



# Waterwood Neighborhood News

## Waterwood's Telephone Service

On May 7, 1974 the Waterwood Telephone Company opened its doors for business. The original switching unit was a World War II "cross-bar" switch that was mounted on a tractor trailer van.

The phone lines and TV cable lines were laid by a sub-contractor for SHECO who laid these lines with the electric cables all at one time.



The current "phone" office/building was built in the mid 1980s. Roger Honea, our Customer Service Technician remembers pulling cable into the new switching station. Roger has been with the "phone" company since 1978.

Roger has watched our little phone company grow and change hands over the past thirty years. Waterwood Communications was bought by Sugarland Telephone in the mid 1980s.

## New Yard Debris Pick up Program

The WIA Maintenance Committee has proposed a new yard debris pick up test program for the Waterwood community starting in December.

Our Maintenance contractor will pick up bagged leaves, tied twigs and small limbs every Monday. The WIA resident must take the yard debris to the curb and call the WIA office for pick up.

The WIA number is **891-7710**. This number is handled by an answering machine when the office is closed.

General rules provide that nothing other than yard debris will be picked up. Any garbage, paper and/or trash will not be handled by this new service.

If you place garbage on the street, varmints may break the bags and spread the garbage around the street. The resident will be responsible for cleaning up the mess.

It is recommended that large, (at least 30 gallon) sturdy plastic bags be used for the leaves. The bag should be tied and placed at the curb.

To keep these bags from becoming an eyesore, it is recommended that the bags and other debris be placed on the curbs on the weekends.



**WIA Auto ID Stickers - Get them at the WIA office or call 891-7710**

# Welcome to WNN

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We Waterwoodians have many things to be thankful for in November of 2008. This Thanksgiving we say thanks for our neighbors and our neighborhood. We were fortunate and thankful for missing the major devastation of Hurricane Ike.

Would you believe Polk and San Jacinto counties are still moving debris to dumping sites from the aftermath of Ike. Many subdivisions in both counties have many downed trees and houses with "blue" tarps on their roofs. WOW!!

Once again neighbors, security needs our help. There are many of you out there who do not have Waterwood ID stickers on your vehicles. Please go by and/or call the WIA office to get a sticker. The sticker will let security know that you belong in our community.

In many guarded communities around Lake Livingston, you can not get through the gate or drive around the area without a sticker or a tag hanging from your rearview mirror. Please help us out with this matter. Get a sticker and place it on the front window of the vehicle. **THANK YOU.**

Our WIA Board meets every third Monday of the month. The December meeting will be held Monday, 12/15. The meetings start at 9:00AM in the WIA Board room. Everyone is encouraged to join your neighbors, have a cup of coffee, and watch your Board at work.

As reported in the October edition of WNN there will be no Christmas trees on the Parkway between 980 and the Club. Holiday decorations will be at the WIA building and Fire station.

Remember the annual Holiday lighting reception will be held in the WIA Board room on November 29, starting at 7:00 PM.

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Alltel, through mergers and purchases, bought our system in the early 1990s and changed its name to "windstream" in 2006.

Our phone system serves over 700 homes in Waterwood, Lakeside Village and Emerald Point. Waterwood Communications planned for a large growth of customers. There are enough "pairs" of wire to handle over 10,000 future subscribers.

Our service has improved in the 2000s. We now have high speed DSL. Future plans include dedicating one fiber optics line for DSL growth. New equipment and services can be viewed at the "windstream" website: [www.windstream.com](http://www.windstream.com).

If you have any service problems, please call 1-800-501-1754. If you plan to dig in and around your yard, please call **DIG 1-888-258-0808**. This number will contact a firm who will mark your underground utilities. If you do not call them and



Our MUD at work. Eric Steinbach works on a leaking service in the Bay Hill area. **Costs.**

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## ACB 2008-09

The new WIA Architectural Control Board (ASB) had their first meeting on Monday 10, 2008. The committee consists of Chairman, John Charlton, members Mike Bercu, Barbara Bunyard, Joe Moore and John Shideler.



The ACB meets every second Monday of the month. The meeting starts at 9:00AM. The meetings are held at the WIA office and are open to all Waterwood property owners.

ABC actions for October 2008 were as follows:

1. Six Letters were mailed out for violations: three for boats in the drive ways; one to mow and clean yard; one a for sale sign on building; and one to move debris out of yard. Three violations were corrected.
2. Two verbal contacts were made: one for a sign on the balcony and one to clean the yard. Both violations were corrected.
3. Three small improvement projects applications were approved.
4. One large improvement project application was approved

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## NEIGHBORHOOD PET

Well folks our November Neighborhood Pet article and photo were lost in the Email. Sorry about that. We are looking for a good candidate for our Holiday edition.

This will be filled on a *first come* basis. If you have a candidate, please email us at [wnn@waterwoodwia.com](mailto:wnn@waterwoodwia.com). THANKS

## WOULD YOU BELIEVE?

No disrespect to our Longhorn friends here is the latests "Horn Joke" - T E C H !!!!



