The Voice of StillWaters

A Message from the General Manager - Kevin Eason

August has arrived and the end of summer is in sight. August always seems to be one of the hottest months of the year. The Pineview Pool adjacent to the SWRA office is a great place to cool off during the hot August days. Make sure you have an electronic pool key before attempting to enter the pool. Keys can be obtained from the SWRA office.

School starts back for most local school systems the second week of August. For the next nine months, school buses will be picking up and dropping off students in StillWaters. Please watch for children running to and from the school bus. Never drive around or try to pass a school bus.

SWRA is currently working on the 2019 road paving and patching project. Each year SWRA hires an engineer that specializes in road repair and maintenance work. The engineer, along with the help of SWRA employees, provides SWRA with a list of areas where road repair and maintenance needs to be performed. That list will also include work that was delayed from the previous year. The engineer provides specifications for each area and those specifications are provided to at least three different paving contractors to obtain cost estimates. This year's list of work is much larger than in previous years. The SWRA Board is working on several options to complete the suggested road work and keep our roads among the best around Lake Martin. Owners will be notified when final plans for the work are determined.

Help keep Moonbrook Park clean for everyone to enjoy by picking up all trash and disposing of pet waste when you leave. The park is a great place to take children to run off extra energy or enjoy a picnic on the grass. Recently there has been an unusual amount of trash left at the park and in the park bathrooms. There are trash cans located at the park gazebo and inside the bathrooms. Please properly dispose of all trash before you leave and clean up after your pet.

All residents inside StillWaters should have a 2019 window decal displayed on the front driver's side windshield of their vehicle. Those who do not will be required to stop at the main entrance gate and provide the same information as required by a guest. Gate attendants are only doing their job when they ask residents that do not have a window decal for the same information they would ask a guest. It is the resident's responsibility to obtain a window decal from the SWRA office.

Please remember Gate 34 (aka the back gate) entrance side closes to all traffic except emergency vehicles at 11:30pm each night until 5:30am the next morning. Transmitters will not open the gate between these hours. The gate attendants at the main entrance gate cannot open Gate 34 for anyone during these closed hours. The exit side of Gate 34 will open and allow vehicles to leave StillWaters. You do not need a transmitter to exit.

A special thank you to everyone for the kind words and sympathy cards I received after the recent death of my father. His health had declined the last couple of years, but as with most families we did not anticipate losing him so quickly. It is very comforting to know that StillWaters is just one big family. I hope you enjoy living in StillWaters as much as I do.



<u>SWRA</u> Business Hours

Monday 9 to 4 pm Tuesday 9 to 4 pm Wednesday 9 to 12 pm Thursday 9 to 4 pm Friday 9 to 5 pm

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Are You Collecting State Lodging Tax For Your Rental Property?

There are a couple of condominium associations in StillWaters that allow short term rentals. Short term rentals are defined by StillWaters Residential Association as nightly or weekly rentals that are for a period of <u>less than 30 days</u>. Single family homes and most condominium associations within StillWaters are not allowed to rent for less than 30 days, as per the covenants. However, the State of Alabama requires lodging tax to be collected on any rental that is for a period of less than

180 continuous days. There are a few exceptions to the 180-day rule and anyone interested in those exceptions should contact the State of Alabama.

The State of Alabama requires all landlords of short-term rental properties to collect state lodging tax. In Tallapoosa County, the tax is 5% of the rental amount. This tax must be collected by the landlord and paid to the state. Use this website to find out more about the State of Alabama lodging tax: <u>https://revenue.alabama.gov/sales-use/tax-rates/view-listing/</u>

Recently the State of Alabama Revenue Department contacted the StillWaters Residential Association inquiring as to the number of individually owned short-term rental properties in StillWaters. Tourism has become a very profitable industry for Alabama and it appears the State might be looking to make sure it collects the lodging tax it is due.

All short term landlords should check the tax code of Alabama Section 40-26-1 and the State Sales and Use Tax Rule 810-6-5-.13. Make sure you are collecting, reporting, and paying the State of Alabama lodging tax. The tax man may be paying you a visit, so be prepared.

