



Waterwood Neighborhood News

The New WW VFD Fire Truck



VFD Growing

The membership of the Waterwood Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) is growing by leaps and bounds. Two new members have joined the VFD since the first of the year.

Fire Chief Joe Meyers is excited about the new members and the enthusiasm that has been generated with the purchase of the new pumper truck. The WIA Board approved a \$158,000.00 expenditure for the truck in January. The new truck is scheduled to arrive in August of this year.

Officers of the VFD are: Fire Chief – Joe Meyers, Assistant Chief – Matthew Morris, Secretary/Treasurer – Donnie Marshall, Captain – Howard Williams and Lieutenant – Erick Steinbach.

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Mulching Operation Successful

The old “Burn Dump” on the Waterwood Parkway has turned into a new, environmentally correct area that takes all of Waterwood’s twigs and limbs and turns them into mulch.

WIA was told by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) that the old “burn dump” needed to be cleaned up. They also advised WIA that only leaves, twigs and small limbs could be dumped into that area.

The idea of buying or renting of a mulching machine was discussed by the 2008 WIA Board. Our first use of a mulching machine was approved and the mulching was started on February 20, 2009.



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Welcome to WNN

Wow, hasn't spring slipped into Waterwood over these past few warm days? The Redbud and Dogwood trees are in full color. Some of the spring flowers are starting to bloom and of course the weeds in my yard are growing "like weeds."



Your WIA Board voted to spend over \$250,000.00 during the January 2009 meeting and reaffirmed its decisions at the February meeting. WIA is buying a new 2008/09 fire truck and signed the EMS service contract for 2009.

The new fire truck is scheduled to arrive in Waterwood sometime in August. The EMS contract calls for an ambulance to be in our community 12 hours a day, seven days a week. WNN understands that the EMS is scheduled to stay in Waterwood from 8:00 PM through 8:00 AM.

Congratulations to the Waterwood VFD. They now have 19 volunteers serving as active members on the VFD team. We should thank those people who serve our community and help them when they have fundraisers like the 4th of July BAR-B-Q dinners.

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WATCH YOUR SPEED!!

Waterwood has a 30 MPH speed zone on all of our interior streets. There is a 40 MPH speed zone on the Parkway south past the dump/trash areas.

There are some people, not Waterwoodians of course, who speed down our streets. This is dangerous because we Waterwoodians sometimes do not look both ways before pulling out on to the street at intersections.

Please slow down if you are **SPEEDERING** on our streets. Remember the old cliché, "**Hast Makes Waste**." Plus, rumor have it, that the Constable will be patrolling our streets frequently, using his radar.

We all appreciate your helping us in this matter. And for you **SPEEDERS**, we thank you for helping the San Jacinto County revenue base by paying your tickers!!!



WATCH THE PPUP, (UGH!)

Most of our neighbors who walk their dogs are using leashes and/or have their pets under good verbal control now, but some Waterwoodians are having **PPUP, Poop Pick Up Problems**.

You can buy some great plastic PPUP bags at the Wal-Mart pet food area. It is not difficult to learn how to stop our **PPUP**. When your pet has a Mother Nature call, use your black **PPUP** bag by placing you hand inside of the bag and placing it over the "P". Pick up the "P" and use the ties to keep the "P" in place.

Some areas on the golf course and along our streets are having a "P" problem. We hope that you pet owners will help keep our neighborhood "P" free and a better place to walk without looking where you might be stepping.

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Proud fireman of the VFD are: Scott Childress, Chris Childress, Chris Williams, Lisa Williams, Robbie McCue, Scott Saunders, Mike Swaboda, Rick Mason, Paty Mason, Josh Brown, Terry Brown, Bobby Goynes and Joe Oates.

WNN was advised that every house in Waterwood is within 750 of a fire hydrant. That is the best ISO rating in San Jacinto

County. This factor helps keep our house insurance rates low. Waterwoodians might want to notify their insurance carriers of this rating.

Any able bodied person who wants to help keep our VFD growing is encouraged to contact Chief Joe Meyers about joining the fire fighting team. They are there to help protect you and your neighbors. Thank you Waterwood VFD.



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WIA BOARD MINUTES 2/16/09

The February 16, 2009 WIA Board meeting was called to order by Vice President Earl McVay at 9:00AM. All Directors except Chairman Zimmermann were present. There were ten visitors in the audience.

The Board approved that the "Spring Fling" will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009. The event will be hosted at the VFD building. Chairman Donnie Marshall advised the Board that the Committee is now planning the "Annual 4th of July Celebration."

The Board voted to pay cash, approximately \$ 160,000.00 for the new VFD pumper truck. It should be available to Waterwood in late summer.

The Board also approved the rental of a wood chipper. This equipment is to be used at the old "burn dump" south of 980.

After an executive session the Board was adjourned at 1:25 PM.

The article on the Board meetings is not the official minutes of the WIA Board. The minutes of the Board will not become official until the Board approves them at the next Board meeting.

WIA BOARD MINUTES 3/16/09

President Jack Zimmermann called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. All Directors were present and there were 7 visitors in the audience.

The Board approved a preliminary budget to be revised in July 2009. President Zimmermann asked each Director to review their portfolio to see if a 10% cut in estimated expenses could be implemented.

A planning meeting for the newly established Disaster Preparedness Committee is scheduled for Saturday, March 21 in the WIA Board room. Chairman Mike Bercu has invited county, local and state officials to attend the meeting.

Maintenance Chair Jan Goldsmith advised the Board that the mulching operation at the debris dump is almost completed. Waterwoodians are welcome to come to the dump and pick up mulch for their yards. The site will be open on Saturday, March 21, from 8AM till 2PM.

After an executive session the Board was adjourned at 11:45 AM.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Your annual **SPRING FLING** is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2009. It will be held at the Fire Station area. More details will be forth coming soon. Make plans to come out, meet your neighbors and have some good ole country lunch.

Thank all you readers who have switched to the New "ELECTRIC" WNN. We have had some growing "pains" but we hope you will enjoy more color and more photos. Please let us know what you think and what type of articles you want.

What a wonderful rain we had during the week of March 8. We had over three inches of rain to end our long drought. **THANK YOU!!**



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

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The WIA Governmental Affairs Committee chaired by Mike Bercu is having a Waterwood Disaster Preparedness meeting on March 21, 2009 at the Waterwood Board room. The meeting is scheduled to start at 9:00AM.

The purpose of this initial meeting is to determine the role of the responders, determine WIA's role for its residents, and determine how Waterwood resources can help the County in a disaster.

People invited are: the County Judge, county's Emergency Manager, County Commissioner, Sheriff, Constable, WIA Board, WIA Security, MUD, SHECO, windstream, Forest Service, TRA, Waterwood VFD and other POAs.

The Committee members are Donnie Marshall and Barry Stanley.



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As of March 18 the mulching operation has finished all of the debris piles at the debris dump. Our maintenance contractor "Shorty" Currie and his crew have many piles of mulch throughout the dump area.



PLEASE, clean up any spills, particularly on our streets. There is no limit on how much mulch you can pick up. Have fun and be careful.



Any Waterwoodian wanting to use this mulch can start picking it up on Saturday, March 21st, from 8AM till 2PM at the dump site. There is no charge for using the mulch. You must bring a trailer, truck or some type of a hauling vehicle to load. You must load the mulch by yourself.

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