



The Voice of StillWaters

A LETTER FROM “GRIFF” GRIFFIN, THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGER

JUNE 2023

Hopefully, everyone had a great Memorial Day holiday to kick off the summer season in StillWaters and on Lake Martin. The long July 4th weekend is just around the corner and promises to be an exciting holiday. The traffic increases dramatically for summer but especially for holiday weekends. We want everyone to have a good time and we want all to be safe. Please be careful over the holiday while driving your vehicle in StillWaters and boating on Lake Martin. Watch for walkers, joggers, strollers, children, and bike riders. Please slow down! If you are walking, pay attention and stay on the side of the roadway facing oncoming traffic.

We look forward to seeing you at the SWRA Family Fun Day at Moonbrook Park and at the SWVF&R Open House at the fire station by Gate 34 on Saturday, June 17th! See details later in this newsletter.

Did you know that all the association governing documents and newsletters are available on our website at www.stillwatersra.com?

There continue to be people who are riding vehicles on the power line easement property, the golf course properties, or undeveloped lots. These are all PRIVATELY owned and you are trespassing if you are on these properties with the exception of playing golf. Utility vehicles, golf cars, and four-wheelers are not allowed on these properties. The ruts caused by riding while the ground is wet increases erosion, the ground is often uneven which makes it UNSAFE and the houses that are adjacent to these parcels do not want to hear vehicles buzzing by at all hours of the day and night. Please stay off of these private properties and be safe!

Please remember boats, PWCs, trailers, and travel trailers are not allowed to be parked on StillWaters property per the 1971 covenants, 1974 amendments, and 1987 covenants. These three sets of covenants govern all the property in StillWaters except for eight lots governed by the Waters Edge covenants. The Waters Edge covenants do allow trailer parking on the owner's property provided the parking location has been approved by the Architectural Review Committee. There are several storage facilities within one or two miles of both StillWaters gates that offer storage for boats, PWCs, trailers, and travel trailers for a reasonable monthly charge.

Does the SWRA have your current mailing address, phone number, and email address? Send an email to Robin@stillwatersra.com to update your information or to be added to the email list. To keep up to date on what is happening in StillWaters. SWRA sends an **E-FLASH** to owners informing them of events and issues in StillWaters. Make sure you are receiving the StillWaters **E-FLASH**, if not contact the SWRA office and sign up.

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Monday 9 to 4 pm
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A LETTER FROM “GRIFF” GRIFFIN, THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGER *(continued from page 1)*

SWRA owns a number of vacant lots in StillWaters that are listed for sale. Now is the time to purchase an SWRA lot either as a buffer between you and your neighbor or as an investment. If there is an undeveloped lot next to you and you want it to remain in its natural state rather than to be developed, the only way to ensure that is if you own the property. Lot prices are continuing to go up quickly and with all StillWaters has to offer these lots will soon sell. Contact the SWRA office if you are interested in purchasing a lot.

Please remember that golf carts and other side-by-side utility vehicles need to be registered with SWRA. All motorized vehicles that are driven on StillWaters roads must have brake lights, turn signals, and headlights. Anyone needing to register their golf cart should contact the SWRA office, it only takes a minute to register for a permit.

Treat your special dad, grandfather, uncle, or brother to a Father’s Day meal at one of the great restaurants located within a few miles of StillWaters. Our local restaurants offer any type of cuisine from seafood to steaks to pizza to burgers. Copper’s Grill is just a short golf cart ride away!

ATTENTION STILLWATERS’ PATRIOTS - 3RD ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY PARADE



Please join us for a fun time celebrating the Independence of our Country on:

MONDAY, JULY 3, 2023 at 10:30 AM

Last year, 62 golf carts participated in the StillWaters July 4th Parade. Plan to make it a family gathering before

the Bar-B-Que. Mom and Dad bring the children, grandchildren, and grandparents and come be a part of this year’s Parade.

Decorate yourselves and your golf cart, side-by-side, or bicycle with flags, ribbons, stars, or any other red, white, and blue decor that comes to your creative mind.

We will meet at the flagpole in the parking lot of the StillWaters Residential Association building located at 1816 StillWaters Drive at 10:30 am.

The Parade will proceed throughout the StillWaters community for approximately 30 minutes. Participants are encouraged to play patriotic music from their golf carts and toss goodies to the crowds spreading happiness and cheer. The parade will end at Copper’s for Dutch treat refreshments and fellowship. Come Join in The Fun!!! Questions? Email dareaves5253@gmail.com

PLEASE REMEMBER FOR ANY MEDICAL, FIRE OR OTHER EMERGENCIES, PLEASE DIAL 911. They will in turn notify the appropriate responders. The StillWaters Fire Department is NOT staffed daily and is notified thru the 911 call station.

