



# Waterwood Neighborhood News



## HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

Many congratulations go out to Donnie Marshall and his committee for putting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Waterwood Old Fashion 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Donnie and his band of Waterwoodians started early on the fourth by setting up the tables, chairs and small tents at 8:00 AM.

The Water Slide arrived at mid morning and had to be assembled. The DJ was there setting up also. The Snow Cone area was set up by the "Slide" The fun and games started at 3:00 PM. (See photos on pages 7, 11 & 12)

Our neighbors from the Beach area performed an on the water skit about the British coming into Waterwood. The British (BOO – HISS) took captives and were sailing out into Lake Livingston when the American and a pirate boats intercepted them and freed the captives. Everyone enjoyed the fight and the Americans won again.

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## THE GREENS ARE GREENER



### Hole Flags Fly Again!

## From The Waterwood Men's Golf Association

After several attempts, we have been successful in getting the golf course reopened. The course has been completely mowed and we have been watering since June 15th. We have reached contract agreements for the continued and regular maintenance of the course and surrounding areas with former Waterwood employees.

The pins and tee boxes have been put back in place. There has been one light application of fertilizer put on the greens and lots of water. Most greens are about 90 percent covered with grass or weeds. The greens are a priority and work will continue to make them more playable. Plans now are to mow the greens three times a week and the fairways and rough on a two week rotation.

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# Welcome to WNN



Hope all of you had a great **4<sup>th</sup> of July**. The **WNN** is very sorry that we could not get this edition out on or about the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. We had so many photos and so much copy we had to take an additional weekend to get the July **WNN** published.

**WOW**, all we can say it's been a **HOT** late spring and early summer here in **Waterwood**. "**Dog Days**" of summer are already here and June just ended, **UGH!**

Congratulations go out to the **Waterwood** Men's Golf Association for taking on the project of keeping the **Waterwood** Golf Course alive and playable in all of this early summer heat. Super job gentlemen!! See article on page 1.

The attendance at the June 15 Board meeting set a record. **51 Waterwoodians** listened to the updated report on the current status of the Golf Course. Thanks to all those people who were interested in our community and its future.

4<sup>th</sup> of July **Fireworks** donations have reached \$4,000.00. Thank you very much, to all those who donated for this cause. If you enjoyed the **Waterwood's** "Old Fashion 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration, please make plans for 2010.

If you noticed, the fireworks celebration was cut short. The **VFD** was "toned out" during the presentation. Fire Chief, Joe Meyers, said, "We are very sorry to have cut the fireworks short. We all are fire fighters first and we had to go and fight a forest fire in North San Jacinto County."

Speaking of fires and the Fire Chief; when **Waterwood** has a **burn ban** and **no fireworks** posted, what in the world does "**NO**" mean? Surely it wasn't **Waterwoodians** shooting off fireworks in the Doral area during and after our 4<sup>th</sup> celebration at the Marina.

Well folks, some bad news, our new **fire truck** won't be finished until November. It is still coming, just a little later than had been predicted.

Remember, **WIA** still offers curb side **debris** pick up. Please bag all of your **leaves**. Cut your tree **limbs** in small (3-4 feet) sections and stack everything on the curb. Please call the **WIA** office for Monday pick up – **891-7710**.

Mark your calendars, the **WIA** Board meets on Monday, July 20, 2009 at the **WIA** office. The meeting starts promptly at 9:00 AM. Please plan to take part in your neighborhood business by attending our meetings and letting your opinion be heard.



## IN MEMORIAM

**Loretta Warner** passed away on July 3, 2009. Her funeral was held on Tuesday July 7.

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Views of Lake Livingston and Waterwood National golf course will make you fall in love with this 3/2 home! It has an extra room that is ideal for a home office! The open concept, coffered ceiling, and French doors from the living area to the patio make this a great home for entertaining after a fun day of golf or fishing. This remodeled home features tile flooring in the kitchen, dining and living areas. The master bath has double sinks with travertine countertops and a garden tub with jets. The master bedroom has a cathedral ceiling which adds to the open feel. With a split floor plan, this home offers privacy as well. The kitchen has new granite countertops with a tumbled marble backsplash, built in microwave and filtered water in the sink. Click on the address for more information.

# VFD BBQ Successful



The **Waterwood** Volunteer Fire Department's (**VFD**) annual BBQ at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration was a great success. Fire Chief, Joe Meyers, advised WNN "over 375 plates were sold."



Joe further stated, "The **VFD** wants to thank all of those **Waterwoodians** for their continued support of our firefighting team." It is estimated that the **VFD** will net over \$2,200.00 from the BBQ sale.



The Brisket is Ready!!

Chief Joe said he wanted to thank the **Waterwood Women's League** for helping serve the food. Also many thanks go out to the world's best BBQ meat cutter, Mr. **Andy Gilliam**.



The Tent is Up



Let the Fun Begin!

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## A Senior Moment

From a Friend on the Internet

"Where is my Sunday paper?" the irate customer calling the newspaper office loudly demanded, wanting to know where her Sunday edition was.

"Ma'am" said the newspaper employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until tomorrow, on Sunday."

There was quite a long pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition as she was heard to mutter, "Well darn, so that's why no one was at church today."



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# Community News

On May 18, 2009 the **WIA** Board of Directors and the audience were notified that the owner of **Waterwood** National Golf Course, Mr. Joe Nocito, was closing the golf course immediately. This became a very emotional issue among the members of the **Waterwood** community and generated an unbelievable amount of communication and action among the members to find ways to keep the course open.

In the ensuing month leading up to the June 15 Board meeting, a local committee led by Willie Wiginton began conversations with Mr. Nocito about allowing the course to stay open if commitments from **Waterwood** members could provide funds to maintain the course.

