



The Voice of StillWaters

JULY



A Message from the General Manager - Kevin Eason

Happy July 4th!! We hope you enjoy your July 4th holiday in StillWaters and on Lake Martin. Please be careful during this busy holiday month.

COVID 19 restrictions are still in place at the SWRA office and throughout StillWaters. We ask that everyone wear a mask and stay at least six feet apart while in StillWaters. The COVID 19 virus has shown signs of increased spreading and with the large number of people in StillWaters from all over the country, it is important to continue to follow social distancing guidelines. SWRA is only allowing one person at a time to enter the association office and you must wear a mask. Office personnel can take care of most requests over the phone. Please call the SWRA office at 256-825-2990 if you need assistance during the COVID 19 restrictions.

Please remember the SWRA 2020 patching and paving roads project will last all summer. Several areas have been patched and paved but SWRA is only about fifty percent finished with the project. After the patching and paving is completed, some of the roads will have new divider lines and reflectors installed. There is also drainage work scheduled as part of the 2020 roads project. Be patient; SWRA is working toward completing the project as soon as possible.

All golf carts and utility vehicles must be registered with SWRA before they are driven on StillWaters roads. They must have brake lights, turn indicators, and head lights. Owners must also carry liability insurance. The complete golf cart/utility vehicle guidelines are included in this month's newsletter.

July 4th means fireworks. Fireworks are great to watch and enjoy but are not allowed in StillWaters. Everyone can enjoy the fireworks at the annual Fourth of July Fireworks and Concert at the Lake Martin Amphitheater located at 8878 Kowaliga Rd, Eclectic, AL 36024. Gates open at 5pm, the concert starts at 7pm, and fireworks at 9pm. Go by car or boat and enjoy the lakes best fireworks display. For more information visit The Amp web site <http://www.theamponlakemartin.com/events/july-fourth.html>

Help keep StillWaters looking its best by properly disposing of unwanted trash. Please do not discard trash onto the roads or other common areas. SWRA removes several bags of trash a day from our community roads. This is expensive and time consuming. We appreciate the property owners who help keep our community clean by picking up trash as they walk or run.

The three-way stop at the intersection of Dogwood Trail and Lakeview Ridge will be removed and only Dogwood Trail will have a stop sign. A new four-way stop will be installed at the intersection of Restful Cove, the new boat dry storage parking lot entrance, and Lakeview Ridge. The new four-way stop is only a few yards from the current three-way stop. This change is scheduled to be made during the month of July.

This time of year, more people are on the lake using their boats for skiing, fishing, sightseeing, etc. Boat wake is a serious issue around Lake Martin. Boat wake damages docks, other boats, and the shoreline. Please be mindful of your boat's wake. Obey the No-Wake areas; even if the area is not a No-Wake designated area, please slow down. There have been several injures this year attributed to large wake.

July is a hot all month long. Jump off your new pontoon boat from Harbor Pointe Marina into the cool waters of Lake Martin. Harbor Pointe Marina is your local Crest and Premier pontoon boat dealer. Then listen to the cool sounds of music at Coppers Grill on Friday and Saturday nights all summer long. Enjoy all StillWaters has to offer.

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

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Riding Vehicles Under the Power Lines

Vehicles are not allowed to drive on the property under the power lines. This includes all ATV's, motorcycles, golf carts, utility vehicles, etc. Also, these same type vehicles are not allowed to drive on the closed golf course without permission from the property owner. There are several dangerous areas under the power lines and on the closed golf course where people who are unfamiliar with the area can get into trouble fast.

Recently, several people were injured while driving a golf cart and ATV under the power lines. Just a couple of weekends ago someone was severely injured when they wrecked their utility vehicle while riding on the closed golf course. It is simple, obey the rules.

Where to Watch Fireworks on Lake Martin

The annual Fourth of July Fireworks and Concert will be at the Lake Martin Amphitheater on Saturday, July 4th. Fireworks are scheduled to start at 9pm. You can go by car to view the fireworks but some of the best seats are on a boat in Kowaliga Bay.

If you own a boat, you can also travel around the Blue Creek area to watch fireworks. There is usually a good display at the Hwy 49 Blue Creek Bridge. Boat owners can also anchor off the shores of the Emerald Shores subdivision just west of Harbor Pointe Marina.

For boat owners who are comfortable driving around the lake at night, you can see plenty of professional and not so professional fireworks along the shores of Lake Martin. Just remember, fireworks are not allowed along the shores of StillWaters.

Dogs on A Leash

StillWaters does not require dogs or another pet to be on a leash; however, StillWaters does have a nuisance animal covenant. A dog or any pet that becomes a problem can be removed from our community after three written complaints have been received by the SWRA office about a particular dog or other pet.

When the SWRA office receives the first written complaint about a dog or other pet, if the owner is known, the owner is contacted and informed about the complaint. When the SWRA office receives a second written complaint about the same animal, the owner is sent a letter stating one more complaint and their animal will be removed. When a third written complaint is received, the SWRA Board may approve turning the matter over to the association attorney to have the animal removed.

SWRA has been very successful following the nuisance animal policy. But it does take three people to file a written complaint. Please contact the SWRA office if you have questions about an animal complaint form.



