



The Voice of StillWaters



A Message from the General Manager - Kevin Eason

Happy New Year! I hope everyone reading this newsletter has a happy and prosperous new year. Make a new year's resolution to spend more time this year in StillWaters and enjoy a slower pace of life.

All StillWaters property owners should have received their SWRA 2020 annual invoice by the date of this newsletter. Please remember payment for the annual fee is due on January 1, 2020 and is considered past due after January 31, 2020. On February 15, 2020, a non-payment fee of \$125 will be added to all unpaid invoices. Failure to receive an invoice is not an excuse for not paying the annual fee. The covenants that govern all properties require owners to pay an annual fee to StillWaters Residential Association. Please contact the SWRA office if you have any questions concerning your 2020 annual association fee.

The 2020 StillWaters Residential Association window decals will be mailed along with the annual board member ballots and annual meeting notice the first of February. Window decals are only mailed to owners who have paid their 2020 SWRA annual fee. All owners receive two decals by mail; however, additional decals can be obtained from the SWRA office.

Non-property owners who are renting a property may obtain 2020 SWRA window decals by bringing proof of residence and a photo ID to the SWRA office.

Non-property owners can also prove their StillWaters residency by providing a copy of their lease or a utility bill that includes their name and StillWaters mailing address. Non-property owner decals will be available starting January 20, 2020.

Please remember to contact the Still Waters Volunteer Fire Department at 256-825-0582 to obtain a burn permit before burning leaves and other yard debris. If no one answers the phone, listen to the recorded message concerning a burn permit. There is not a dump site in StillWaters for yard debris. Anyone caught dumping yard debris on private property may be reported to the Tallapoosa County Sheriff's office.

We had a great holiday season in StillWaters this past year. Many owners decorated their properties and the whole community was very festive. The holidays are over and it is time to remove holiday decorations. Please remove any remaining holiday decorations and save them to be used again next holiday season.

January weather can be unpredictable in our area. We can go from warm weather one day to icy roads the next day. Make sure you have signed up to receive severe weather alerts from Tallapoosa County EMA. Alerts can be sent to your cell phone or email address. Contact the EMA office at 256-825-1078 or go online <https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085615903#/login>.

The quarterly General Manager question and answer meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 11th starting at 9am in the SWRA community room. This is a townhall type meeting format where owners can ask questions and discuss issues with the General Manager about SWRA. Please make plans to attend.

There are some great changes being made at StillWaters Golf Club and Coppers Grill. Make sure you take time to visit our StillWaters golf course and restaurant. You will be glad you did.

SWRA 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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New Year's Resolution

According to the Wall Street Journal, the number one New Years resolution made by most people is to lose weight. This resolution is also listed as the number one resolution not fulfilled. This article explains the importance of keeping that New Years resolution to lose weight.

If you are overweight or obese, you can achieve major health benefits by losing even small amounts of weight. Losing 5% of your body weight can lead to major improvements in health for people who are overweight or obese. If you are a 200-pound overweight or obese person, this is equal to 10 pounds of weight loss. If you are a 300-pound obese person, this is equal to 15 pounds of weight loss. Studies have shown that even a 10 to 15 pound weight reduction in an obese individual can have major health benefits....

- **Knees:** For every 1 pound you lose, you are removing 4 pounds of pressure off your knees. So, losing 15 pounds is equal to removing 60 pounds of pressure off your knees. This can make a major improvement in knee-related pain from arthritis.
 - **Blood Pressure:** A loss of 10 to 15 pounds in obese people can have a blood pressure lowering effect similar to using a blood pressure medication, thus possibly reducing your need for medications if you have high blood pressure.
 - **Diabetes:** Small reductions in weight can help keep you from getting diabetes. If you already have diabetes, weight loss could possibly help you reduce your need for medications.
 - **Cholesterol:** Losing weight can improve your "bad cholesterol". Exercise improves your "good cholesterol". The effect can be a lower risk for heart disease, heart attacks and stroke.
 - **Improved Sleep:** Studies have shown that losing weight in obese individuals leads to improved sleep. It also reduces your risk for developing obstructive sleep apnea.
 - **Cancer Risk:** Losing weight will reduce certain cancer risk in obese individuals.
- A resolution to lose weight is a tough one to keep all year but it is well worth the outcome. Make maintaining a healthy weight your New Year's resolution and enjoy StillWaters for years to come.