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## Computer Corner

By John Charlton

Remember in high school economics they talked about a guy that started a business building Widgets? I always wondered what a widget looked like.

Well now I know and they are pretty neat! I'm talking about Yahoo Widgets, which you can get for free on your computer at <http://widgets.yahoo.com/download/>. Widgets are small programs that run on your desktop.

Microsoft introduced a form of widgets with Vista. What I like about Yahoo's is you don't need Vista. They should work on all windows platforms.

I keep four widgets I keep on my desk top. The weather for Point Blank, that's as close as I can get to Waterwood.

A financial widget. The financial widget is showing the major averages, but you can configure it for any stocks you want.

The third widget is a Gmail notifier. It tells me I have two unread emails.

The fourth widget is a computer monitor. It tells me how much of the computer's cpu is being used, how much memory, hard drive, and some network information.

There are more than 5,000 widgets available on the yahoo site. You can get weather, listen to the radio, play music, play games, get news, monitor you email, display pictures, and thousands of other things.

So, check Widgets out. It may just make your computer more useful.



## County Voting Results

There were major upsets in the San Jacinto county general election this month. Sheriff Lacy Rogers was upset by James Lewis Walters. The official voting results were Walters – 4,508 to Rogers 4,338. Rogers had been sheriff for twenty years. Sheriff-elect Walters has spent over 24 years with the Harris county sheriff's office.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Michael Griffith was beaten by Laddie McAnally. McAnally received 1,014 votes to Griffith's 915 votes.

Precinct 3 Commissioner David Brandon was defeated by James Moody 1471 to 970.

There were a total of 9,077 ballots cast in the county. 2,296 Republicans voted straight party ballots while 1,686 Democrats hit the straight "D" key.

### State and National Offices

State Representative, District 12, Van Brookshire 4,473 to Jim McReynolds 4,092.

US Representative, District 8, Kevin Brady 5,392 to Kent Hagett 2,755.

US Senator, John Cornyn 5,418 to Richard Noriega 3,091.

President, John McCain 6,151 to Barack Obama 2,721.

### IN MEMORIAM

#### **PATRICIA HEALY**

Long time Waterwood resident Patricia Healy passed away on November 1, 2008.

A memorial service was held in Cabot, Arkansas.

## New WIA Committee Assignments

WIA President, Jack Zimmermann, has appointed the following Committee assignments for the 2008-09 Board term.

### **Architectural Control Board**

Chairman: John Charlton  
Member: Mike Bercu  
Member: Barbara Bunyard  
Member: Joe Moore  
Member: John Shideler

### **Audit/Financial**

Chairman: Earl McVay  
Member: Joe Moore  
Member: Tom Readal

### **Community Communications**

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Chairman: John Shideler  
Member: Jan Goldsmith  
Member: Lisa Hayman

**Web Site** John Charlton

### **Community Social Events**

Chairman: Donnie Marshall  
Member: Barry Stanley

### **EMS and VFD Liaison**

Chairman: Donnie Marshall  
Member: Jan Goldsmith

### **Government Liaison**

Chairman: Mike Bercu  
Member: Donnie Marshall  
Member: Barry Stanley

### **Maintenance**

Chair: Jan Goldsmith  
Member: John Shideler

### **MUD and Security Liaison**

Chairman: Barry Stanley  
Member: Mike Bercu

### **Nominations**

Chairman: Earl McVay  
Member: Baldomar Garcia

### **Real Estate**

Chairman: Tom Readal  
Member: Mike Burney  
Member: John Charlton  
Member: Earl McVay

## THIS IS YOUR WIA BOARD



Seated L-R Jack Zimmermann & Earl McVay. Standing L-R Donnie Marshall, Jan Goldsmith, Barry Stanley, Mike Bercu, Tom Readal, John Charlton and John Shideler

## Welcome New Board



From L-R Barry Stanley, Mike Bercu, Jan Goldsmith and Tom Readal



## Waterwood Boat Club News

The WBC held its first social event on Friday, November 14, 2008. A dinner affair was held at the new Lakeside Marina in Onalaska.

Twenty-two Waterwoodians enjoyed the dinner and camaraderie of the evening. The event was planned by Social Committee Chair Gerry Barnett.

Gerry and her Committee are planning more events in the future. Some of the ideas are: a food and wine fest, a dinner at Vintner's in Homestead, a Lobster Bake, a St. Patrick's Day Party, and of course the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.



Membership is open to any Waterwoodian who has a boat or is considering the purchase of a boat. Membership is \$25.00 annually.



## My How Things Change



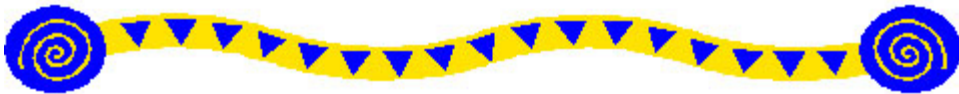
This photo was taken on the afternoon of 9/13/08, as Hurricane Ike was passing.



This photo was taken the morning of 11/17/08.

The contrast between these photos demonstrates the ability of how our community is able to overcome obstacles and return to a place that we all are proud to call home, **Waterwood**.

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