

A MESSAGE FROM THE WATERWOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Summer is coming. We have had pleasant spring weather, but we all know that soon it will turn hot. One item that we do not think about much going into summer is it is also the beginning of hurricane season.

Do take time to prepare for the possibility of a hurricane instead of waiting until one springs up on us and we are rushed. All of us should have a video recording or pictures of our house to have proof of the property we have. It will be easier when dealing with the insurance company. We should also have provisions for up to three days. The more likely situation is we will be without power. If you are, or know someone that is need of medical assistance, please contact WIA and let security know of your needs.

Summer is also a time that vegetation gets dry, and some may worry about large fires. We do not have the same problems California has when wild land fires occur. However, to be on the safe side, make sure there are several feet of space between your house and thick underbrush. Clean the gutters of pine needles or leaves. Keeping the grass green also helps.

Above all else enjoy living here where others would like to live. We are unique and that is why most of us have come to Waterwood.

**Thank You,
Donnie Marshall**

WATERWOOD WOMEN'S LEAGUE

On April 12th, the Waterwood Women's League had a very successful Garage Sale. This is our major fundraiser which supports the scholarships the League gives to local area students.

The ladies of WWL worked very hard to see that our fund raiser was a success. The results from the Garage Sale were:

RAFFLE: \$380.00

FOOD: \$391.00 Cookbooks: \$ 60.00

CLOTHING: \$522.13

PLANTS: \$953.25

**GARAGE SALE ITEMS FROM THE FIRE STATION:
\$2461.45**

Resulting in a total income of \$4767.83 for this year's Garage Sale. Thank you to all the ladies and the men of the neighborhood who pitched in to help. This event is always a community effort.

Our next meeting will be a **wine tasting and lunch at the Bernhardt Winery in Plantersville (near Montgomery) at 10:30 on Wednesday, May 14th. Cost of lunch and tasting is \$25. Carpools will leave between 8:00 and 8:30. Contact Sally Charlton for more information.**

WATERWOOD WOMEN'S LEAGUE GARAGE SALE



WATERWOOD WOMEN'S LEAGUE PRESENT SCHOLARSHIPS



Carol McVay, Scholarship committee member for Waterwood Women's League, presented Margaret Mitschke, an Onalaska High School Graduate with an Academic Scholarship of \$4800. She will attend Sam Houston State University.



Kathy Jemison, Scholarship Chairman for Waterwood Women's League, presented Jerry Warren, a Coldspring graduate, with an Academic Scholarship of \$4800. He will attend A&M University in the fall. She also gave a Vocational Scholarship of \$1200 to Keith Smith, a Coldspring graduate. He will attend UTI in August.

PICTURES FROM WIA SPRING FLING HELD APRIL 26TH



REDEVELOPMENT STATUS UPDATE

As you all know members of WIA'S Real Estate committee and Finance committee have been working for going on 2 years with developers designing a total redevelopment of Waterwood's major amenities --namely the golf course and club house, the marina including boat slips, launch ramps, ships store, gas pumps, etc and family recreation areas to include a pool, tennis courts and a playground. There have been any number of companies visiting Waterwood over the past 24 months attempting to come up with a redevelopment plan that WIA could endorse and that we felt would be favorably received by the owner, Mr. Joe Nocito.

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week presentations were made to Mr. Nocito in Pittsburg, Pa. This afternoon I received a call from Mr. Terry McLachlan of ILS with whom we have been working and who made the presentation. In a nutshell I was told that things went very smoothly and that Mr. Nocito is very supportive of going forward with finalizing the plan and putting the redevelopment process in motion. An example of this eagerness is that in the original plan the club house was to be a temporary but serviceable portable unit to be utilized during the first 3 years of redevelopment. Mr. Nocito expressed that he did not want such a structure rather he wants to see a

larger more permanent facility built and he wants it started very soon.

There will be a lot of work over the next few weeks bringing the plans to the point where we can start to see shovels in the dirt. There is a lot to do but the future looks bright for bringing some well needed luster to Waterwood for the benefit of all property owners and residents.

WATERWOOD BLOOD DRIVE

OUR COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 4TH, FROM 2:00 TO 6:30, AT THE WIA OFFICE.

OUR LAST BLOOD DRIVE WAS NOT AS GREAT AS IT USUALLY IS, SO LETS ALL DO OUR PART. IT ONLY TAKES ABOUT AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME TO ADD YEARS TO ANOTHER PERSON'S LIFE. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

WATERWOOD RESIDENT HONORED

Former WIA President, well-known Houston lawyer Jack B. Zimmermann was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association at its banquet on May 8, 2014. Zimmermann was described as a defender of the constitution, champion of the underdog, zealous ethical advocate, American hero who served his country in combat with distinction and valor, leader of the Bar, and teacher of young lawyers to improve the quality of representation of the citizen accused. His many nationally significant cases were reviewed, and Zimmermann recalled humorous incidents from some key cases and testimony before Congress. All 350 seats were sold for the largest banquet audience in HCCLA history. He continues to practice as a senior partner in a Houston based law firm focusing on State, Federal, and Military defense cases.

BOAT CLUB VISITS AVERY ISLAND

May 14th and 15th several member of the Waterwood Boat Club traveled to southern Louisiana to visit Avery Island which is home to the McIlhenny Company, the makers of Tabasco sauce. Activities enjoyed were an interesting tour of the only plant in the world where Tabasco sauce is made, an educational Swamp tour during which many fascinating facts of local area and wildlife were presented and, of course, dining on fantastic Cajun cuisine at several of the local restaurants.





WATERWOOD ON FACEBOOK

We know not everyone is on Facebook, but for those that are, Waterwood now has a group on Facebook. Several individuals have been posting pictures to the site.

When you first attempt to access the site, you will be asked to join the Waterwood group. You will need to be granted access to the site and this may take a day or more.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/125342125367/>

EDITOR NEED FOR WATERWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

The WIA Communications committee is searching for a creative individual with writing/editing skills to take over editing the Waterwood Neighborhood news.

Contact Cecil Holt if interested.