Still Waters Volunteer Fire and Rescue Annual Meeting



SWVFR will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, February 2, 2020 beginning at 10am. The meeting will be held in the StillWaters Residential Association Community Room located at 1816 StillWaters Drive, Dadeville, AL 36853.



SWRA ANNUAL MEETING



The StillWaters Residential Association annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2020 beginning at 10am. The meeting will be held in the StillWaters Residential Association Community Room located at 1816 StillWaters Drive, Dadeville, AL 36853.



Personal Items Must Be Removed from Road Right-of-way

The number of personal items located in the StillWaters road right-of-ways has increased considerably. Only items approved by SWRA may be placed in road right-of-ways. These unapproved items make it difficult to cut roadside grass, repair roads, and maintain proper storm water drainage.

Property owners must remove all unapproved items such as rocks, reflectors, railroad timbers, etc., from the road right-of-way by January 31, 2020. A written approval from SWRA is the only acceptable form of an approved item. SWRA will begin removing all unapproved items from road right-of-ways on February 3, 2020.

Most roads within StillWaters have a 50 or 60 foot right-of-way and some main roads have as much as an 80 foot right of way. Most right-of-ways extend 15-20 feet from the edge of the asphalt into all properties. Property owners can contact Kevin Eason at the SWRA office 256-825-2990 or visit the Tallapoosa County GIS web site www.alabamagis.com/Tallapoosa/ if they are unsure of width of the right-of-way at their property.

Road Paving Update

Plans are being finalized to perform patching and paving road work late spring. SWRA hired an engineer to perform a study as to what roads needed immediate attention. An exact start date and a list of the road repairs should be available at the annual SWRA owners meeting on March 7th.

Gate Transmitter Changes

Property owners who lease their properties to long term renters, will no long be able to purchase a gate opening transmitter and record that transmitter in the name of their renter. Ownership of a gate transmitter will be recorded in the name of the person purchasing a transmitter and paying the annual gate fee. This will help clear up issues concerning who is using a particular gate transmitter to enter StillWaters. Gate transmitters may be purchased by all StillWaters residents.

Any property owner or resident may purchase a gate transmitter and give the transmitter to anyone they prefer; however, when the transmitter is used to open a gate, the system will record the name of the owner of the transmitter and the owner of the transmitter will be responsible for any damage caused by the person using that transmitter.

Boat and Trailer Storage Rental Spaces Available

There are a few boat and trailer storage spaces available at the SWRA storage lot located on Stagecoach Road. Annual rental starts at \$250 per year for property owners who own property under the 1987 covenants. The SWRA storage lot is completed fenced, has a locked gate with limited access, and is well lighted at night. Most of the available spaces will hold up to a 30 foot long boat or trailer. Please contact the SWRA office at 256-825-2990 for more information.

A Thought for a New Year

The following message has been circulating through several social media sites. Read it and think about it, this is a good message. The author is unknown.

I'm walking into 2020 with a clear heart and mind. If you owe me, don't worry about it. If you wronged me, it's all good, lesson learned. If you're angry with me, you won't-I have let it go. If we are not speaking, it's cool-I truly wish you well. If you feel I have wronged you, I apologize-it was not intentional. I am grateful for every experience that I received in 2019. Life is too short for pent-up anger, holding of grudges, and extra stress or pain. Here's to 2020! Remember forgiving someone is for you so don't block your blessings.

