



# Waterwood Neighborhood News

## CLUB CLOSES

On Monday, May 18, 2009, Matt Landreau, president of Club Consultants Inc., informed the WIA Board that "theClub is closed and will remain closed for the foreseeable future."



Mr. Landreau further advised, "all member events and club access is hereby canceled." His final comments in a letter to the Membership of the "Club" stated, "We all wish that this was not happening but the realities of our economic times and the ongoing losses at Waterwood made it the only solution at this time."

The WNN reported in its December 2007 edition the following, "The Waterwood Country Club closed its doors on Monday, December 3, 2007. All of the scheduled events at the club and hotel have been canceled until further notice."

Same Tune, Second verse?

## JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION

Get ready for the **Waterwood** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual old fashion **4<sup>th</sup> of July** Celebration which will be held at the old Waterwood Marina site on **Saturday, 7/04/2009**.

The Celebration will start at 6:00 PM and the fireworks will start at dusk.

Chairman and chief fire works shooter, Donnie Marshall has many exciting events for all **Waterwoodians** and their guests. There will be a "Slip and Slide for the children.

There will be a DJ with music for your entertainment. We will of course have a large tent to keep the July heat off of your heads.

There will be three major categories of **4<sup>th</sup>** decorating competition: Best **Costume**, Best Decorated **Boat** and Best Decorated **Golf** Cart.

The Costume judging will begin at 6:00; the Waterwood Boat Club's annual "Boat Parade" will start at 6:30. The Golf Cart Parade will start at 7:00.

The Waterwood VFD will selling BBQ from 6 – 8:00 PM. The meal will be brisket, sausage, potato salad, beans and tea. Come one, come all and especially come hungry.

The fireworks should begin around 9:30 PM. If Mother Nature doesn't smile on us and rains, the rain out date will be Sunday, July 5 for the fireworks.

**You All come out and enjoy the 4th with us!**

# Welcome to WNN

WOW, May 2009 was a “**newsworthy**” month. On May 18, the **Waterwood Golf** Club closed and on the 23<sup>rd</sup> a group of **Waterwoodians** got together to discuss the future of our community.

Keep reading the **WNN** for details of the never ending saga of the “on again, off again” growth of our community.

Many **social** events happened in our neighborhood during May also. The Doral **BBQ** Contest and the **WBC Fish** Fry brought out a lot of **Waterwoodians** as well as helped some of us to abandon our diets.

**WNN** congratulations go out to **Nita Currie**, Shorty’s wife, on her retirement for the United States Postal Service. Miss Nita served the USPS for **39 years**. She was the Postmaster at Oakhurst. Thank you for your dedicated service.

Remember our **4<sup>th</sup> of July** Celebration is next month. Please invite your family and friends to Waterwood for a good old fashion get together.

A Disaster Preparedness training and desktop session will be held at the WIA Conference Room June 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Also the Committee chaired by Mike Bercu has asked that all Special Needs Citizens fill out the new "special needs form" that can be down loaded at [waterwoodwia.com/snf.pdg](http://waterwoodwia.com/snf.pdg) or go by the WIA office and pick up one.

The information on this form will help all of our citizens in case of an emergency. Please help this committee help you by completing the form.

Have not heard much this month about the new **firetruck**. It is still scheduled to be delivered on or before Labor Day. Speaking of the **VFD**, please go by the BBQ table and buy some BBQ to help them raise money on the **4th of July**.

A lot of things are changing in and around our neighborhood. The **WNN** will keep all **Waterwoodians** up to date on the news about our community.

The WIA Board meets every **Third Monday** of the month at the WIA office starting at 9:00 AM. The next scheduled meeting is **June 15**. A lot of important items will be discussed at the next two Board meeting. You should **plan to be there** and participate in discussion of our future.

Speaking of our Board, if you are interested in running for Board openings, you must get your application from the WIA office and submit the completed paper work on or before **July 31, 2009**

The **Farkarwii** Indians are *watching*.

## **EDITORIAL**

The Waterwood Improvement Association (WIA) Board of Directors is elected by the property owners to serve as the governing body of the WIA Property Owners Association. This Board serves the whole community, not just a selected few. This Board manages, through the WIA Executive Director, all phases of our community operations.

