folder. You can then review this email and delete it by clicking on the SpamFighter tool bar 'More' and selecting 'Empty Spam Folder', or if you wish to keep it click on 'Unblock'. SpamFighter will move the selected email to your Inbox. SpamFighter can be downloaded at:

http://www.spamfighter.com/Download_Download.asp

It is free for home use, however, they will try to get you to buy a copy.

Another solution is to get yourself a Gmail account. They are free and allow you to do a lot more than just email. Gmail has one of the best Spam filters I have seen. I can see the reaction now. 'I don't want to change my email address again!'. The beauty of Gmail is you don't have to! You can have your regular POP3 email account, (that is what your Windstream email is) go through Gmail.

First go to gmail and get an account. If you have problems getting a Gmail account, email me. Then logon to the account and go to 'Settings' 'Accounts' and 'Get Mail from Other Accounts'. Type in your Windstream email address. Next, enter your Windstream Username and Password. For the 'Pop Server' enter 'pop.windstream.net' (no quotes)

Once set up, Gmail will then pull all your email into one source and check it for Spam at the same time. It will leave a copy on the server, so you can still check it through Windstream or Outlook if you wish. I currently have Gmail retrieving email from three other accounts. I like this method as it takes care of Spam, consolidates my email accounts, and gives me access to all my email over the web, yet, still allows me to use Outlook if I wish.

A good page to bookmark for Windstream users is:

<http://www2.windstream.net/alltel/portal/customersupport/?hrefURL=/customersupport/generalsupport/address.html>

You can find all your Windstream settings there. Next month, well to tell the truth, I have no idea.



At Waterwood National



Family Night Buffet

April 17, 2008

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Mexican Theme Dining

Call 936-891-5211 for menu and to make reservations.

Wind Down

April 18, 2008

6:00pm - 7:00pm

1/2 Price Drinks!

Family Night Buffet

April 24, 2008

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Southern Home Cooking

Call 936-891-5211 for menu and to make reservations.

Wind Down

April 25, 2008

6:00pm - 7:00pm

1/2 Price Drinks!



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costs and expense to provide land, easements, and right-of-way necessary to construct these facilities.

Remember that the Waterwood founding fathers estimated a population of over 200,000 people. With that in mind, the main lines of our water systems were designed to handle over 20,000 homes. This factor has its good and bad sides. It's good because we have more than adequate supply and a delivery system. The downside of this operation is the system is not being used to its potential and requires frequent flushing of the lines.

The two water wells that currently serve Waterwood were drilled near the present location of our water storage tank off of FM 980. Number 1 well is located adjacent to the storage facility and Number 2 well is about 600 yards south of the area. The wells have over 250 feet of casing and are powered by 135 gallon per minute (gpm) pumps. Pump #1 is used once per week in the winter and 3 days per week in the summer months.



Waterwood MUD Well #1 Pump

MUD entered into a contract with the Trinity River Authority of Texas (TRA) to purchase water from the TRA on June 27, 1979. MUD has agreed

to pay an annual standby charge

based on rates charged by the TRA to other

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municipalities. During this past fiscal year (2007), MUD incurred costs of \$23,412.00 for this water. MUD pumped a total of 26,541,000 gallons through the system during this past fiscal year.

Our surface water plant is located 4 miles north of Waterwood in the Emerald Pointe subdivision. We have two 350 gpm pumps feeding our water plant. The water is pumped out of Lake Livingston tested and treated.

The water is fed into our system by a main line from Emerald Pointe to the Waterwood entrance. This water then goes into our main lines and/or to our 850,000 gallon storage tank located on FM 980. MUD tries to maintain a static pressure of 52 psi in our system.

Our water distribution system has over 30 miles of pipe. We have main line piping ranging from 2" PVC pipe to 16" metal pipe that supplies over 300,000 gallons per day in the summer months. Joe Meyers reports, "When we have a long dry spell, the land shifts causing breaks in the lines and we have a lot of water leaks to be fixed".