January 2020 Events for SWRA

JANUARY

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-----|--|---|---|--|--|
| | | | 1 New Years Day | 2 Game Day 9:00 AM | 3 Duplicate Bridge 9:00 AM | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 SWRA Board Meeting 9:00 AM | 8 Bridge 9:00 AM ARC Meeting 4:00 PM | 9 Game Day 9:00 AM Bid Whist 1:00 – 5:00 pm | 10 Duplicate Bridge 9:00 AM | 11 General Manager's Open Meeting 9AM |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Bridge 9:00 AM | 16 Game Day 9:00 AM | 17 Duplicate Bridge 9:00 AM | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 SWRA Board Meeting 9:00 AM | 22 Bridge 9:00 AM ARC Meeting 4:00 PM | 23 Game Day 9:00 AM | 24 Duplicate Bridge 9:00 AM | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Bridge 9:00 AM | 30 Game Day 9:00 AM | 31 Duplicate Bridge 9:00 AM | |

Still Waters Golf - January Newsletter



Happy New Year! Enjoy the mild early winter with a round of golf. Make a tee-time and come to play our great Tradition golf course. Our greens are excellent and a joy to play on! As they go dormant, we will have a good stand of grass to play on all winter long.

MEMBER TOURNAMENTS

The 2019 member tournament schedule was well received. A special thank you for all your participation and support. We will have two new events for the 2020 campaign. I will send out the tournament schedule in January so the members can make their plans to play throughout the year. Copies of the 2020 tournament schedule are also in the golf shop for retrieval.

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. The Cutter & Buck fall apparel is now in stock. Bring those gift cards and other cards with you to shop. If you want to get or give lessons as a gift, 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 course. Planned improvements going forward will target cart paths and bunkers. Tree removal on #14 will open up that area to sunlight and make the area safer for golfers to walk. Keith and Tripp have begun to clear the overgrown creeks on the golf course too.

BOBBY JONES LINKS

Keith and Debbie Hiatt have selected Bobby Jones Links out of Atlanta to oversee operations going forward. Their entry has been wonderful as their corporate experience and philosophy are perfect for our operational improvement. They are member and customer service focused and have already made a positive impact in both the golf shop and restaurant. The future looks bright for our StillWaters residency experience.

Considering running for the SWRA Board of Directors??

- Property owners who own property under the 87' covenants and plan on running for the 2020 SWRA Board of Directors by petition must return their election forms to the SWRA Board Secretary no later than January 24, 2020. These forms are available at the SWRA office.



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- ★ Member Tallapoosa County Republican Party
- ★ Six years United States Air Force
- ★ 13 years with Russell Corporation Management
- ★ Spent the last 14 years with Tallapoosa County Board of Education (TCBOE):
 - Five years at Edward Bell School as Special Education Teacher
 - Six years at Reeltown High School as Special Education then Driver's Education/Health Teacher
 - Two years at TCBOE Central Office as Director of Alternative Programs including:
 - ~ Credit Recovery
 - ~ Odysseyware Administrator
 - ~ Dadeville High School ACCESS Program
 - ~ TCBOE Virtual Academy
- ★ Second year at Reeltown Elementary as Principal

Community Board Operations



Our community is more than just a neighborhood, it is a business. Collectively, our regular annual assessments amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars that need to be budgeted carefully and spent wisely. And our neighbors who have volunteered and been elected to serve on the association's board are responsible for making critical decisions—on our behalf—about managing the community and our money.

Our board also develops long-range plans about the parts of the community that are common use property. An example is when will roads need to be repaved or the pool updated. The board must set aside funds so that these kinds of projects can be accomplished on schedule or even ahead of schedule in the event there's an unexpected breakdown.

The board also sends out requests for bids and contracts with vendors to do the work necessary to maintain our amenities. Board members decide who will do the best job of repairing or improving common area at the best price. Sometimes the best person for the job is our own community employees.

The board's decisions can have a significant impact on the community's appearance and, consequently, on our property values. Regardless of our professional manager, the board ultimately is responsible for overseeing association operations. Be sure to regularly communicate with Board members through the SWRA office, read community correspondence like newsletters and emails, come to board meetings, and attend annual meetings to elect responsible board members. Be involved in our community and help keep making it better for everyone.

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