The June 15, 2009 Board meeting began with a standing room only crowd, including a reporter for the Huntsville Item, to hear the discussions, concerns and proposals about the closing of the golf course.

Earl McVay, Executive Vice President and presiding officer of the Board due to the vacation absence of President Jack Zimmermann, covered **WIA's** past history of dealing with the owner on numerous issues. He addressed the rumors and misinformation passed around in innumerable e-mails.

Earl discussed concerns about declining property values, the role of **WIA** and its directors to the community, and **WIA's** present financial position and outlook for the future. For those interested, a copy of this review may be obtained from the **WIA** office.

When Earl finished his review, Willie Wiginton gave his report on what his committee had been pursuing towards keeping the course open. He mentioned there were options open that may be financially feasible. Joe Nocito had been amenable to these options and was cooperating with Willie and his group.

Willie explained the committee was developing plans for mowing and watering the course to keep it alive and playable for the members of the community and voluntary financial contributions from members might make it possible. Willie and his committee did not ask **WIA** for any funds since **WIA's** by-laws do not allow financial support to for-profit enterprises.



Since the June 15 Board meeting, the committee has made considerable strides in maintaining the course with voluntary financial commitments, some voluntary help from the members and other contractual arrangements. In spite of the terrible heat wave, watering of the course and other maintenance steps are keeping the course playable for the members and their guests.

Mr. Nocito has given **WIA**, and the community, his regrets about closing the resort and golf course and his hope, with sufficient improvement in the economy, he will be able to announce future plans to redevelop the entire resort.

In the meantime, the residents of **Waterwood** will be allowed use of the property owned by him for their recreational purposes without charge and with certain restrictions and compliance with applicable laws. Group-organized and commercial activities will not be permitted, and any and all use will be undertaken at the individual's own risk.

# Waterwoodians and the 4th



Isn't She Cute!



Snow Cones Any One?



That's Great Food!



Let Me Take My Glasses Off



Going Up



Coming Down

We have been able to do this by the very generous contributions of former members and other Waterwood property owners who signed voluntary commitment agreements resulting from the meeting we had June 23. The support we are receiving is very gratifying and it is amazing how something negative has turned into such a positive and brought this community together as never before.

While we have received excellent commitments from many property owners we still need many more. A letter and a Voluntary Agreement Commitment form have been mailed to most of the property owners. You will see there are several options for support: Family, single and part time resident commitments.

There is also a section for commitments from those that want to offer their financial support to keep our community alive and beautiful. Certainly any commitment is appreciated and will help. The most important however is a regular monthly commitment which will determine the level at which we will be able to maintain the areas.

It is important that everyone understands we have no financial obligation to the owner whatsoever and that he has signed an agreement with us to this effect. He is making the area available to us as long as we handle the cost of maintaining it. Also, the agreement states that the area is open only to Waterwood property owners, their family and guests.

This is not just about the golf course. More importantly it is about all our efforts and support to preserve and protect our property values and keep our community alive and vibrant.

All your neighbors and fellow residents will appreciate any support you can provide.

Willie Wiginton -891-7019  
Barry Stanley -891-7768  
Norton Schump -891-6881

## WIA BOARD MINUTES

The June 2009 **WIA** Board meeting was called to order by Vice President Earl McVay at 9:00 AM. Two Board members were absent. **51** guests were present when the meeting started.



Vice President McVay made an opening statement about the club, its history and **WIA's** positions in the past and future. The floor was opened to discussion from the guests.

ACB Chairman John Charlton advised the Board that three violation letters had been mailed out and two incidents had already been corrected. The ACB approved two small improvement project applications.

Director Mike Bercu presented a draft of the Disaster Preparedness Awareness plan that his committee had been preparing this spring. A motion to fund the budget of \$ 6,500.00 was made and approved.

The Board entered into an executive session at 12:10 PM. The regular session reconvened at 12:55 PM. A motion was made and seconded to award the 2009-2010 Maintenance contract to Julius "Shorty" Currie. The motion passed.

The Board meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM

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THE BRITISH ARE COMING

The WBC Commodore, Walt Ringler, won the Most Patriotic Boat award. His boat featured many flags, live music, Uncle Sam and the live Statue of Liberty.



MOST PATRIOTIC BOAT



USA CAPTURES THE BRITISH

Congratulations to the WBC for having such a great turnout and celebration.

Hundreds of Waterwoodians, their families and guests came to the Marina area to eat and enjoy the sites. The Waterwoodians came by boat, car, cart, on foot and by truck to eat the great food and enjoy the celebration.

The Golf Cart Contest featured six decorated vehicles. (See Photos on Page 10)

Ten Boaters entered the Waterwood Boat Club (WBC) Boat Parade. We had cannons shooting, music playing, flags flying and even a live Statue of Liberty. The winner of the Best Decorated Boat went to the Merillat Family in Boat #5.



BEST DECORATED BOAT



Best Decorated Golf Cart Winners

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Everyone had a good time driving around the tent twice. The Best decorated Cart was won by the Curren Family. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place went to the Willborn Family Golf Cart.



**2ND PLACE GOLF CART WINNERS**

Everyone ate the great BBQ, tried to stay cool, drank a lot of beverages and waited for the sun to set. Around 9:15 PM the show began.

## **OTHER PHOTOS**



**Getting the Food Ready**



**Beans and More Beans**



**Boat Parade Trophies**



**Ready for the Crowd**

# GOLF CARTS ON THE 4TH



**The Parade Starts**



**Watch Out We're Coming**



**The Flags are Flying**



**The Littlest Cart**



**Grandpa and the Kids**



**The WNN Mobile**

# Boat Parade on the 4th

