

# WATERWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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### THEY'RE BACK !!



Photo By Beth Flecher

White Pelicans

### American White Pelican

by Maryann Readal

The American White Pelican is one of the largest birds in North America, weighing up to 20 pounds. They do not dive for food from the air, but dip their bills in the water, catching fish while swimming along. They eat about 4 pounds of small fish, crayfish and small amphibians each day. They usually travel in flocks and winter along the Gulf Coast, preferring estuaries and lakes. They have a 9ft. wingspan and when flying, keep their heads drawn back. They live about 16 years. Male and females look alike except for size.

Pelicans nest in the northern Great Plains in March and April, choosing isolated islands in fresh water lakes to lay their eggs. Several hundred pairs of pelicans will nest together. They choose islands in order to be safe from predators. Both male and female pelicans incubate the

egg for a month. The young pelican leaves the nest after 3-4 weeks, but the parents continue to feed the young until fall. There are populations of pelicans that do breed and live in Texas and Mexico.

White Pelicans are very social birds and will live in colonies of several hundred pairs. They feed cooperatively driving fish to the shore with their wings. American White Pelicans and Double-crested Cormorants are often found together, as we frequently see on our lake. They sometimes forage together, though they hunt different fish and at different depths. Cormorants even nest individually or in groups within pelican colonies.

Since 1966, the number of White Pelicans has increased about 5% a year. Their conservation status is listed as "Least Concern." They are believed to be a symbol of peace and good luck in many cultures. We are indeed lucky that these beautiful, interesting and graceful birds have chosen our lake as their winter home.

Source: The Cornell Lab of Ornithology All About Birds.

[http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/American\\_White\\_Pelican](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/American_White_Pelican)



Photo By John Charlton

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### SUPPORT YOUR BOARD

By Carol McVay

During the annual WIA meeting Saturday October 10, there were questions and comments from members concerning the election of directors and the counting of votes which I would like to address. First and foremost, the procedures are spelled out in detail in the WIA Bylaws and available to the WIA membership on the WIA website. Following is a brief review of how the directors are chosen.

The WIA board is comprised of volunteer members who have agreed to run for the board. They are elected to a two year term and can run for a second two year term if desired. If elected again, they may serve the second two year term. However, they must skip a year before they are eligible to run again. Normally, one election year will have four positions open and the next year will have five positions open. As in most organizations, there is a core group of worker bees. Our dedicated residents who aspire to help make Waterwood a great place to live frequently agree to run for the board repeatedly. It is at the community's discretion (by your votes) as to exactly which of the residents are chosen to sit on the board any given year.

The Nominating Committee often has to really beat the bushes to get enough candidates to fill the open positions on the board. This year was exceptional, nine candidates for five open positions. Some of these candidates were folks who had previously sat on the board and some were new names.

One new face was elected to serve and that was Sandy Singletary. She joins another new member, Robert Beckles, who was appointed in September to fill a spot vacated by a resigning board member. The remaining 7 members of the board have served previously. Yes, some have been elected multiple times over the years by our community.

The Election Committee has the responsibility to count the votes. Obviously, no candidate can be on this committee, which is made up of four people. This year it was comprised of one retiring board member, one continuing member, one non-board member and Lisa Hayman, WIA's Assistant Secretary. There are specific steps which are strictly followed in the counting of votes. These steps ensure an accurate counting of every eligible ballot.

The WIA board has several committees. If you want to serve on a committee, let your interest be known to the WIA president, Jack Zimmermann or Joe Moore, WIA's Executive Director. If you want to become a member of the board, come to the meetings, get involved, let your self be known to the active community residents and put yourself on the ballot next year.



Photo By Jeanna Thornton  
Confederate Rose Double Bloom

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### WOMEN'S GOLF INTERCLUB

By Sandy Singletary

We had a wonderful day Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> playing with our friends from Panorama and Elkins. They are a great group of women.

I would like to give a huge thanks to Janice Messina for working so hard to make this event a success. Thank you! I would also like to thank Jane and Shirley and Pat Willborn for giving me a helping hand. Thank you very much ladies!

