



Waterwood Neighborhood News



OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Who were those Waterwoodians out there during Hurricane IKE cutting fallen trees and moving them out of our streets? Who are those people who are called out in the middle of the night for a fire or accident? Those people are the members of the Waterwood Volunteer Fire Department (VFD).

They are 17 members strong and are led by Fire Chief Joe Meyers. The VFD has a beautiful facility to store its equipment and trucks. They hold their monthly meetings at the "Fire House". This facility was purchased by WIA and is the best "House" around Lake Livingston.

The VFD has two trucks that service the Waterwood area. One is a small brush fire truck that "runs pretty good" says the Chief. This truck is mainly used to fight brush and small fires in and around our area.

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Happy Holidays

FROM YOUR WIA BOARD & STAFF

Mike Bercu – Have a joyous Christmas and may next year be a prosperous one for you.

John Charlton – Happy Holidays from our home to yours.

Jan Goldsmith – Remember the Reason For the Season, Happy Holidays.

Lisa Hayman – May your holidays be merry and bright while remembering the reason for the season.

Donald Marshall – Linda and I want to wish you all, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Joe Moore – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Tom Readal - Best wishes to our Waterwood neighbors.

John Shideler – From our house to yours, Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for a prosperous 2009.

Barry Stanley – Happy Holidays to All.

Jack Zimmermann – Ilene and I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukah.



Welcome to WNN

Here it is the Holiday Season and everyone is watching for Santa Claus. If you have been good this past year then you are OK, but if you have been naughty, well Ole Saint Nick is not coming down your chimney.

The Christmas lights are beautiful in Waterwood. All of the displaced "Parkway trees" look good throughout our community. Many thanks go to Margaret Evers for handling the tree lighting and early Holiday affairs this year.

Not too many people took advantage of the new debris pick up that started on Monday, 12/1. All you have to do is bag up your leaves. Put them out in front on the curb. Call the WIA office, **891-7710**, to schedule a pick up.

Have you picked up your vehicle identification sticker yet? If you haven't, you sure do need to go by the WIA office and talk to Lisa. The "sticker" program helps our Security team identify who should not be going through our streets. Please help them out by putting that sticker on the front window of your car.

Speaking of Security, if you are going out of town for the Holidays, be sure to call the WIA office and tell them the days you will be gone. This will alert Security to watch for vehicles and/or people around your property.

Looks like those developer fellows from California have sold all of the Waterwood lots they could. WNN understands that they are giving back all of the unsold lots to the Lender. Thanks NRPI for helping the Appraisal District raise the values of our lots.

We at the WNN want to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah and have a great 2009. Thank you for reading the WNN, and many thanks for being a Waterwoodian.

BLOWING YOUR LEAVES

Have you taken advantage of the new WIA Debris Pick up program? **Every Monday**, our maintenance contractor takes plastic bags loaded with leaves, left at your curb, to the



dump. This service does not cost you a cent !!!



Some people are **blowing their grass clippings** and/or **leaves into the street** and leaving them there. Others are blowing them into neighboring lots. Folks, we shouldn't do that, especially when we have this new service. We really need your help in making the debris program a success.

All you have to do is bag your leaves and **call** the WIA office, **891-7710** to advise them that you are ready for a pick up. Then you don't have the problem of the leaves being blown back into your yard, clogging up the drains and making a mess in our streets.

THANK YOU for making our neighborhood a better place to live.

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Holiday Hours

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December **25** and **26th**

January **1**, open on Friday January 2, 2009

Happy Holidays



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The Little Tree That Glowed



IN MEMORIAM

Mollie M. Currie

Mollie Currie, known to most as Cur-Cur, the mother of Shorty Currie passed away in Huntsville on November 19, 2008.

Mrs. Currie was born in Point Blank and lived in the San Jacinto County area all of her life. She and her husband of 53 years, "Hudge" raised three boys, Shorty, Bubba and Punk.

She is survived by seven grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren. Interment was at Center Hill Cemetery in Oakhurst.



Computer Corner

By John Charlton

Although retired, many of us still use Microsoft Office, and, many of us use an older version. The current version of Office is 'Office 07'.

With the introduction of this version of Office, Microsoft changed the file format of their documents. File Formats. You can get this pack for free .

So, what does that mean for most of us. It means your older version of Word or Excel will not read the new documents. We discovered this recently when WIA sent out a Word file with a .docx extension.