Your WNN Editor has been working for and with all WIA Boards since 2001. The current Board is one of the hardest working, most dedicated group of Waterwoodians to serve our community. Your Board has logged hundreds of hours working to improve your neighborhood.

When individuals, on “soap boxes”, disrespect the work of these devoted Board members by alleging they lack “effort and creativity”, then its time for someone to set the record straight. The Board is governed by the “By-laws”. When an individual decries “by-laws be damned”, it is quite disturbing because we are a nation of laws rather than of men.

If there is a problem, bring it to the Board’s attention at a Board meeting. We are all Waterwoodians. We have faced crisis before and we have survived. We will continue to survive if we have a positive attitude.

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**Featured  
Home!**

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.

## Golf Course Meeting

Over 150 **Waterwoodians** turned out for a meeting on Saturday, May 23, to discuss potential neighborhood participation to keep the Waterwood National **Golf Course** open after it was closed by the owner.



The meeting was held at the Club and was chaired by Barry Standley, Willie Wiginton, and Norton Schump. These gentlemen discussed what would be needed to keep the **Golf Course** open. The attendees of the meeting were advised that initial estimates for monthly operational costs would be approximately \$25,000.00 per month.



WHERE HAVE ALL THE FLAGS GONE?

The leaders asked those attending if they would be interested in making a fiscal commitment towards the operations figure. After a lengthy question and answer period, a "Commitment Agreement" was passed out to all those interested parties.

WNN received a copy of an email sent June 3, 2009, regarding the closing of the **Golf Course**. The following information was taken from that email.



W N R G C COMES TUMBLING DOWN

"After 2 ½ weeks of intense meetings, gathering of financial information, negotiations and conversations, it has become apparent that we will be unable to put anything together to prevent the closing of the **Golf Course**."

"We need about \$27,000.00 per month over and above the existing revenue from outside play and member dues. The 78 pledge sheets that we have, only provided a commitment of an additional \$8,087.00 per month. We are not even close to our goal."

"This is indeed a huge disappointment to all of us. We only hope that someone will proceed with the re-development of the **Golf Course** very soon."

WNN is sorry to announce the Waterwood National Resort and Golf Course is now closed until further notice; even though "the owner is continuing to work towards a partnership to get the course reopened as soon as possible."

**Waterwood will be back!**

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## Waterwood My Home

By: A Waterwoodian

I enjoy the scenic drive through the beautiful trees and winding roads, especially when the Red Bud and Dogwoods are in bloom. Then at the end of the road, I see cows and horses grazing, free in the fields.

Nature is alive in Waterwood and I am so glad to be at home.

## The Wild Flowers

By: A Waterwoodian

The wild flowers were so pretty blooming in the fields, but now they must rest and get ready to bloom again next spring.

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## WWL Scholarships

The **WWL** was organized in 1976 with a focus on aiding the quality of life in Waterwood and our surrounding community. Since the inception they have provided more than **\$72,000.00** of scholarship money.

This year there were **27** scholarship applicants. With so many intelligent and talented students it was a difficult decision to pick a winner.



This year's **Academic Scholarship** recipient was in the **top 10%** of his class **all four years** of high school; he has 18 dual credit hours and has been accepted into Texas **A&M** University.

His math teacher said it best in her letter of recommendation, "he is not only very bright and intelligent he is also creative, easy going and responsive to others".

Our **Academic Scholarship** is **\$600** per semester as long as the student maintains a B average or better. The total scholarship is **\$4800** over four years. This award goes to **Apostolos Kourakis**.

The recipient of the **WWL \$1,000 Technical Scholarship** won the hearts of many of us. He will be attending Texas State Technical College in Waco to become a diesel equipment heavy truck technology specialist. This award goes to **Jamar Brooks**.

The Scholarship Committee Chair is Jan Stanley. Committee members are Maudry Landry, Dee Ibison, Catherine Wagner, Julie Jakobson. Advisers this year were Barbie Ringler and Kathy Jemison.

## WBC Fish Fry

The **Waterwood Boat Club (WBC)** socials of 2009 have been held regardless of what Mother Nature is doing. The Fish Fry was held on Saturday, May 16 at the Barnett home. The rain held off until the festivities were finished.



Thirty members and guests enjoyed Bob Lane's cooking and all of the food everyone brought. There was plenty of fried fish, hushpuppies and fries to go around. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship.



