



Waterwood Neighborhood News

SPRING FLING SET FOR 4/18

The Waterwood annual SPRING FLING will be held at the Waterwood VFD building on Saturday, **April 18, 2009**. Meals will be served from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.



All Waterwoodians and their guests are welcome to come and “break bread” with their neighbors. The WIA Board will serve the Bar-B-Q meal to all Waterwoodians and guests.

The meal will consist of two choices of meat, two sides and banana pudding. Waterwoodians and their guests will check in at the welcome table and get tickets for the buffet line. There will be beer, soda and water to drink.

SEE YOU ON THE 18TH....

WATERWOOD 2009 BUDGET

The 2009 WIA Budget was passed on 3/16/08. The total Net Income was projected at **\$613,500**. The total expenses projected were **\$899,270**. The Net deficit is **\$285,770**. **\$158,000** of this loss can be contributed to the purchase of the new fire truck for the VFD.

This compares to the actual 2008 income of **\$602,045**; expenses of **\$740,687**; and a net deficit of **\$138,642**.

The more significant 2009 budgeted expenditures, in addition to the purchase of the fire truck are: **\$93,450-EMS**; **\$261,500-Salaries payroll taxes for Administration/Security**; **\$113,250-General Maintenance Contract**; **\$50,000-Road Repairs, if necessary**; **\$23,000-Group Medical Insurance for employees**; **\$31,300-Comprehensive, Liability, and Worker's Compensation Insurance**; **\$33,000-Electricity**; and **\$19,000-Trash Pickup**.

As of February 28, 2009, WIA had **\$ 7,759,861** book value in its Bond Portfolio. If future WIA operations continue to show net losses the Portfolio could be depleted in years to come. WIA Boards must take a very close look at our expenses and try to keep them in line with projected income from WIA fees and the earnings of the Portfolio.

With the above factors in mind and the current economic conditions of our country, President Zimmermann asked the various committees chairs to look closely at the budget for their area of responsibility and to **cut ten per cent (10%)** from those budget items. The budget will be revised after June 2009 business is completed.

Welcome to WNN

Wow, hasn't Waterwood just **bloomed** with a little bit of **rain**! Please view some of the Weeds & Wild Flowers photos on page 8.

Where did that cold front come? **38** degrees on 3/28 and windy. **BURRR!**

It was so cold and windy on the Waterwood Boat Club had to reschedule their flotilla to celebrate the opening of the boating season.

Sorry about not notifying every one about the date of publication of the March **WNN**. We were waiting for an article to develop at mid month that did not develop. So from now on, the **WNN** will be **published** on or about the **5th of each month**.

Tell your neighbors, to view the newest **WNN**, you must go to the WIA site, www.waterwoodwia.com, click on Newsletter, then click on the edition you want to read. Thank you for your viewing the WNN on line and thanks for your support.

Remember the **SPRING FLING**, it will be held on Saturday, April 18th at the fire house. Please come out and have some good ole Waterwood hospitality.

The mulch pick up project at the debris dump did not have many Waterwoodians interested in participating. A new date has been scheduled for pick up. **Saturday, April 11**, is the new date. The debris dump will be open from 8AM till 2PM.

Remember the WIA Board of meets every third Monday of the month at the WIA office. The next meeting is scheduled for **4/20/09**, at 9AM.

Thanks for reading the **WNN**. Please read our advertisements and if you can, support those Waterwoodians who advertise with us.

Waterwood Boat Club

Mother Nature forced the Waterwood Boat Club (WBC) out of the water and into the WIA Board room for their March Meeting. The wind and cold weather made it impossible to have the meeting at the marina as scheduled.

Commodore Walt Ringler called the meeting to order. Treasurer, Earl McVay gave the financial report. Updated rosters of members were distributed to those in attendance.

Gerry Barnett, Social Committee Chair, advised the attendees of future planned events for the WBC. The next event is a fish fry scheduled for May 16. Three other "on the water" events are scheduled for July 4, August 22 and October 17.

