



Waterwood Neighborhood News

IKE HITS US HARD!!!!



At 3:10 AM, 9/13/08, the rain started. At 5:36 AM, the strong winds hit. Our lights went out around 6:15 AM with strong winds from the North east. At 8:00 AM, the strong winds changed from North to West and at 10:00 AM the weakened winds changed from West to South.

Wind and rain continued all day. The clouds started to break up and we saw the moon at 9:17 PM. Then came Sunday morning, our streets and beautiful trees were devastated.

Hundreds of trees and limbs were blown down throughout Waterwood (see photos on pages 6 and 7). Waterwood was "blessed" because no one was injured and very few homes were badly damaged. No subdivision was spared. The Doral area had the worst damage.

On Monday, 9/15/08, the WIA Board voted to hire Street Brothers of Coldspring to come into our community and pick up the debris and haul it off.

HELP COMES QUICKLY!!!!



At 2:00 PM, on Monday, September 15, 2008, Street Brothers started their task of removing all of the trees and debris from our streets



Street Brothers quickly came to our aid had most of Doral free from debris in one day. They will continue through Waterwood until all of our community is cleared.

Welcome to WNN

Wow!! Two hurricanes hit Waterwood within two weeks. **Gustav** hit us at 3:58 PM on September 1, 2008. It was over at 4:06 PM.

Then came **IKE**.

Many thanks to the WIA Board for voting to have our community cleaned up as soon as possible. Also thanks to Dick Hansen who made the initial contact with Street Brothers for cleaning our streets and yards.

The Board also authorized Street Brothers, after getting permission, to go into private property and take out fallen trees. Those neighbors who received that service were grateful.

The electric people told us that it could take till the end of the month to get power back to our community. Would you believe, we got power back around 11:00 AM on Friday 9/19, **YEA!**

Congratulations go out to the WW VFD. They now have 17 members. These people were clearing our streets just as IKE was passing. They cut and moved the downed trees off of the major streets. THANK YOU!

Another "THANK YOU" goes out to four people who served our community as directors on the WIA Board. Their terms expired and they attended their last full Board Meeting on 9/15/08. Many accolades for serving Waterwood go out to Baldomar Garcia, Ken Hicks, Pat Nabers and Pat Willborn.

WNN hasn't heard much about the Club situation during the past month. We don't have any good or bad news to report. Lets keep our fingers crossed.

Remember, our annual WIA meeting will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2008, starting at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Volunteer Fire Department building next to the WIA office. Come out to the meeting, meet you new Board Directors, and have some good ole Waterwood hospitality.

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 YOUR FOR READING THE WNN.

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Computer Corner

By John Charlton

Most of us have no problem with getting rid of the old clunker and get something faster, more efficient, cleaner, newer, and more reliable.

However, for some reason we look at the computer different. A four or five year old computer is comparable to a twenty to thirty year old car.

Let's look first what might break on your computer. Your computer is like your car. It is made up of components that can be replaced.

1. Power supply – Symptom, it won't start. Dead. No noise. No power. These are easy to replace, cost between \$25 and \$75 dollars.
2. Hard Drive – Symptom, it won't boot. You have power to the machine, it may make a clicking or grinding noise. It may boot, but crash shortly

after. While these are easy to replace, putting the operating system, and all your programs and data back on may just be impossible.

3. Memory – Symptom, computer crashes during programs. Memory comes in little strips that plug into the computer. Cost between \$25 to \$100 to replace a strip of memory. I never replace memory unless I replace it all.
4. Mother Board. It won't boot. It crashes. It smells like it is on fire. Cost between \$100, and \$500 to replace it. I have never replaced a mother board, and never will.
5. Miscellaneous parts and pieces. CD/DVD drives, Floppy drives, video boards, modem boards, etc. These may or may not be easy to replace. Most drives are, however boards are another thing. If they are modular, they are easy to remove and plug in.

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Hi there, my name is PEPE, I will was six years old on August 12. I am very talented, my proud parents, Al and Jan have taught me so many great things. I follow commands very well; I can do all kinds of tricks; and I obey requests when I am in the mood.

I love to go fishing and watch as they pull in the big catfish. I love to bite their tails. I love riding to the mail box and around the golf course on the cart. I am also a night chaser of racoons and a day chaser of squirrels.

Those animals are so afraid of me that they out run me. I am mean enough, just not fast enough. One time I ran smack over an armadillo. He never knew what hit him.

I guess that is about all there is to tell about me, I know that I am really loved and well taken care of.

Pepe Goldsmith



Waterwood Women's League

The Waterwood Women's League (WWWL) began 2008-09 year on September 10, 2008 at its first meeting held at the Grace Baptist Church on FM 980.

The meeting was held to discuss upcoming events, update the membership information, its annual fundraiser, and committee assignments.

The officers for the year are: Pat Chandler, President; Tracie Taylor, Vice President; Shirley Allen, Secretary and Jane Miller, Treasurer.

The WWWL was started in 1976, with 66 members. The object of the WWWL is to aid in the quality of life for the women of Waterwood and to support an annual Scholarship Fund.

The dues for the WWWL are \$20.00 per year. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact President, Pat Chandler at (936) 377-4506.

The WWWL calendar for 2008-09 is as follows:

October 8, 2008

Book Reviews by Tracie Taylor

November 12, 2008

Holiday Decorating by Gayle Erwin

December 10, 2008

Lunch at Woodbine Hotel, Madisonville

January 14, 2009

Grace Baptist Church

February 11, 2009

Annual Fund Raiser

March 11, 2009

April 22, 2009

"The Secret Garden" play at SHSU

May 13, 2009

Annual Election Meeting

WIA Board Meeting – 8/18/08

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Earl McVay at 9:00 AM. Twelve visitors were present.

Executive Director, Joe Moore reported that NRPI had not paid its July 2008 payment and that they have indicated they are in negotiations with their lenders and our payment is on hold at this time.

Mr. Moore reported that our auditing firm is no longer going to audit businesses and they recommended some firms to WIA. Mr. Moore was in contact with these firms and recommended the firm of Kenneth C. Davis and Company, P.C. The Board voted to hire this firm for our next audit.

The Board approved the 2007 Audit as presented. This Audit will be presented to the Waterwood property owners at the annual meeting in October.

Our Security team received a new Dodge Charger. It is being used on the night shift. Security traveled 6,157 miles during the past month patrolling our community.

Donnie Marshal, the WIA Director over the County and State Government liaison reported that he had not been able to contact the San Jacinto County Sheriff. He said that he would keep diligently trying to contact them regarding their patrol of the Waterwood area.

The Maintenance Chairman John Charlton reported that a culvert in the Pools Creek area had been replaced. He also stated that the maintenance contractor was busy cutting the grass and blowing the curbs throughout the community.

After a brief executive session relative to personnel, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

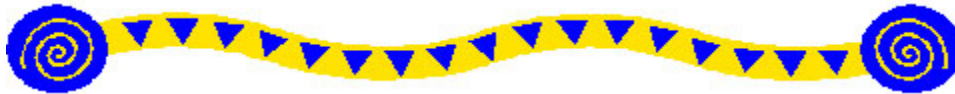
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