NEW SUBDIVISION ALONG MOONBROOK DRIVE ACROSS FROM THE GOLF COURSE - EAGLE RIDGE DEVELOPMENT

Southern Coastal Homes purchased a parcel of 100+ acres in 2022 from the Zettlers/Riverwoods LLC. They presented a plan to Tallapoosa County following the county subdivision rules & regulations and were approved. Southern Coastal Homes was formed in 2012 as part of the Royal American family of companies headquartered in Panama City, Florida. They have built several subdivisions in northern Florida.



Phase I of their Eagle Ridge project was approved for 63 single-family homes. At this point, Eagle Ridge is installing the infrastructure and has not submitted any house plans to the Architectural Review Committee. Proposed discussions are that there will be an entrance street cut into the subdivision from Moonbrook Drive and homes will back up to Moonbrook.

There was a 30-foot buffer designed into their project but unfortunately during the initial stages of development, this buffer was mistakenly removed by the clearing company due to an issue with how the surveyor marked the boundary of the tree buffer.

In the words of the developer, “This buffer is critical to the success of our project.” The developer has retained a Landscape Architect who has toured StillWaters in order to draft a plan to re-create the buffer that will fit with the style and nature of StillWaters. They are currently drafting a plan for the developer that will be reviewed by the StillWaters Architectural Review Committee and the SWRA Board prior to any work being done.

As we all do, the developer regrets that this happened but is committed to making the replacement buffer even better than it would have been. He is committed to correcting this situation and bringing a neighborhood to StillWaters that, once it is finished, will be a very nice addition to our community.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED



These teens were speeding and driving recklessly. They hit a tree head-on by the 8th green while nearly flipping over. They also sped down the 7th tee box while standing on the cart. Multiple neighbors have seen them and when attempting to speak with them they take off and

are rude. We are very concerned that they will be seriously injured or worse. If you have any information regarding who is responsible for this behavior, please contact Keith Hiatt at StillWaters Golf. Thank you for your help in keeping StillWaters a safe community.

Photo courtesy of Friends of Stillwaters Facebook page



UNITED UNDER THE 1987 COVENANTS

Over the years, one long-term goal for the Stillwaters Residential Association (SWRA) has been to encourage property owners under the 1971 covenants and 1974 amendments to subject their property to the 1987 Covenants. This would allow for equal rights and responsibilities for all property owners under the same covenants. All the SWRA amenities are owned by the 1987 property owners providing access without additional fees. Only 1987 property owners may serve on the SWRA Board and have full rights of the Association. If our community were to be finally under the same governing documents, it would be a value-added as all property owners would fall under the same set of by-laws, rules, and regulations making the overall management of the Association more efficient.

If you own property that is still deeded under the 1971 or 1974 covenants, would you please consider subjecting to the 1987 Covenants so we may all prosper together, equally, under one set of governing documents?

It is easy to switch over! Download and complete a form from the website (www.StillWatersra.com) or contact the SWRA office. We will assist you with completing a Subjection Form. All you need to do is sign and we will not only take it to the Tallapoosa Courthouse to be recorded, but we will also pay the court fees!

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Please give me a call or text at **945-527-9506**.

Available days, evenings, and weekends. References available.





FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS AND CONCERT AT THE AMP

THE AMP, Lake Martin Amphitheater, annual fireworks display and concert will be July 4th with gates opening at 5:30 pm, music starts at 6:30 pm, and the fireworks display starts at 9 pm. This year THE AMP will feature Andrew Jannakos, who was featured on season 16 of NBC’s show “The Voice”. Also providing entertainment will be the band The Bank Walkers. Come early and enjoy the fun.



Photo courtesy of theamponlakemartin.com

The fireworks display can also be viewed from Lake Martin by boat. Please be careful if view the fireworks from the water, there is always a large number of boats on the lake at the same time.