We had 2 teams tie with scores of 40. These teams were led by Jane Presley and Sandy Singletary. After a scorecard playoff, Team Singletary edged out Team Presley.

Here are pictures of our winning teams:



Cathy Bason (P), Jane Presley (W), Sherry Gleghorn (E)



Sandy Singletary (W), Jean Bensen (P), Mary Ann Sturgell (E), Beckie Riddell (E)

### YARD DEBRIS PICK UP EVERY MONDAY

WIA's maintenance crew will pick up yard debris that is placed curbside every Monday. Limbs must be less than 4" in diameter as the mulcher will only accommodate limbs up to 4 inches. The crew will also pick up bagged leaves. The crew will not pick up any limbs larger than 4".

Limbs and debris cut by a commercial service on private property will NOT be picked up by WIA maintenance. If you hire a commercial service, please ensure that your hired service removes all limbs and debris. The County Dump is located east of the intersection of Waterwood Parkway and 190 on Counts Road.

Also, on the first Monday of every month there is an appliance and large item curb pickup by request. Contact the WIA office in advance to inform them of the item you want picked up and we will work to assist you. \* Do not put out large items until you contact the WIA office and get approval. Thank you.

### BOAT CLUB LOBSTER BOIL

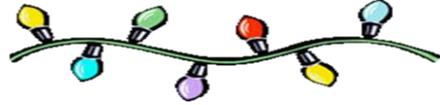


October 17, the Waterwood Boat Club enjoyed a Lobster dinner prepared by the club's Master chefs, Chris Jakubson, Tom Readal and Bob Ballard.

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## Christmas & Holiday Lighting Contest

The 7th Annual **Waterwood Christmas and Holiday Lighting and Decorations Contest** is being held once again this year. All Waterwoodians are encouraged to participate in this friendly competition. There will be three “Judging” categories: Condos and Duplexes, Small Homes (under 1800 sq. ft.) and Large Homes (over 1800 sq. ft.) The winning home in each category will receive a ‘bragging rights’ sign to display in their front yard as well as a picture of their decorations in the January issue of the Waterwood News. Homes will be judged on the nights of December 17, 18 & 19 by outside judges. Please register at the WIA Office or call Lisa Hayman at 891-7710.

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### CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads accepted at no cost. Email [tbrown72777@hotmail.com](mailto:tbrown72777@hotmail.com). Deadline is the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month and must be submitted each month. Keep it short and simple. Space will be limited to 10 ads per month in the newsletter.

### WATERWOOD SERVICES

This will be a new addition to the WNN. Provide name and contact information for providers of services to Waterwood such as A/C, Plumbing, Stump grinding, Tree Service, Housekeeping, Handyman, etc. Send an email [tbrown72777@hotmail.com](mailto:tbrown72777@hotmail.com) to have a service added.

#### Realty

Amy Bunyard, Walzel Properties  
Phone: 713-962-7523  
Contact: [amywbunyard@gmail.com](mailto:amywbunyard@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.amybunyard.com](http://www.amybunyard.com)

Melanie Cook Owner/Agent  
Palmer Real Estate  
800-824-9416  
[www.palmerrealestate.com](http://www.palmerrealestate.com)

#### Pizza

Simple Simon's Onalaska  
936-646-7743  
Hours 11:00 to 9:00 PM  
Buffet 11 to 2 daily and Tuesday 5 to 8

#### Churches

Point Blank Community Church  
432 Robinson Way  
PO Box 274, Point Blank, TX 77364  
830-329-3372  
[www.pointblankcommunitychurch.com](http://www.pointblankcommunitychurch.com)

Grace Community Church  
6801 FM 980 N  
North of WW Parkway, past Poole Creek on the Left

#### Lawn Care

Metz Lawn Care and Fencing  
(936) 355-9014

### WNN ARTICLE DEADLINE

Send pictures and articles of interest to Teresa Brown at [tbrown72777@hotmail.com](mailto:tbrown72777@hotmail.com). Dead line for articles and pictures is the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.