In this case we ask them to resend the document using the older format. However, this may not always be possible. Microsoft foresaw this problem and created a Compatibility Pack for Word, Excel, and Power Point;

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=941B3470-3AE9-4AEE-8F43-C6BB74CD1466&displaylang=en>

This page also includes instructions on how to install this package. Once installed your older version of Office should now be able to read the new format. I have the newer version of Office so I have not tested this download. If you try it, let me know how it goes.

The Ole Ball Game

During a game, the coach asked one of his 9-year-old players, "Do you know what cooperation is? What a team is?" The little boy nodded yes,

"I'm sure you know, when an out is called, you don't argue, curse, attack the umpire, or call him names. Do you understand all that?" Again the little boy nodded.

"And when I take you out of the game so another boy gets a chance to play, it's not good sportsmanship to call your coach 'a dummy' is it?" Again the little boy nodded.

"Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain all that to your grandmother"

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The main truck is a 24 year old pumper truck. This truck is used on all major fires all over the Waterwood service area. WIA spent about \$10,000.00 fixing the pump three years ago.

According to Joe, our VFD has a problem. It is our main truck. Joe says, "It is dangerous to drive. If we don't replace it soon, a fireman could be injured." The major problem is the front end and the steering.

Donnie Marshall, WIA Director over the VFD and past Fire Chief, is looking into various ways to raise money to purchase a refurbished or new truck. An estimated cost is around \$150,000.00. He is looking into grants, donations and any option to raise money.

Donnie will make a presentation to the WIA Board during its December 15th meeting. If outside funds can not be raised, then the FVD will ask WIA to aid in funding the new truck.

If any of you Waterwoodians out there know of a method or way that the VFD or WIA might seek additional funds for this project, please let the WIA office know as soon as possible. The lives of our firemen and possibly our neighbors could be in jeopardy.

Our VFD will continue to aid and protect our community. They need your input and ideas on raising money for their new truck. They thank you in advance for your consideration and cooperation in this matter.



WOULD YOU BELIEVE?

After all of our "Football Jokes" the real laugh went to those mean old **Sooners**. They are playing for the **Big One** on January 8, 2009.

WIA Board Meeting 11/17/08

The November WIA Board was called to order by President Jack Zimmermann at 9:00 AM. All Directors were present and there were six visitors in the audience.

Executive Director Joe Moore reported that he had been in touch with NRPI. They advised him that they are giving all of the unsold lots back to their lender.

ACB Chairman, John Charlton, reported six violation letters were mailed in October and three had already been corrected. Two verbal contacts were made about violations and all were corrected.

The ACB approved three Small Improvement Project Applications and one Large Improvement Project Application.

Mike Bercu, Liaison to County and State Government Committee Chairman, reported that he is going to go forward in preparing ideas for San Jacinto County's Economic growth. He is also working on the Disaster Preparedness Plan for Waterwood. His Committee will look into a fire and disaster drill for our community.

Donnie Marshal, Liaison to EMS & VFD, advised the Board that he had received a renewal contract proposal from Legacy EMS. He was also attending a San Jacinto County Emergency Services District meeting. He will report back to the Board with recommendations for the December meeting.

He also reported that the fire truck being used by our VFD is 24 years old. The truck needs to be replaced in the near future. He is preparing a report for the December meeting about relative to this subject.

Barry Stanley, Liaison to Security & MUD, reported that Security traveled 5,829 during the month of October. They responded to two incidents in Waterwood during that period.

Director Jan Goldsmith, Maintenance Chair, advised the Board about the new debris pick up program to start in December. A discussion about the mowing the WIA area prompted the Board to vote to cease any and all maintenance of the two Waterwood sign areas at 980 and 190. The Board also voted to cancel the WIA water meter obligation at both signs.

After an Executive Session was held, wherein a Personnel Committee was appointed, the Board reconvened and the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 PM

The Beach Subdivision Entrance



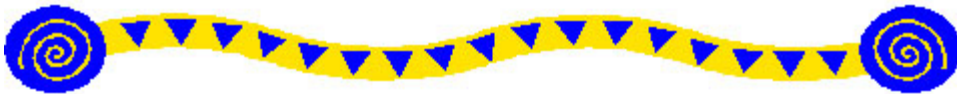
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