



Waterwood Neighborhood News



MEET THE MAYOR

Who is that guy driving that tractor down the Waterwood Parkway and chewing on that old cigar? That "Dude" is **Shorty**.

Julius "**Shorty**" Currie, the mayor of Northern San Jacinto County, was born in the county on November 23, 1930. He was raised with his two brothers on his Dad's cotton farm.

He met his future wife, Anita, while both were attending Oakhurst schools. They have been married for 57 years. Anita is the Postmaster in Oakhurst. They have two grown daughters; Kathy, who has two boys and a girl; and Linda, who has three girls.

Shorty worked on his dad's farm and then went to work for the Diamond 6 Ranch on Highway 156. He worked on the ranch for 20 years. Shorty had a chance to go to work for a new development in North San Jacinto County, and he joined the Waterwood team in 1978.

Shorty's first job for Waterwood was to mow the paths and gravel roads throughout the community. He has seen our community in the good and bad times. He's seen many good neighbors come and go over the years. He really likes his job and his friends in Waterwood.



Annual WIA Meeting

President Jack Zimmermann called the Annual WIA meeting to order at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 11, 2008. The meeting was held at the Waterwood Volunteer Fire Department building. Over 40 Waterwoodians were in attendance.



Minutes of the 2007 Annual Membership meeting were approved. Ratification of the Auditors Report for 2008 was discussed.

President Zimmerman praised the WIA Board's decision to hire Street Brothers to clean up the debris created by Hurricane Ike. He also thanked Dick Hansen for his hard work during the Ike cleanup.

The cost of the clean up will be over \$40,000.00. To help defray some of this expense, those people who had debris taken off of their property could donate money to WIA.

President Zimmermann advised that all negotiations relative to the moving of the Waterwood signs and flag poles have been terminated. The WIA Board voted to no longer maintain privately owned property along the Parkway, allowing it to grow to its natural state as it is now.

WIA will continue to mow WIA-owned land along the two lane portion of the Parkway. This policy met with the approval of the WIA members at the annual meeting.

Welcome to WNN

We Waterwoodians were spared a great deal of damage from Hurricane IKE. Yes we lost a lot of trees, yes some of our homes were damaged, but travel around the lake and look at the horrendous destruction of property. We were lucky!

The marina at Cape Royale received extensive damage. WNN was advised that one of the estimates to repair the damage was over \$750,000.00. Debris is still scattered all over Polk and San Jacinto counties. There were 127 truck loads of debris taken out of Waterwood.

Many thanks go out to **Joe Meyers** and **Eric Steinbach** for the fabulous job they did keeping our water system flowing during the Hurricane IKE recovery. Many MUDs around the lake posted "**Boil Water**" notices.

It looks like fall has finally come to Waterwood. The leaves, those left after IKE, are starting to fall and our temperatures are getting lower each week. Halloween is almost here. What is next? Thanksgiving and then the Holiday Season.

2008 has flown by so quickly. We are now in the final stages of "Election 2008" PLEASE get out and vote on November 4th. Your vote is important to the future of our county, our state and our country.

THANK YOU for being a good neighbor.

Please email us at wnn@waterwoodwia.com with your comments. The WNN publication is your window to what is happening in your community. Please become a part of the Waterwood Neighborhood News.

THE WNN IS PUBLISHED ON A MONTHLY 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

GOOD NEIGHBORS

WNN received the following note from new Waterwoodians, and we wanted to pass it on to you. This is what Waterwood is really about.

We have lived in Waterwood for a year and a half. We have enjoyed living here with its' rural community feel and its relaxing atmosphere. We have met several folks but not nearly all. Our work schedules keep us from attending most functions Waterwood has through out the year. Hurricane Ike helped us meet more of our neighbors. Neighbors, we have waved to but never actually met came by to check if we had food, ice and water. It was a very thoughtful "family-like" action. I just wanted to thank all of our neighbors for the kindness and concern given to all of the Waterwood family.

Sincerely,
Kenny & Terri Cobb



IN MEMORIAM

LARRY PYNES

Long time Waterwood resident Larry Pynes passed away on Friday, October 3, 2008. He is survived by his wife Susie.

Those wishing to remember Larry can make donations to the American Cancer Society, Walker County Unit, P.O. Box 281, Huntsville, TX 77342

DIANA SPURLING

Diana Spurling, long time Waterwood resident passed away on October 2, 2008.

She is survived by her husband Jack ,two children, two step-children and 8 grandchildren.

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WBC Holds Annual Meeting

The newly organized Waterwood Boating Club (WBC) held its annual meeting at the Ringler residence. Eighteen members were present and voting.

The meeting was called to order by Commodore, (President) Walt Ringler. Socials Chair Gerry Barnett previewed potential social events for 2009. Among her ideas were: Dine Around Cruises, Vintner's Dinner, Blessing of the Fleet, 4th of July Boat Parade and a Progressive Dinner.

Mike Burney presented the proposed Bylaws to the members. After discussion the Bylaws were passed. The Objectives of the WBC are:

1. Promote the participation in and enjoyment of recreational boating in the Waterwood vicinity of Lake Livingston.

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WOULD YOU BELIEVE?

No disrespect to our Aggie friends, here is the latests "**Aggie Joke**" - LLABTOOF !!!!

THINK ABOUT THIS from the Internet....