THE AMP is located at 8878 Kowaliga Road, Eclectic, AL 36024. More information can be found on their website www.theamponlakemartin.com.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF DUMPSTERS



There are multiple dumpsters located throughout SWRA that are located at the various private HOAs. Examples include the dumpsters at each condominium complex, the dumpster at The Hideaway, the dumpsters at The Landing, and various other locations in SWRA. None of the dumpsters located inside SWRA are for public use by anyone outside of those HOAs that pay a fee for their dumpster service. These dumpsters are clearly marked for use by individual HOA members ONLY. Many of the dumpsters have warning signs regarding unauthorized use of the dumpsters and all are monitored for unauthorized use. There continues to be an ongoing issue with the unauthorized use of these dumpsters. Residents of SWRA can contact GFL at (334) 252-1210 or 121 Disposal at (334) 750-0187 to set up weekly trash service and should refrain from using these dumpsters. Owners who have contractors working on their property should inform contractors that the dumpsters located in SWRA are not for use by contractors. All contractors must either provide their own dumpster for larger projects or take their trash and debris off StillWaters’ property for disposal.

NO FIREWORKS IN STILLWATERS

Fireworks are not allowed inside the StillWaters community. THE AMP in Eclectic has one of the best fireworks displays on Lake Martin. THE AMP is an easy drive from StillWaters and is located at 8878 Kowaliga Rd, Eclectic, AL. If you own a boat or know someone with a boat, the best place to view fireworks on July 4th is from the water. There are plenty of individual fireworks displays along the shores of the lake.



BE “LIGHT” KIND - PLEASE DON’T LIGHT ME UP!



Your security lighting can potentially disturb other people in several ways:

Light Pollution: Security lights that are excessively bright or improperly installed can contribute to light pollution. Light pollution refers to excessive or misdirected artificial lighting that affects the natural darkness of the night sky. This can disrupt the sleep patterns of people in nearby residences, disturb nocturnal animals, and negatively impact stargazing and astronomical observations.

Glare: If security lights are positioned or aimed in a way that causes direct glare, it can be bothersome to neighboring properties or individuals passing by. Glare can be uncomfortable and potentially dangerous as it can temporarily impair vision and make it difficult to navigate safely.

Intrusion of Privacy: In some cases, security lights may unintentionally illuminate neighboring properties or windows, invading the privacy of residents. This can be intrusive and make individuals feel exposed or uncomfortable within their own homes.

Energy Waste: Security lights that are constantly on or triggered unnecessarily can contribute to energy waste.

This can be bothersome to environmentally conscious individuals who are concerned about the excessive consumption of energy resources and the associated carbon emissions.

Disturbance of Sleep: Bright security lights near residential areas can disrupt the sleep patterns of nearby residents, especially if the lights are not properly shielded or equipped with motion sensors. Light entering bedrooms at night can interfere with melatonin production, which is essential for quality sleep.

To minimize these disturbances, it is important to install security lighting that is properly directed, shielded, and timed. Utilizing motion sensors and timers can ensure that lights are activated only when necessary. Additionally, using lighting fixtures designed to minimize light pollution and glare can help reduce the negative impact on surrounding areas.

Test: If you can stand in your yard with your security lighting on and see that your lights are illuminating your neighbor’s yard and/or house your lights may be too bright, not properly shielded, or misdirected. *Even if those neighbors don’t complain your lights could be causing them a great deal of discomfort.*



STILLWATERS FIREWORKS POLICY



The StillWaters Residential Association (SWRA) Board recognizes the need to maintain the peace, tranquility, and safety of the community. The Board further recognizes the need to follow state of Alabama code regarding the use, sale, and distribution of fireworks.

Fireworks Policy

The SWRA Board adopts a policy to prohibit the use, sale, or distribution of fireworks within the StillWaters community with actions identified when policy is violated. SWRA Board of Directors Resolution (June 28, 2016) Code of the State of Alabama - Section 8-17-222

- It shall be unlawful to offer for sale or to sell any fireworks to children under the age of 16 years unless accompanied by an adult, or to any intoxicated or irresponsible person.
- Any person purchasing fireworks shall be required to show a valid driver's license or state-approved identification card.
- It shall be unlawful to explode or ignite fireworks within 600 feet of any church, hospital, asylum, public school, enclosed building, or within 200 feet of where fireworks are stored, sold, or offered for sale.
- No person shall ignite or discharge any permissible articles of fireworks within, or throw the same from, a motor vehicle nor shall any person place or throw any ignited article of fireworks into or at such a motor vehicle, or at or near any person or group of people. (Acts 1981, No. 81-409, p. 638, §13; Acts 1987, No. 87-563, p. 876, §6.)