A 4th of July decorated boat parade is scheduled. This event is open to all WBC members and others who want to participate by decorating their boats and get in line for a fun trip. Boats will be judged and trophies will be awarded for the best three boats and their crews.

Those Waterwoodians who want to join the WBC should contact Walt Ringler at aquaman@american-enterprise.com. The WBC activities and social events are geared toward promoting boating and Waterwood. Come "Aboard" and join your neighbors enjoying the many nautical benefits of the waters in and around our community,



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A real friend has their phone number in her address book.

A simple friend brings a bottle of wine to your party.

A real friend comes early to help cook and stays late to help clean up.

A simple friend seeks to talk with you about your problems.

A real friend seeks to help you with your problems.

A simple friend thinks the friendship is over when you have an argument.

A real friend calls after you had a disagreement.

A simple friend expects you to always be there for them.

A real friend expects to always be there for you.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEETING IN WATERWOOD

By: Mike Bercu

The Liaison to County and State Government Committee of the WIA Board has been asked to prepare a Disaster Recovery Plan, including Emergency Response procedures, for WIA.

Since this is the first year WIA is publishing a plan the committee decided to focus on hurricanes, forest fires and tornadoes. The committee invited County, Precinct and WIA emergency planners and responders together to Waterwood. The meeting took place March 21, 2009 at the WIA headquarters from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Those attending were: Greg Magee, J.P. Precinct 4; David Clark, County Emergency Coordinator; Mark Nettuno, Commissioner, Pct. 4; Alvin Wyatt, Constable, Pct. 4; Joe Meyers, Waterwood VFD Chief; Bruce Kalman, 980 N. VFD; Gene Clark, County EMS District; Mike Bercu, Joe Moore, Barry Stanley, Donnie Marshal, Baldomar Garcia and Don Leedy from WIA.

Highlights and action:

Notify 911 first in an emergency. 911 will coordinate with emergency responders

Plan for gas, food and essential services for the first 72 hours

Plan for 911 and no telephone for the first 72 hours

Fire and ambulance services are the top priorities.

Commissioner Nettuno is our key communication point for planning and action

Identify disabled and medical evacuations. The county will perform the evacuations.

Justice of the Peace is responsible for morgue services and associated family services

Constable reacts to incidents and instructions from Commissioner during emergency

Keep detailed records and documents for FEMA

Commissioner has authority to write checks on the spot

MUD needs generators. They guarantee water for 10 days

Coordinate debris removal with Precinct 4 Commissioner

Summary:

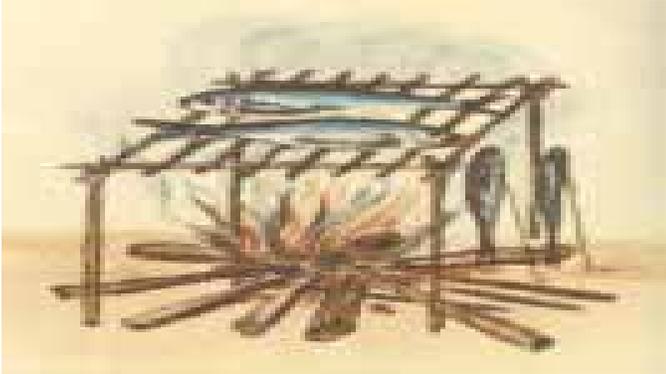
We found that the County and Precinct officials and agencies were prepared for disasters and emergencies. They said they have come a long ways in recent years and learn more during each emergency. We, in WIA, need to develop our plans in concert with the County and Precinct plan.

One important action that we are going to recommend at the April WIA meeting is that WIA start collecting contact information of residents who are disabled or require significant medication. These residents may need to be evacuated as soon as possible and it is important that we have a list for the County and Precinct when they start evacuating people who are challenged to evacuate themselves.