The Waterwood sewage collection system was designed for 20,000 homes. It also has over 30 miles of piping. It is a gravity flow system with sewage flowing down hill until it must be pumped up, at certain spots, to a higher level to continue its downward flow. This requires 13 lift stations throughout our community to meet our daily requirements. Would you believe, the city of Huntsville also has 13 lift stations to handle its much larger system.

The sewage collection system, for both sides of FM 980, flows into our sewage treatment facility at the dead end of Latrobe past the Parkway. This plant handles is rated for 100,000 gallons of sewage daily.

The MUD and its Board of Directors is subject to the continuing supervision of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The Board Members are elected by the property owners. There are five Directors on the Board. The officers, President, Vice-President, and

Secretary are elected by the Board. The terms of the Directors are for four years. The staggered terms of the Directors are: two members are elected on the even years and the other three are elected the following year.

The Board meets monthly on the third Tuesday. Their meetings are open to the

public and visitors are welcome

to attend the meetings. Board members and officers are: Betts Horn, President, H. D. Wiginton, Secretary, Henry Picklo and Dick Hansen Directors.

The MUD does not have any employees. The Board has contracted with Palmer Management to run the District on a daily basis. Palmer Management Co. is licensed by the TCEQ as a Wastewater Operations Company, OC 20096. Joe Meyers, a twenty-five year veteran of MUD holds a Surface Water Treatment Operator's "B" License, WSO 4942. Eric Steinbach, has worked for Palmer Management for over 14 years, holds Water Treatment Operator's "C" License WSO 3791 and a Wastewater Treatment Operator's "C"



Waterwood MUD Storage Tank



Waterwood MUD Clean Water Tank

License WW 7299.

Joe Meyers, Supervisor of Operations, spends the majority of his day at the Surface Water Plant in the Emerald Pointe area. Joe runs daily tests on our water that must be reported directly to the TCEQ. Eric is responsible for the Sewage Treatment Plant on a daily basis. Joe and Eric's other duties are reading meters,

fixing leaks and other maintenance projects.

Anita Treadway is the friendly voice that answers the phone at MUD. She is also responsible for billing and accounting. As the owner of Palmer Management, Phil Palmer has been the guiding light of MUD for over thirty years.

We the end users of the MUD services have cussed and discussed taxes, low pressure and other items about MUD. "Waterwoodians" have the very best MUD services on Lake Livingston. We need to thank the MUD Board and those hard working Palmer Management personnel for giving us another reason to be proud of living in Waterwood.

There is a critical fiscal problem facing MUD in the near future. The WIA Board notified MUD that WIA would exercise its prerogative to cancel its contract with MUD. The contract provided that an annual fee of approximately \$50,000.00 be paid. This fee will end next year.

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WIA Board Meeting 3/17/08

The contract also provided that WIA would pay MUD 25% of all monies collected from property owners who had no homes on their lots. These fees would be used to provide maintenance of facilities. This provision of the contract has expired leaving a 10% shortfall of income to MUD in the future.

The MUD Board and Palmer Management are reviewing the significant budget shortfall. If additional revenues can not be found, the home owners will probably pick up the majority of the deficit.

The MUD personnel want to know if you see a leak. They want to know if you have low pressure. They want to know if you have an odor or bad taste in your water. Call them at **(936) 891-5019** if you have a problem. This call will help them help you.



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The 4th Hole at Waterwood National

You can not beat that price for a round of golf, plus the fun of golfing with your friends and family. Call David at the Pro Shop **891-5050** and he will sign you up today.

We need to thank Pat Willborn our Socials Chair and her committee for their hard work on the "Fling". The best thanks that we can give them is to come out and join the **FUN!**



Executive Vice President (EVP) Earl McVay called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. All Directors were present. There were 15 visitors attending the meeting.

Executive Director Joe Moore reported that 32% of the WIA fees for 2007 have been paid. The current collections are \$120,900.00.

