



Waterwood Neighborhood News



Waterwood Entrances Have New Look

By Maryann Readal

Thanks to the efforts of a large group of Waterwood residents, the Waterwood entrances at 190 and 980 have a new, much greener look.

If you saved newspapers, spread soil or mulch, planted or gave support for the project – thank you! Thanks also goes to Craig Jeffcoat and his maintenance crew for help in preparing the beds at 190 and 980 and to John Shideler and his crew for their work on the sprinkler system. And, of course, thanks to Jack Zimmerman and the WIA Board for allocating funds for the project so that Maryann Readal and Dona Curren could get the beds planted.

Some of you have asked what plants were used in these beds. Lorepetalum, Esperanza, Plumbago, Lantana, Prostrate and Upright Rosemary, Salvia, Dwarf Yaupon, Dwarf Bottlebrush, Gulf Muhly Grass and Butterfly Iris were planted. All of these plants are colorful and hardy plants for our area. They also attract bees, hummingbirds and butterflies.

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There are nine Waterwoodians running for five open positions on the WIA Board. Each property owner will be getting their ballots in early September. These ballots must be returned to the WIA office on or before October 4, 2012.

Please find below the candidate biographies. The candidates are listed in the order that they appear on the ballot.



BOB LANE

Karen and I started looking for a place to retire in 1993. We looked numerous places and in 1995 we happened upon Waterwood. We stopped looking. In 1997 we purchased our property and in 2001 we started building our home. We moved in April 2002 and were “Weekenders” until the summer of 2008. While Karen has been full time, I have mostly been a Weekender as I still work full time in Houston. I will become a full time resident in March of 2013. Karen and I have three children and seven grand children. We are bridge players and I golf and fish. Karen’s sister lives in Waterwood also.

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WNN "Happenings"

Remember, Winter is just around the corner!!!

The **hot, dry summer** has caused Lake Livingston to go down.



High Level



August 2012 Level

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGES

September Board Meeting – TUESDAY,

9/18/12, 9:00 AM

Annual Meeting – Saturday, October 6,

2012, 10:00 AM

WIA BOARD CANDIDATES: There are nine (9) candidates running for your WIA Board. You will be receiving a ballot in your "Annual Meeting" package.

Please review the biographies of these candidates (on page 1) and vote for the people you want to lead your WIA Board in the 2012-2013 year.



Congratulations to the Beautification Committee chaired by Donna Curren and Maryann Readal. They and the volunteers did a great job on our entrances at Highway 190 and 980.

ONE MORE TIME



"May the best of 2011 be the worst of your 2012 "

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 YOU FOR READING THE WNN.

John Shideler – Editor

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

6801 FM 980 N – North of WW Parkway, past Poole Creek on the Left

YOU are welcome to join us for:

Breakfast - Sunday Morning	9:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Sunday Worship Service	11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 PM
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM

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OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS
NEW HELP AND SUPPORT

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I am running for the Waterwood Board of Directors because I want to actively participate in the community and membership on the board is one of the best ways to participate. I was on the board previously but was not able to complete my full term due to requirements of my job. My retirement in March will allow me to dedicate the necessary time to the Board responsibilities.

By profession I am a Professional Electrical Engineer experienced in a wide range of industrial and commercial projects. My job responsibilities have included developing and managing of budgets, working with teams, and communications with clients and team members. I feel that my background in both management and engineering qualify me to be a Director for WIA. I am also a veteran of the US Navy.

I believe Directors are representatives of the WIA members and have the responsibility to represent all the members and to promote the development of Waterwood. I also believe the Board should be fiscally responsible and insure that WIA continues to be financially sound. As a Director I will be proactive, open minded, and available to WIA members. I would appreciate your vote.

JUSTIN CURREN

My name is Justin Curren and I live with my wife Dona, at 22421 Augusta Lane. We have been residents of Waterwood since 2005. I am a native Houstonian, attended St. Thomas High School and received my Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Houston. My Masters Degree was earned at the University of Redlands, Ca.

After college I taught Special Education in California and Texas for nine years capping my career as a principal in the Deer Park School District. In 1975, I made a career change and moved to the Los Angeles area to enter the insurance industry.

My following 35 years took me and my family to California, Georgia, and finally back to Texas. While in Georgia, I received my first experience with Homeowners' Associations as I was elected the first president of a new Homeowners' Association formed when the builder turned the neighborhood amenities over to the residents.

In 2010, having held various executive leadership positions for several large insurance companies and brokerage houses, I retired. Upon retirement I was surprised to learn that I had been "elected" to the position of president of the Waterwood Men's Golf Association. Now in my second term, I have been in charge of coordinating the physical and financial activities surrounding the upkeep of the golf course—a job that could not be accomplished without the support of numerous hardworking volunteers and contributors.