Condominium Amenities Are Not for Everyone

StillWaters Residential Association is the master association for all residential properties located within StillWaters. All owners and their guests who have paid the required fees and are in good standing with SWRA may use the StillWaters amenities. These amenities are the Pineview pool, tennis/pickleball courts, Moonbrook park, fishing ponds, SWRA buildings, roads, gates, and other green space.

There are thirteen sub-associations (soon to be fourteen) inside StillWaters. These sub-associations are mostly condominium complexes; however, some are single family house groups such as The Cottages at Sunset Point. These sub-associations have their own amenities such as pools, beaches, gazebos, dumpsters, parking lots, and green space. Their amenities can only be used by those who own a unit in the sub-association and pay the extra fees required by the sub-association. These amenities are not available to all StillWaters owners. Please contact the SWRA office at 256-825-2990 if you are not sure what amenities you can use.

Most sub-associations require their owners to wear wristbands or have some other identification showing they are an owner to use their amenities. These sub-associations have begun prosecuting non-owners who were caught trespassing via security camera footage. We all need to be good neighbors and follow the rules that govern our master association and sub-associations.



Bridge Players Wanted

Anyone interested in playing bridge please contact Karen Phillips at 256-825-8233, or email Karen at <u>karjer@bellsouth.net</u>.

Every Wednesday morning starting at 9am Party Bridge is played in the SWRA community room. Every Friday morning starting at 9am Duplicate Bridge is played in the SWRA community room. Come join in the fun!

Free Lunch & Learn Sessions

Katelyn Nelson with Raymond James will be hosting a free seminar one Tuesday a month until the end of the year in the SWRA Community Room located at 1816 StillWaters Drive. Everyone is invited to attend. The next seminar date is August 13th from 11pm until 12:30pm. A complimentary lunch is included and there is no cost to attend. Reservations are needed so they will know how much food to prepare. Contact Katelyn at 334-213-4109 or <u>KATELYN.NELSON@RAYMONDJAMES.com</u>. Please see her ad in this newsletter for more information.

Don't Get The Boot

Illegal parking of vehicles and trailers has become a problem in StillWaters. SWRA notifies owners of illegally parked vehicles and trailers by placing a yellow notice on the vehicle/trailer and providing a 24-hour time frame to remove the vehicle or trailer.

Previously SWRA was required to pay a towing company before a vehicle/ trailer was removed and did not always recoup its costs from the owner. SWRA has recently started using a yellow restraining wheel boot that attaches to a wheel of a vehicle or trailer. The boot will puncture and deflate the tire where it is attached if the vehicle or trailer is moved before



the boot is removed. The owner of the vehicle or trailer will be required to pay a parking fine before the boot is removed.

Vehicles and trailers that are parked illegally at the condominium complexes or on StillWaters common areas will first receive a yellow warning notice allowing 24 hours for the vehicle/trailer to be moved. After the 24-hour warning period, the wheel boot may be attached and will not be removed until the parking fine is paid to SWRA. This is not a new parking policy. This policy has been in place for over ten years. The only difference is the boot may be used more frequently than calling a towing company.



It's Never Too Late to Get Fit!

A study tracking the lifetime exercise patterns of over 315,000 AARP members found that it is never too late to reap the health benefits of exercise. Researchers found that people who reported exercising all their lives had a 36% lower risk of dying during the study period than people who reported never exercising. People who had been inactive during their youth, but decided to engage in exercise in their 40s and 50s, also saw a similar health

benefit. People picking up exercise in midlife had a 35% decline in early death risk when compared to those who do not exercise.

It is never too late to start an exercise program, but discuss with your doctor the type of exercise that is best for you based on your age and health situation. Strive for achieving at least 150 minutes per week of moderate aerobic activities, like walking or riding a bike.

Short Walks Can Keep Arthritis Away

A study of over 1,500 older adults with osteoarthritis-related joint pain, aching or stiffness, found that even only an hour a week of brisk walking can help prevent disability from arthritis for people with arthritis-related pain in their knee, hip, ankle or foot. This is less than 10 minutes of brisk walking a day! If you have osteoarthritis, regular exercise is key to maintaining and even improving joint function. Talk with your doctor about establishing a regular exercise program.





Stillwaters Golf – August Newsletter

The golf course is looking wonderful and ready for your visit. Make a tee-time and come enjoy our great Tradition golf course offering.