The next **WBC** event will be the annual **4<sup>th</sup> of July** Boat Parade. The parade is open to everyone, not just **WBC** members. Call or email Commodore Walt Ringler, [walt@american-enterprise.com](mailto:walt@american-enterprise.com) for additional information.

For more photos of the Fish Fry go to page 10.



# WIA BOARD MINUTES

President, Jack B. Zimmermann called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 18, 2009 at the WIA Office. One director was absent and twelve guests were present.

Matt Landreau from Waterwood National was present and informed everyone that effective immediately, per Joe Nocito, the resort, and golf course, will to be closed and will not be maintained.

WIA Executive Director Joe Moore reported that he is still working on collecting from FEMA and is waiting for a signed letter from San Jacinto County Judge Fritz Faulkner that would allow WIA's reimbursement payment to be made through the county.

ACB Report - Ten (10) violation letters were mailed out. Seven (7) had been corrected. Two (2) verbal contacts were made. The ACB committee approved one (1) Small Improvement Project Application.

LIAISON TO EMS & VFD – Director Marshall reported that the VFD meetings are now the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month and they are doing joint training with Point Blank Fire Department.

LIAISON TO SECURITY & MUD - Director Stanley reported that Security traveled 5,820 miles during the month of April and had five (5) incident reports.

Director Stanley reported on WIA's fuel for security. After discussion, Director Stanley made a motion to contract with Hughes Petroleum from Corrigan to install a 1000 gallon tank at no cost, as long as we purchase the fuel from them. Motion was seconded and passed.

MAINTENANCE – Director Goldsmith reported a Request for Proposal for the Maintenance Bid had been formatted and that an ad had been placed in two newspapers for a bid notice.

NEW BUSINESS - A motion was made and passed that the WIA office be made available to members for special events at no cost to the member. Reservations will be made thru the WIA Office.

At this time, 12:15 p.m. the board entered into an executive session. The regular session reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

A motion to withdraw the \$20,000 placed in the budget for the new security car was made and passed. A second motion to adopt a new security schedule effective July 1<sup>st</sup> was made and passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

The article on the Board meeting is not the official minutes of the WIA Board. The minutes of the May 2009 meeting will not become official until the Board approves them at the June 15th Board meeting.



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# DORAL BBQ COOK OFF

Over 90 people attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Doral BBQ Cook Off held on Saturday, May 9, 2009. The end of Doral was blocked off and the attendees ate, drank and had a lot of fun.



The weather was hot, but shade was abundant. The food was great. The fellowship was enjoyable.



Ten people entered the Brisket contest. The impartial judges picked the winners. The Winner was John Charlton; second place went to Wayne Mathews; and third place went to the Shideler Family BBQ team.

Many congratulations go out to John Charlton and his neighbors for executing such a successful project. Please see more photos in the next column.



**THE WINNER**



**WHERE'S THE FOOD?**



**MORE FOOD**



## Waterwood Pets for June

Have you seen that pen looking object in the back of our telephone man's pick up truck. Well WNN has learned what that device is and what Roger Honea does with it.



**Roger with Bear, Jessie and the Awards**

Roger and Belinda Honea own four Labrador retrievers. The two elders, Zach (11) (Sir Zachary of Knottywood) and Maggie (Knottywood's Maggie Mae), (9), (aka the "Old Team"), and the two youngsters, Bear (HR Knottywood's Crossfire Beretta) and Jessie (HR Knottywood's Double Trouble), (3).

Bear and Jessie were born to Maggie on January 27, 2006 along with four other littermates. Roger has enjoyed training them for hunting retrievers since they were puppies. Bear and Jessie both currently hold two Hunting Retriever titles with the United Kennel Club, through sanctioned hunt tests with the Hunting Retriever Club.

Bear and Jessie should receive their final passes this Fall to earn their third title of Hunting Retriever Champion (HRCH) with UKC/HRC. Both dogs love duck and upland bird hunting with Roger and Belinda.

The two elder dogs, Zach and Maggie are now retired from hunting, and now enjoy their retirement sleeping in on those early morning bird hunts!



**Belenda with Maggie and Zach**

## W B C Photos



**The Commodore Speaks and the Flags Fly**