Back in 1990, the Government seized the Mustang Ranch brothel in Nevada for tax evasion and as required by law, tried to run it. They failed and it was closed. Now we are trusting the economy of our country to bureaucrats who couldn't make money running a house of ill repute and selling booze?

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A Fish Story

A Polk County man named Fred was stopped by a game warden with two ice chests full of fish. The game warden asked Fred if he had a license to catch those fish.

"No sir" Fred said, "these are my pet fish." "Yes sir, every night I take them down to the lake and let them swim for a while. Then I whistle and they jump right back into these ice chests."

The warden said that he didn't believe it, so Fred poured the fish in the lake and stood and waited. After several minutes, the warden said, "Well?" "Well what?" Fred said. "When are you going to call them back?"

"Call who back?" Fred said. "The Fish" said the warden. "What fish?" Fred asked.

The moral of the story is people from Polk county may not be as smart as some people from the city, but they aren't as dumb as some government employees.

You can say what you want about the South, but you never hear of someone retiring and moving North.

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Holiday Decorations To Move

The display of the 2008 Holiday decorations at Waterwood will be different from those of the past, because we do not have consent to use the Parkway median from 980 to the Club.

The WIA "Holiday" sign and the Nativity Scene plus nine trees with lights will remain on the south side of 980. There will be no decorations on the Parkway between 980 and the Country Club.

Five trees will be placed around the VFD Building and WIA office. The Menorah will be placed in that area also.

There will be approximately 30 trees with lights left. The Board approved a plan to distribute these remaining trees to property owners who would display them in their yards. The distribution would be on a "first come-first served" basis.

A sign up sheet has been placed at the Post Office. Those interested in adopting a tree should sign up. After the holidays, the property owner would be responsible for storing the trees until next year.

There are also 11 lighted deer ready to be adopted. An adoption sign up sheet will also be placed at the Post Office.

Help will be needed to decorate the respective subdivision signs around our community. We hope Waterwoodians will volunteer to help.

Those who want to help take the trees out of storage will meet at the VFD building on Friday, 11/21 at 9:00 AM. Fourteen trees and other decorations will be moved and two or three pick up trucks will be needed.

Those people who will put the lights on the trees will meet at 9:00 AM on Saturday 11/22 at the fire station.

The annual Holiday lighting reception will be held in the WIA Board Room on November 29, 2008, starting at 7:00 PM.

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2. Encourage safe boating through understanding of and adherence to boating laws, right-of-way rules, and good boating etiquette.
3. Foster the exchange of information on general boating topics and boating on Lake Livingston.
4. Promote and sponsor social activities and good fellowship among Club members.
5. Provide assistance to boaters in distress.



The new WBC flags were discussed. Each member will be able to purchase these flags later this year. The flags will be pennant in shape with white, blue and green coloring.

Officers for 2008-09 were nominated and elected: Walt Ringler, Commodore, and Mike Burner, Vice Commodore (1st Vice President) and Earl McVay, Rear Commodore, (2nd Vice President).

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

Waterwoodians interested in joining the WBC should contact Walt Ringler at:

aquaman@american-enterprise.com

NEIGHBORHOOD PET



Hello, my name is Simba Ringler-Evirs. I was born on September 23, 1995. My mom was a champion show cat and very beautiful. Her parents didn't think I was show material because my legs were too short.

When I was eight weeks old, they took me to a cat show in San Francisco and sold me to Barbie Ringler. She took me to her home in Napa Valley and pawned me off to Walt Ringler, who just had heart surgery.

She thought I could pep him up and get him back in the groove. Well, I did and we became very good friends. I remember sitting on his desk while he worked and I got to chew on his important papers.

Then one day, they got the bright idea to move to Texas and hauled me in a motor home all the way to Waterwood. I got motion sickness. My parents began to travel a lot and I couldn't stand to travel. They asked this very nice lady, Margaret Evirs, to look after me.

I fell in love with the Evirs family and missed them when my parents came home. Finally my parents realized I'd rather be with Margaret, so I was adopted again. This time I'm not leaving.

I get to take walks with Margaret to the boat house and I have lots of brothers and sisters to keep me company. The one thing I dislike the most is barking dogs that chase me, but my mom always watches out for me.

Love, Simba Evirs



WIA Officers Elected

The 2008-09 Waterwood Board of Directors meet after the Annual WIA Membership meeting on October 11, 2008.

Officers elected were: President – Jack Zimmermann, Vice President – Earl McVay, Secretary – Janas Goldsmith, Assistant Secretary – Lisa Hayman and Treasurer – Joe Moore.

President Zimmermann asked the Directors for their Committee preferences for the new administration. These assignments will be announced at the November Board meeting.

The 2008-09 Board members are: Mike Bercu, John Charlton, Donnie Marshall, Tom Readal, John Shideler and Barry Stanley.

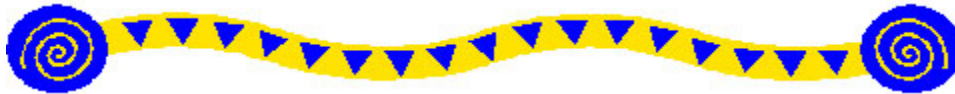
The next Board meeting will be on November 17, starting at 9:00 AM in the WIA Board Room. All Waterwoodians are encouraged to participate in these meetings.

Let the Board know what is going on in your neighborhood and share your ideas on how to improve Waterwood's future.

Annual Meeting Photos



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