Still Waters Golf - July Newsletter



Summer is grass growing weather and boy are we green now! Keith and Tripp deliver every day with golf course conditions that are continuously improving. Make a tee time and come enjoy your beautiful Tradition course.

MEMBER TOURNAMENTS

The **Match Play Tournament** is moving forward competitively. The **Horserace** shootout took place on Saturday June 27th. Be sure to see who wins in the next newsletter. The **Member-Member** tournament will take place July 25th and 26th. Popular member event, so call or come by the golf shop for details and registration.

OUTSIDE EVENTS

Monday July 6th
July 17th, 18th, 19th
July 30th

Valley Seniors 9:30am shotgun dedicated course
Junior/Senior 7:00am-9:30am tee times daily
C.A.G.A. 7:00am-11:00am tee times

GOLF SHOP ITEMS

Come by and visit the staff while you look around. We have a few of the Cortex drivers from Wilson Staff (**Reduced pricing by \$200**). This driver won season two of Driver vs Driver and looks great! Come by and let Gabby customize the demo for you to try. 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 the new Puka logo golf hats and visors. Come on by the golf shop and do that...shop! lol

GOLF COURSE NEWS

The staff has worked hard in restoring the condition of our course. They continue their progress by delivering great green complexes and will begin some bunker restorations. Keith will also be sodding areas around the course that have always been unplayable.

SPECIAL NEWS

We want to thank all our supporters as we all deal with the crisis at hand. Our staff's focus on delivering clean/safe golf and food is our number one priority. We will continue to offer great experiences as our operations are being enjoyed by first time visitors. The low entry for my annual Junior Golf Clinic has forced me into a cancellation of the event this year. So sad, as I love working with the little golfers. We are proud to introduce our newest staff members in the golf shop. Welcome Mike Lee and Ed Glowacki to our service staffing. Thank you to Bill Vargo and Tamara Byal for years of great service.



VOTE on July 14th

The U.S. Senate Republican primary runoff election will be on July 14th. Local voters will go to the polls to elect a republican candidate for the U.S. Senate that will run against incumbent U. S. Senator Doug Jones.



StillWaters Golf Cart Policy



Policy Statement – Motorized Utility Vehicles

The StillWaters Residential Association (SWRA) Board of Directors recognizes the value and pleasure of utility vehicles in the StillWaters Community. The SWRA Board further recognizes the need for responsible use of such vehicles. The SWRA Board is especially concerned for the safety and well-being of all StillWaters residents and visitors.

Golf carts and other motorized vehicles can be quite dangerous, especially when used on roads. The SWRA Board recognizes the inherent hazards of motorized vehicle use in StillWaters and desires to head off accidents with the promotion of common sense operation and public awareness.

Golf Cart Policy

All motorized vehicles (golf carts, ATVs, etc.) on StillWaters' roads and common areas must be operated by licensed and insured drivers as required under Alabama law.

SWRA Board of Directors Resolution (November 27, 2007)

All motorized vehicles (golf carts, ATVs, etc.) on StillWaters' roads and common areas must have head lights, brake lights, and rearview mirrors.

and

All motorized vehicles (golf carts, ATVs, etc.) on StillWaters' roads and common areas must have a registration decal attached.

SWRA Board of Directors Resolution (June 28, 2016)

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 act responsibly in the use of motorized vehicles and adhere to this policy.

In an effort for the Board to act responsibly, violators will be reminded of the policy and asked to adhere to the policy immediately. Based on the registration, a notice will be filed with the SWRA for review.

Violations of Policy:

- Under-aged or non-licensed driver of the vehicle (unaccompanied by a licensed driver)
- Reckless or destructive behavior
- Lack of required equipment (head lights, brake lights, or rear view mirror)
- Lack of proper SWRA registration decal

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 delivered to the registered owner.

Second Violation: A 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 \$100.00 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 \$100.00 fine.

Further Violations: The SWRA Board will assess additional \$100.00 fines in cumulative.

SWRA 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, any enclosed building, or within 200 feet or 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 while within 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.)

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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 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.



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What Does The Fourth of July Mean to You?

This date is what we recognize as when the Declaration of Independence and our birth as an independent nation from Great Britain occurred. Actually, July 4, 1776 wasn't the day that Continental Congress decided to declare independence, July 2, 1776 was. Thomas Jefferson penned the writing in July 1776 and it wasn't delivered to Great Britain until November 1776 and signed in August.

So, how did we get to have July 4th as American Independence Day? This was the date which the Continental Congress finalized all the edits and changes they wanted in it and was put in the document as July 4, 1776, copied and delivered throughout the new nation. This was the date everyone remembered even though the eloquent and beautiful one written by Jefferson, was not signed until August 1776. You can see this in the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C.

It wasn't until 1817 that John Adams complained America seemed uninterested in the past because so much was happening in this new nation, mainly partisan politics. After the War of 1812 and after the deaths of Adams and Jefferson, and when celebrations of July 4th became more numerous, Congress in 1870 declared July 4th as a national holiday. This was nearly 100 years after the Constitution was written. The city which first had bonfires, bells and fireworks on Independence Square was Philadelphia, PA and with that, it became the norm to celebrate our Independence each 4th of July.