Chairman Garcia of the ACB reported that twelve (12) violation notices had been mailed out during the past month. There were also two small improvement projects approved by the ACB.

After a lengthy discussion, EVP McVay advised the ACB to be more aggressive in their handling of violations in the future.

Community Social Events Chair Pat Willborn reported that the annual Spring Fling will be held at the Country Club on Saturday, April 26, 2008. The food will be served from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. There will be a golf tournament starting at 8:00 AM that day.

Chair Willborn also discussed the 4th of July celebration. It will be held at the marina starting around 6:00 PM. More information will be forthcoming at the April Board Meeting.

Security Chair Pat Nabers advised the Board that our security detail traveled over 7,900 miles in February and handled three incidents.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 AM.

Monthly Meetings

The WIA Board of Directors (BOD) meet on the third Monday of each month, except in October, at 9:00 AM in the WIA Office building. Members and visitors are invited to attend the meetings.



Spring Flowers!



Bluebonnets, "Buttercups", and Indian Paintbrushes are Blooming In East Texas

The Texas wildflowers are blooming. Now is the time to take your spring drive through our area to see some of nature's finest displays of spring color. The following Internet pages give helpful information on this special time of the year.

<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/services/maintenance/wildflowers/default.htm>

http://www.txdot.gov/travel/flora_conditions.htm

<http://tourtexas.com/@rchivewild.html>

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Cooking with Bill

Cowboy Steak

Ingredients

2 Medium Rib Eye Steaks

1 Pot Fresh Pinto Beans

8 Cherry Tomatoes Halved

2 Slices of Butter



1 Tablespoon Olive Oil

1 Small Yellow Onion Quartered

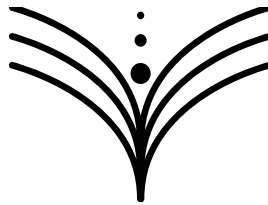
1 Medium Sized Jalapeno Diced

Salt and Pepper

Directions

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Neighborhood Pets



Peekaboo Hooker

Hello, folks!! My name is Peekaboo Hooker. I run the household of Gene and Margie Hooker. My house is located on the pond at the 17th fairway for you golfing people.

By the way, I guard the 17th green as well as the 11th green and tee box on the 12th hole. My eyesight, as you can tell, is quite keen and I usually can be found sitting on the back of Gene's leather chair keeping a sharp eye out for suspicious characters on the greens around my house.

Gene and I like to take golf cart rides in the afternoon because I have willingly taken on the responsibility of chasing the troublesome squirrels away from the golf course. My little legs are quite short but I run like a rocket and very few things can outrun me.

My master is Gene but to tell the truth I have him wrapped around my little toe. Gene trained me to recover golf balls. He hits them and I go after them. One afternoon while we were out for our ride, I spied a golf ball on the fairway so I ran to retrieve it and took it back to the golf cart.

Soon some guys came up looking for a ball and I had to give it back. Gene didn't fuss at me because, after all I'm only a little girl with fluffy white fur and who could get mad at me when they look into my big innocent brown eyes.

If you know of special Waterwood pets you would like to be featured, contact us at wnn@waterwoodwia.com!



San Jacinto County Substation in Point Blank Annex Services

The San Jacinto County Substation in Point Blank Annex has recently added services. Now, on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8 AM to 12 and from 1 to 4 PM the office is open for services such as obtaining vehicle registration tags and some other county Tax Assessor-Collector services. The office is conveniently located on 156 near 190.

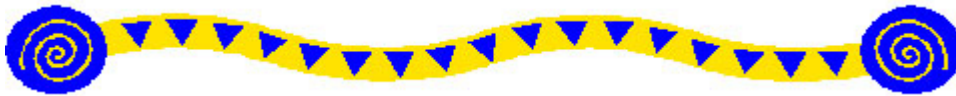
Call 936-653-3292 or 936-653-2311 for more information or visit the county website at:

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