



# The Voice of StillWaters

## A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER, KEVIN EASON

**DECEMBER  
2021**

Happy Holidays! I hope everyone is able to enjoy the holidays with family and friends. Make sure StillWaters is part of your holiday celebration.

The SWRA Christmas decorations are up and a big Thank You to the Christmas committee and the SWRA employees that helped decorate this year. A new decoration item at Moonbrook Park is a large Christmas card with face cutouts where two people can have their picture taken. Several property owners have also installed very nice Christmas decorations. Make sure you take the time to drive around StillWaters and enjoy all the Christmas decorations.

Invoices for the 2022 annual StillWaters Residential Association fee will be mailed in the latter part of December. The annual invoice includes assessment for 2021, the easy entry gate fee for each gate transmitter, and any other services that might have been charged to an owners' account over the past year. All property owners should receive their invoice by the end of December. Payment of the 2022 annual invoice is due January 1, 2022. Please contact the SWRA office at 256-825-2990 if you do not receive your annual invoice by the end of December.

Easy entry gate transmitters will automatically renew after the annual payment has been made. Property owners who do not want to continue using their easy entry gate transmitter for 2022 must contact the SWRA office to remove the transmitter from their account.

Beginning January 1, 2022, any property owner who is not in good standing with StillWaters Residential Association may lose the privilege of using an easy-access remote gate transmitter to open the entrance side of the 34 gate and the owners' entrance side of the 49 gate. The main entrance at 49 gate is open 24/7 to anyone entering StillWaters. Owners are considered not in good standing with SWRA when they have an unresolved covenant violation, have filed legal action against SWRA, and/or have not paid any outstanding invoice(s).

SWRA is working on finalizing the 2022 budget. The budget includes road and drainage repairs. Due to the limits set by the covenants as to how much SWRA can charge property owners each year for the annual fee and the continued increase in cost for road and drainage work, the 2022 budget will not include all necessary road and drainage repairs. Each year SWRA spends as much money as the budget will allow on StillWaters roads but each year those same dollars do not go as far. Property owners will soon have to accept changing the covenants to allow fees to increase enough to cover rising costs or be satisfied with deteriorating roads and improper stormwater drainage.

Make 2022 the year you spend most of your time in StillWaters. Enjoy a round of golf, pickleball, or tennis with friends. Eat a great meal or listen to the bands at Copper's. Stop by Bluffs for one of their famous frozen drinks. StillWaters is a great place to live and visit.

### 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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## HOW TO CARE FOR THE CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA



Poinsettias remain one of the most popular holiday plants. Hybridizers have expanded the range of colors from the familiar red to pastel yellow and other vibrant variegated colors. These colorful plants have become a staple in most homes during the holidays.

Two of the most common questions asked about Poinsettias are, “How can I care for my poinsettia so that it looks good all season?” and “How can I care for it so it lives and blooms next Christmas?” While taking care of it for a few weeks after you bring it home is easily done, keeping it alive until next year is a very fussy and exacting process. Since Poinsettias are not that expensive, you might just choose to enjoy them this year and start fresh next year.

Caring for your new plant is easy. Place it near a sunny window. Poinsettias are tropical plants and will appreciate as much direct sunlight as you can provide. Maintain a temperature of 65-75 degrees in your home. Cold drafts or allowing the leaves to touch a cold window can cause injury to the leaves and result in premature leaf drop. Water the plant whenever the surface feels dry to the touch and continue watering until water drains out the bottom, but do not allow the plant to sit in water. These few tips should keep your Poinsettia looking great throughout the holiday season.

If you really want to keep a Poinsettia alive until next year and make it look beautiful, then follow the tips found on this website: <http://gardening.about.com/od/winterinthegarden/a/Poinsettia.htm>.

## DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

Who needs Architectural Review Committee (ARC) approval for additions, changes, painting, or repairs to a property in StillWaters? The answer is simple, every residential property owner in StillWaters must obtain ARC approval before adding, changing, repairing, painting, etc. anything on the exterior of their property.

Regardless of the covenants that govern your property, you must first complete and submit an ARC permit request form before making any changes to your StillWaters property. In some cases, property owners must obtain two approvals; one from StillWaters and one from their sub-association.

There have been several recent violations where a property owner constructed something on their property only to be asked to remove it later

because it violated the ARC guidelines. This has also happened when a property owner in a sub-association such as The Hideaway or The Landing failed to obtain approval from both StillWaters and their sub-association committee. Whenever dock or seawall work is required, waterfront property owners must obtain approval from StillWaters first because Alabama Power Shoreline Management will not issue their permit until they receive an approval letter from StillWaters.

Obtaining permits can be confusing but the easiest thing to do is call the SWRA office at 256-825-2990 before starting anything on the exterior of your property. The SWRA office can provide you with all of the permit information you need for your particular property.



## GARBAGE CANS LEFT ON THE ROADSIDE



GFL Environmental is scheduled to service trash cans in StillWaters every Wednesday. GFL is the only waste disposal company currently servicing StillWaters for household trash removal. Their trash cans are only allowed to be placed on the roadside on Tuesday within 24 hours of servicing and must be removed within 24 hours of being emptied.