MEMBER TOURNAMENTS

We are proud to announce that the team of Charles Rodgers and Danny Davis are our **2019 Member-Member** champions. Thanks to all of the members who signed up and participated this year. We will be enjoying our first ever **Par 3 Tournament** on August 8th. Every hole will be a par 3 length, offering a different view than most are use

to seeing. Call or come by the golf shop to register for this new member event. The **2019 Club Championship** will take place August 24th and 25th.

OUTSIDE EVENTS

No outside events scheduled for August. AUBURN FOOTBALL begins August 31st!

GOLF SHOP ITEMS

Come by and visit the staff while you look around. We have added the new Cortex driver from Wilson Staff (*Reduced pricing by \$100*). This driver won season two of Driver vs Driver and looks great! Come by and let Gabby customize the demo for you to try. We also have added some new Pukka hats with a different logo and some with the original logo. We have 4 fashion colors and we have one that will fit you. The new Cutter & Buck logo golf shirts have arrived so come by and pick your style/size. We have ball repair tools and hat clip ball markers in the shop. We have our new Pukka hats/visors available for purchase. If you want to get or give lessons to prepare for the coming season, Gabby and Danny are ready to help you purchase your lesson gift certificates.

GOLF COURSE NEWS

The staff has worked hard in restoring the condition of our greens. The light aerifications did wonders and now Tripp is sodding the small areas that remain from the grow-in season. *The driving range will close each Wednesday at 5:00pm so that Gabby's "Pit Lizards" can pick it clean for mowing the following day.*



Church of Living Waters at StillWaters

Guest Speaker Listing - 2019 Season All Services: Sunday 9:00-10:00 AM



Aug 04	Rev. David Carboni - Lincoln	
Aug 11	Mike Kolen - Birmingham	
Aug 18	Dr. Joel Richardson - Newnan, GA	
Aug 25	Rev. Kevin Flannagan - Auburn	
Sep 01	Dr. George Mathison - Auburn	Labor Day Closing

*** Communion served on May 26th, July 14th, and September 1st ***

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 <u>www.colw-sw.com</u>

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- Tuesday, August 13, 2019 (11:00 AM to 12:30 PM) -- How to Create or Refine Your Investment Planning Process
- Tuesday, September 17, 2019 (11:00 AM to 12:30 PM) -- How to Create or Refine Your *Retirement Income* Planning Process (i.e. IRA distribution options, tax planning, investments)
- Tuesday, October 15, 2019 (11:00 AM to 12:30 PM) -- A Man is Not a Plan! Retirement Workshop for Women
- Tuesday, November 12, 2019 (11:00 AM to 12:30 PM) -- How to Manage Your Serious Money (i.e. the Money You Haven't Told Your Kids About!)
- Tuesday, December 3, 2019 (11:00 AM to 12:30 PM) -- Boats and Money, How to Create a Road Map to Get A Hold of Your Dream Boat or Lifestyle



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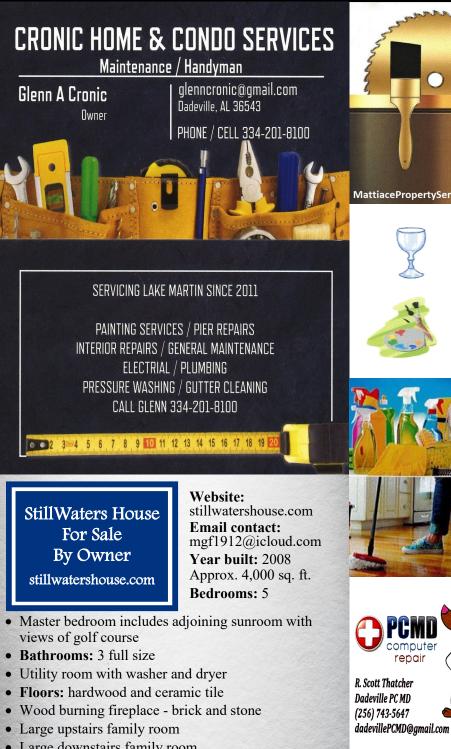


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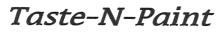


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