Policy Enforcement

The SWRA Board wishes this policy to be a self-enforcement policy, as much as possible, by the owners and visitors of StillWaters. The Board asks that owners make a sincere effort to adhere to this policy. In an effort for the Board to act responsibly to look out for the safety and well-being of its owners and visitors, violators or those witnessed to be acting in a manner contrary to this policy will be notified. Owners as well may notify the SWRA staff of any witnessed violations. Violators will be reminded of the policy and asked to adhere to the policy immediately. A notice will be filed with the SWRA Board for review.

Violations of Policy

- Use of fireworks within the StillWaters community
- Sale or distribution of fireworks within the StillWaters community

Violation of Policy Protocol:

First Violation: A notice will be placed in the property owner's file for future reference and a written "Advisory Notice" will be mailed to the registered owner.

Second Violation: A "certified" letter from the SWRA Board will advise the property owner of its multiple violations of policy and ask the owner to strictly adhere to the policy or expect to be assessed a fine of \$500.00 for each additional incident.

Third Violation: A letter from the SWRA Board will advise the property owner of its multiple violations of policy and assess the owner a \$500.00 fine.

Fourth Violation: The SWRA Board will assess an additional \$500.00 fine for each further violation in cumulative.

Note: *Unpaid fines may become a lien against the registered owner's property.*

STILLWATERS ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY

The annual StillWaters Family Fun Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 17th at Moonbrook Park from 10 am until 4 pm. Everyone is invited to attend the event. There will be waterslides for the children and adults who want to cool off so make sure you wear a bathing suit. Bob's Fine Food will have a food truck on-site. See their menu below. OZZ will be playing the tunes and giving out t-shirts to the hula-hoop contest winners. There will be a hayride that will take guests to and from the StillWaters Fire Department open house. Free snow cones for the kids. A big thank you to River Bank & Trust and Point Broadband for sponsoring this event. Come join the fun!



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Bob's Fine Food Menu



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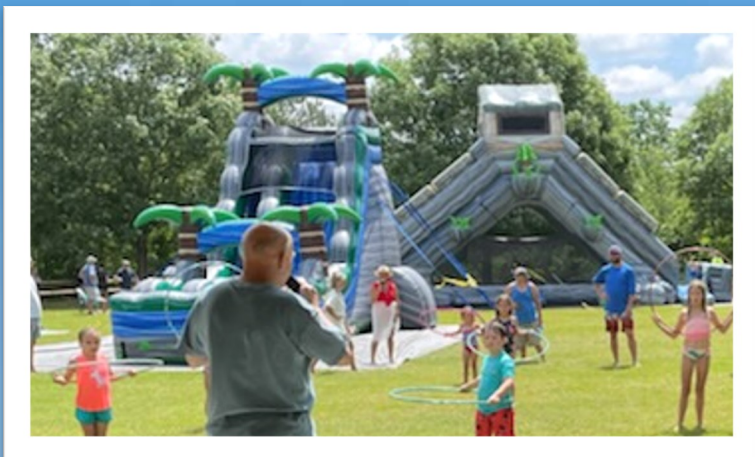
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\$2 Drinks



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SWVF&R OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, June 17th
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM



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Aug 13	Rev. Skip Long - Opelika	
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Aug 27	Rev Kevin Flannagan - Auburn	
Sep 03	Dr. Tim Thompson - Jackson's Gap	Labor Day Closing

***** Communion served on July 16th and September 3rd *****

Please join us! Dress is casual. Actual address is 782 Lakeview Ridge across from the Golf Colony Villas - a short distance from the Harbor Pointe Marina in StillWaters. You can come by car, bike, golf cart, or boat - GPS Coordinates N 32° 44.554' W 085° 48.867'. You are cordially invited to examine our website at www.colw-sw.com

SWRA CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Bridge 9 AM 1 PM	3
4	5 Lake Martin Creativity Group 1 PM - 4 PM	6 SWRA Board Meeting 9 AM	7 Bridge 9 AM 1 PM ARC Meeting 4 PM	8	9 Bridge 9 AM 1 PM	10
11	12 Lake Martin Creativity Group 1 PM - 4 PM	13	14 Bridge 9 AM 1 PM	15	16 Bridge 9 AM 1 PM	17  SWRA Family Fun Day & SWVF&R Open House
18 Father's Day 	19 Lake Martin Creativity Group 1 PM - 4 PM	20 SWRA Board Meeting 9 AM	21 Bridge 9 AM 1 PM ARC Meeting 4 PM	22	23 Bridge 9 AM 1 PM	24
25	26 Lake Martin Creativity Group 1 PM - 4 PM	27	28 Bridge 9 AM 1 PM	29	30 Bridge 9 AM 1 PM	

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