Dona and I feel very fortunate that we found Waterwood and chose to make it our retirement home. We love the natural beauty and quiet atmosphere of surroundings. We have been blessed with the friendship of many residents. My reason for wanting to serve on the WIA Board is simple. I deeply care about the future of Waterwood and what can be done to preserve and enhance Waterwood for all residents for many years to come. I can see the potential for significant improvement of the infrastructure and want to be in a position to assist in making that improvement a reality.

WALT RINGLER

I want Waterwood to be what it once was, and possibly even better. I am willing to serve on the WIA Board again to help make this happen. I have served on the Board multiple times, off and on, since 2004. Barbie and I selected Waterwood for our retirement place back in 2001.

As a retired Army Officer that started as a Private, moved to Sgt., then up to Lieutenant Colonel, I feel I have the ambition to do what is needed to help Waterwood improve. The acronym "WIA" .

stands for “Waterwood Improvement Association” IMPROVEMENT is our middle name. If we were “Waterwood Home Owners Association” the acronym would be WHOA! We can improve or we can just stop and maintain the status quo..

I believe you, as Waterwoodians, should, at every Annual WIA meeting, ask The Board this question: “What have you as our Board of Directors done this past year to IMPROVE Waterwood?” Hold your Board accountable.

I have a commercial pilot license, a Business degree, and founded a corporation many years ago that now sells products around the world in many different countries and most every State in our country. I own a company, “UNIFORM GUIDE” that publishes material for our military men and women of ALL services.

If re-elected, I can't promise results; but I can promise effort!

FYI: I will not be able to make the upcoming Nov., Dec., or Jan., meetings as Barbie and I will be out of state on vacation, and visiting military bases to evaluate our efforts to help our military men and women with our publications. I will, however, make known to the Board my position on important issues at the time, as I believe you would want them represented. I will NOT, however, be allowed to vote on those issues while absent from a meeting.

Whoever you elect, please appreciate all they (the Board members) do! They sacrifice their time and other resources for WATERWOOD! Mostly without recognition, and often times criticism!

JOHN SHIDELER

My wife Marilyn and I moved into our new home in Waterwood on July 15, 2001. We have enjoyed being full time Waterwoodians. Serving as a Director on the WIA Board lets me repay our community for the privilege of living here.

I have served Waterwood as Chairman of the Maintenance Committee, Chairman of the Architectural Control Board and member for 4 years. Liaison to Security and EMS, Chairman of the Community Communications Committee, and founding Editor of the Waterwood Neighborhood News which has been publishing the monthly WNN since 2007.

I believe the most important function of being a Waterwood board member is to ensure that our investments are protected; our annual budget is balanced; and our expenses are appropriate.

I would like to serve the Waterwood community for another two years as a WIA Board member and I solicit your vote in this up coming election. I thank you in advance for your consideration of my candidacy.

SAM NABERS

What I would hope to contribute to the Waterwood Improvement Association is to always be mindful of where and how we spend our money. All monies spent should always be used to improve this fantastic community we all live in. My wife Pat and I have been Waterwood residents for 10 years.

Education: BBA in Business Administration from Texas Tech University.

Job Experience Includes: 26 years sales management experience at three of the largest and most respected consumer product companies in the world. (Johnson & Johnson, Procter & Gamble, and The Gillette Company).

2 years National Sales Manager at Regal Textiles.

The next few years at Waterwood should be very exciting and fulfilling for all of us. I would like to be a part of this and I believe my previous experience qualifies me for the board.

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CHARLES GULDENZOPF

As a senior citizen, Waterwood is the last address I will have.

Although I'm not a golfer, nor do I own a boat, I recognize and appreciate the importance of these facilities to the community.

My main concern is for the improvement of the types of facilities more likely to be used by all community members of all ages, and interests. At present, it is inconvenient to shop for basic necessities, such as food, gas, and common house hold items a convenience store and/or gas station would be a good start.

I would also be interested in preserving the "quiet" life style of the community. People here are helpful, honest, and courteous. Development that would sacrifice these qualities would not, in my opinion, be much of an "improvement"!

RICK BROWN

My fiancé (Susan) and I have only lived in Waterwood for a little over a year, so that obviously makes me the 'new kid' on the block. As the 'new kid', I can bring new ideas and perspectives to the board. I have enjoyed living in Waterwood and believe it is a great place to live the way it is, but I realize it is not what it could be and things need to change. Things can only get better if there is change. Change is good. I have found the people of Waterwood are what make Waterwood so great. In my time here I have felt truly welcomed.

I find the name of the board (association) itself interesting. Waterwood *Improvement* Association. Including the word *Improvement* in the name implies a responsibility to continually work to making Waterwood a better place for all residents. The key is going to be to find what improvements are best for Waterwood.