WOODWATER 900 AD

The first **Woodwaterians** were American Indians, from the **Farkarwii** tribe. They settled along a beautiful river they called "The Ytinirt". The Indians were hunters and gatherers. They would catch fish, hunt birds and small game, and gather plant food from the forest.



The village was built close to the Ytinirt river. Their original homes were small dome shaped crude huts. They would bend flexible sapling trees over to make a simple frame and cover the frame with animal skins.

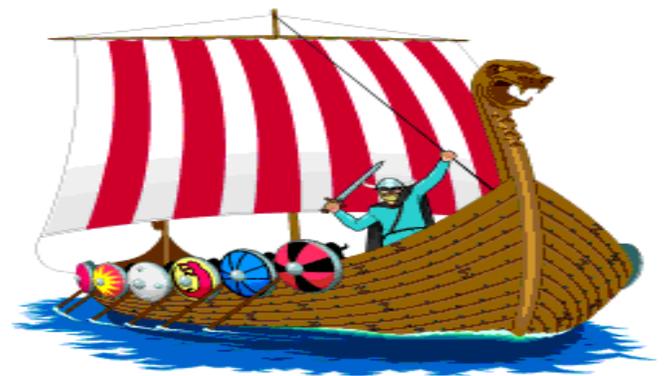


Eventually, the Indians developed tools to aid them in cutting large trees to make their homes. The first log cabins in Texas were built by the Indians. The village grew and the Elders decided to form a village and called it **Woodwater**.

Woodwater grew, into a nice little village of about 200 log cabins. Woodwater had a trading post called Creeksure Brothers. Creeksure made wampum juice and rabbit jerky to sell to the people.

Woodwater also developed a community sporting complex where teams of men would throw stones at poles placed in the ground. The winning team would be the team who took the least amount of throws to hit each pole.

Woodwater grew and prospered. All Indians were proud of their village. Then one stormy day the ladies, washing their clothing at the river, heard loud noises coming from down river. From around a point came a strange looking boat with many oars on each side.



Low and behold, it was a Russian Vicking boat that had rowed up the Ytinirt river into the **Woodwater** area. The ladies ran to the Elders to tell them what they had seen. The Indians, being a friendly group, went down to the river to welcome the strangers.

The captain of the boat was called **Kutyurnozov**, "Cap" to the Indians. Cap and his crew were welcomed into the community with a feast of jerky and wampum juice. After many, speeches and wampum juices, Cap and his crew decided they would settle in the **Woodwater** area.

Unknown to the Indians, Cap was an ex-Czar from Russia who was interested in building his kingdom in a new land. Cap took over all of the land around **Woodwater** He built fences. He put gates on pathways. He posted no hunting and trespassing signs all around **Woodwater**.

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After many months of trying to be good neighbors, the Indians decided that they had had enough of Cap. They sent out smoke signals to the tribes close to **Woodwater** for a pow-wow.



This meeting started a movement that would eventually be the factor that drove Cap and his men out of the **Woodwater** area.

The morale of this story is, be nice to your neighbors regardless of who or what they are. If you are not a good neighbor, you can “**Cut Your Nose Off**” in spite of your face.



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Red Hats Luncheon

Twelve **red hat** ladies of the **Red** Hattitudes of **Waterwood** Chapter met at The Junction in Huntsville to celebrate their chapter’s **fourth** birthday.

Those attending decked out in their regal purple clothes and fancy red hats were: Pat Algea, Judy Boleratz, Pixie Doyle, Wanda Gardner, Doreen Kirkman, Joan McShan, Beth Palmer, Jo Ann Ponti, Pat Schoenke, Lori Townsend, Dian Welch, and Eleanor Zoeller.

Door prizes were awarded and everyone had fun. If you would like to join the **Waterwood Red Hat** Chapter, call Pat Floyd at **891-1059** or Wanda Gardner at **891-1145**.



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