Trash cans left on the roadside before Tuesday can easily be overturned by animals which creates a mess that someone has to clean up. Trash cans left on the roadside after they are emptied are unsightly and can fall into the road creating a traffic hazard.

Garbage cans left on the roadside for extended periods may be removed by SWRA or rolled back to an owner's house and the owner will be charged a fee of \$25 for rolling the trash can back. Please help keep StillWaters clean by placing trash cans on the roadside on Tuesday of each week and removing them Wednesday evening.

## DUMPSTERS AT SWRA OFFICE PARKING LOT JANUARY 15-17, 2022

SWRA will have large dumpsters in the SWRA office parking lot for three days starting January 15<sup>th</sup>. These dumpsters can only be used by StillWaters property owners. These are not the same dumpsters Tallapoosa County places at the main entrance on Hwy 49 S.

The SWRA Board approved making these dumpsters available to StillWaters property owners because the county has reduced the number of times their dumpsters are placed at the main entrance. Only household trash can be placed in these dumpsters. No yard debris or toxic items can be placed in the dumpsters.

The dumpsters will be monitored by SWRA personnel while they are in StillWaters. This is a great opportunity to throw away those old Christmas decorations and clean out the garage.



## NEW SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS AT PARK AND TENNIS COURTS

SWRA has installed several new surveillance cameras at Moonbrook park, tennis courts, and around the SWRA office. These cameras record motion 24/7. Please remember you are under video surveillance all throughout the StillWaters community.



## UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION WITH SWRA

Now is the time for all property owners to update their contact information with the SWRA office. Please contact the SWRA office at 256-825-2990 or [info@stillwatersra.com](mailto:info@stillwatersra.com) if you have recently changed your mailing address, email, or phone number.



**2022 Resident Telephone Directory**

**In Case of Emergency**

**DIAL 911**

## 2022 STILLWATERS DIRECTORY

Having your name, address, and phone number listed in the StillWaters directory is optional. You must request adding your name and contact information to the StillWaters directory. In this newsletter is the directory information form that must be completed and returned to the SWRA office.

You do not have to complete and return a form if you were in the 2021 StillWaters directory. Only submit a new form if your contact information has changed.

## NEWCOMER'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Anyone interested in joining the Newcomer's Club is invited to attend the Newcomer's Christmas party on December 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am until 12:30pm at the home of Thelma Pitts located at 178 Blue Creek Circle in StillWaters. Come enjoy refreshments with your new neighbors. Please contact Kay Dickey at 334-462-0835 for more information.



# StillWaters Residential Directory

If you would like your StillWaters address and telephone number (up to two) in the directory, please complete the following:

**PLEASE PRINT**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

StillWaters Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_


Property owners are not automatically listed in the StillWaters directory; you must complete this directory information form and return it to the SWRA office to have your name included in the directory. Property owners that were in the previous year's directory do not need to complete an information form unless their information has changed.



# A MESSAGE FROM STILLWATERS VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE

## What Does It Cost?

It's that time of year again when your fire fees are due, and you might wonder what that money is used for. Here are some examples of what your fees pay for.



**What does it cost?**

**Total Cost to outfit one Firefighter:**  
**\$2,942**

*It takes fire dues from 30 residences to outfit one firefighter with the protective equipment necessary to protect our community.*



**What does it cost?**

- Coat \$1,092
- Pants with Suspenders \$784
- Boots \$420
- Helmet \$304
- Helmet light \$50
- Hood \$40
- Extrication Gloves \$65
- Fire Gloves \$112

NFPA 1710 states that there should be a minimum of 15 firefighters\* on the initial assignment to accomplish all fireground tasks. The cost can add up quickly!  
(\* Based on a typical 2,000-square-foot, two-story, single-family residential structure.)



# A MESSAGE FROM STILLWATERS VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE



## Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.



### HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



### HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



### Before Heading Out on to Bed

**Blow out** lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

### FACTS

- ❗ More than **one-third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ❗ More than **two of every five** decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



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## December 2021 Events for SWRA

# DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOV 28	NOV 29	NOV 30	1 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	2	3 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	4
5	6 Lake Martin Creativity Group 1 PM - 4 PM	7 SWRA Board Meeting 9:00 AM	8 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM  ARC Meeting 4:00 PM	9  Bid Whist 1:00 – 5:00 pm	10 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	11 Newcomer's Club Christmas Party 10:30AM - 12:30 PM at Thelma Pitts 178 Blue Creek Circle
12	13 Lake Martin Creativity Group 1 PM - 4 PM	14	15 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	16	17 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	18
19	20 Lake Martin Creativity Group 1 PM - 4 PM	21	22 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	23  SWRA OFFICE CLOSED	24  SWRA OFFICE CLOSED	25  <b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>
26	27  SWRA OFFICE CLOSED	28  SWRA OFFICE CLOSED	29  SWRA OFFICE CLOSED	30	31 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	JAN 01



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## **RING the SALVATION ARMY BELL**

**This year's ring season is from FRI, 26 NOV  
through THU, 23 DEC.**



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