On this 238th birthday of this great nation, I just want to write about the most known symbol of our Country. The stars and stripes which we call the "American Flag". The original flag designed by Francis Hopkinson and sewn by Betsy Ross and from 1777 and 1960 the U. S. congress passed several acts which dictated shape (oblong), stripes (representing the original 13 Colonies, 7 red and 6 white) the blue square in the upper left corner (representing a white star for each state admitted to the Union). The colors are symbolic also, as red symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence and the blue represents perseverance, justice and vigilance. If anyone has been in the Military, this symbol of our great Nation is what we respect, have reverence for and is displayed wherever we are in war as a reminder that we are fighting for freedoms, so our homeland will always be free and proud of the men and women putting their lives on the line, without questioning why.

There are a few places where the Flag flies 24 hours a day but in most locations, the Flag is displayed from sunrise to sunset. After the British bombardment of Fort McHenry, a young songwriter was so struck and inspired, that he wrote "The Star Spangled Banner" in 1814. Of course, that poet was Francis Scott Key and the song became the official national anthem in 1931. In 1892, the same flag inspired James Upham and Francis Bellamy to pen the "Pledge of Allegiance" in which this writer recited every day, with hand over heart, each morning in school. No protests, defamation or anything else occurred and we knew exactly what our flag stood for and so proudly.

There are few rules re: Flag protocol. First – the Flag should be displayed daily weather permitting as in inclement weather it should not be flown and on ALL holidays, raised briskly and lowered with ceremony. The Flag should be flown on all main government buildings, near schoolhouses during school days and near each polling place of elections. Second – if not in uniform and the National Anthem is play, you should put your hand over your heart and if in uniform, you salute. The Flag should never touch the ground or be dipped toward a person and if in a stand, always place to the right in first place before any other flags. Should the Flag become old and weatherworn, it is to be burned, but only with the ceremony. There are several notable places where "Old Glory" has been flown. In 1909 adventurer Peary placed one at the North Pole. In 1963, it was put atop Mt. Everest. Probably the two most known was when Astronaut Neil Armstrong put it on the moon and then of course, at Ground Zero following 9-11.

So, when you are on the lake, cooking out or shooting fireworks, think of the history of how this country has done some pretty great things as keeping your freedoms intact, having a great song to sing and a pledge which the words are pretty clear as to what it means to be an American. Especially think of all the Veterans, past and present, who are keeping you safe today so you may enjoy your freedoms.

Janet Johnson

**Church of the Living Waters at StillWaters
 Guest Preacher Listing - 2020 Season
 All Services: Sunday 9:00-10:00 AM**



Jul. 05	Mark & Cindi Landers	Message in Music & Song
Jul. 12	Rev. James Cullins - Alexander City	
Jul. 19	Dr. George Mathison - Auburn	
Jul. 26	Rev. K.G. Jones - Tuskegee	
Aug. 02	Rev. Larry Patton - Carrollton, GA	
Aug. 09	Rev. Kevin Flannagan - Auburn	
Aug. 16	Rev. Harry Barrow - Newnan, GA	
Aug. 23	Rev. David Carboni - Lincoln	
Aug. 30	Rev. Mark Smith - Valley	
Sep. 06	Dr. Tim Thompson - Jackson's Gap	Labor Day Closing

***** Communion served on July 12th, and September 6th *****

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.**

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July 2020 Events for SWRA



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 
5 Living Waters Service 9:00 am Mark & Cindi Landers	6	7 SWRA Board Meeting 9:00 AM	8 ARC Meeting 4:00 PM	9	10	11
12 Living Waters Service 9:00 am Rev. James Cullins	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Living Waters Service 9:00 am Dr. George Mathison	20	21 SWRA Board Meeting 9:00 AM	22 ARC Meeting 4:00 PM	23	24	25
26 Living Waters Service 9:00 am Rev. K. G. Jones	27	28	29	30	31	

All social gatherings have been cancelled in SWRA Community Room

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July Gardening Tips

- **FRUITS AND NUTS** - Protect figs and other ripening fruit from birds.
- **SHRUBS** - Continue to root shrub cuttings until late in the month and mulch to keep soil moist. Remove faded blooms promptly from crape myrtle and other summer-blooming plants.
- **LAWNS** - Watch for diseases. Mow regularly. Water as needed.
- **ROSES** - Keep roses healthy and actively growing. Apply fertilizer. Wash off foliage to prevent burning if any fertilizer falls on plants.
- **ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS** - Water as needed to keep plants active.
- **BULBS** - Iris and spider lilies may be planted late this month.
- **MISCELLANEOUS** - Keeping flowers, shrubs, trees, and lawns healthy is the major task this month. This demands close observation for insects and diseases. Water.
- **VEGETABLE SEED** - Plant beans, field peas, rutabagas, squash, New Zealand spinach, and Irish potatoes. Plant cabbage, collards, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, and celery for the fall crop.
- **VEGETABLE PLANTS** - Plant tomatoes in Central and North Alabama.



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