I have a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Morehead State University and have studied for a Masters degree in Telecommunications at SMU.

After 30+ years in the oil and gas industry, specifically in the information Technology area, I have had many opportunities to work in large groups, teams of many different areas of the business, as well as manage teams of developers and support personnel.

As project manager I have been involved with many contract negotiations. I have found having a clear understanding of the problem and of the objective can help everyone work together much better. Obviously, compromise is often required, but compromise without losing sight of the objective is most important.

My goal is to make Waterwood a great place to live for the next 30+ years that I plan on being here. I plan on accomplishing this by having an open mind, thinking creatively and always being receptive to new ideas. I appreciate your support.

JOSEPH P. OATES

I was elected to the WIA Board of Directors in 2010. By promising to represent the property owners from both sides of Highway 980, I received more votes than any other candidate. My approach to every issue brought before the Board was to consider the cost and/or the effect on each resident, whether you lived in Greentree or Country Club Estates. We all pay the same amount of dues, therefore we should receive the same amount of benefits from Board decisions.

As chairman of the ACB for the past two years, I have worked closely with the home and property owners to resolve their deed restriction problems and small improvement projects. This personal attention and a common sense approach to ACB issues has a positive effect on the community and their relationship to the Board.

I am asking you for your vote again this year. We have many issues before the Board that can greatly effect your dues or benefits.

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JOHN CHANNING

I have been coming to Waterwood since the mid '70's. In the mid '80's I selected the 3 lots that my wife Betty's parents built on which we eventually purchased in 2009. I have seen the "good days" and the "bad days" of Waterwood.

Two weeks prior to closing on our new home in Waterwood the current owner announced his decision to "shut down" the golf course and allow the rest of the property not to be maintained. My wife and I decided not to back out of our commitment to purchase our house... we decided to stay and work to see Waterwood return to the community we first "fell in love with".

Since that time I have served many, many hours trying to keep the golf course in "playable" condition. Currently I am serving as the Treasurer of the WMGA.

I have been married to Betty (Wolfskill) for 33 years. We have 2 daughters (Jennifer and Jessica). I graduated in 1979 with an Engineering degree from Texas A&M and am currently employed at Aspentech working in the software business.

I enjoy all of the amenities that Waterwood offers and look forward to enjoying many future years in this community.

I would like to offer my contributions to the WIA Board in any way possible to improve our community. If elected I will work to listen to our whole community with an open mind, hopefully bringing fresh ideas to the table.

I will fully support well thought out plans which will help bring Waterwood back to the beautiful, vibrant recreational community we enjoyed in the '70's, '80's, and '90's.

I would appreciate your vote.



WATERWOOD WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Waterwood Women's League (WWL) will start its 2012-13 year with a September 12 meeting. The meeting will be held at the West River Plantation in Point Blank. A business meeting and a tour of the Home will be held.



The Meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. and the cost will be \$5.00 per person. If you need directions or want a ride, please contact Trista Byrd at 936-891-5563 or email her at tbbyrd612@yahoo.com. Please see a map to the "Plantation" below.

Lunch will be a good old fashion brown bag affair. Make your own lunch; put it in a bag with your name on it. WWL will have coolers to store the lunches and will furnish cold drinks.

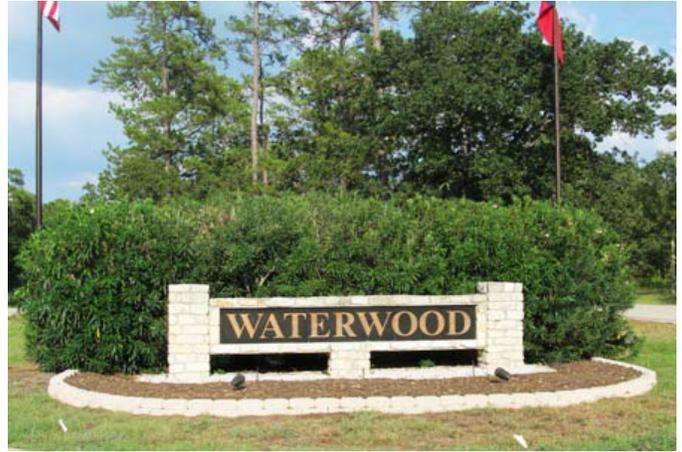
"We will eat after the presentation and then have our meeting. We plan to eat under the trees at the plantation, but if the weather is too hot or rainy, we will go to Grace Baptist Church for lunch and our meeting" President Sally Charlton advises.

The League's main purpose is to raise money for scholarships that we award each year to deserving and needy students from either Onalaska or Coldspring High Schools. The other objective of the League is to meet new women in the area and learn new things.

Waterwood's New Entrance Beautification



190 Before



980 Before



190 After



980 After



190 Workers



980 Workers