

# The Voice of StillWaters

## A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER, KEVIN EASON

Thanksgiving is a time when families and friends travel from all over to get together and catch up on what has happened over the past year, talk about the future, count their blessings, and sadly sometimes mourn the loved ones they have lost that year. StillWaters lost the founding member of its family on October 28th with the passing of Cecil Duffee. It is not a time to mourn but a time to remember that Cecil Duffee started this great place known as StillWaters that many of us love.

Cecil had a vision for his family property on Lake Martin that was ahead of his time. He knew that Lake Martin would be one of the most sought-after destinations in the state of Alabama. He made StillWaters one of its crown jewels. His obituary is in this month's newsletter. Please read it to learn more about Cecil. There will be a service for Cecil at the Living Waters Church, the church his wife "Sis" helped found, on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 am CST.

The StillWaters Residential Association Board of Directors has approved continuing the \$100 assessment for 2022. It will be collected along with the 2023 annual association fee. Also at the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, the SWRA board approved an increase of the StillWaters annual fee from \$433 to \$471. Per the recorded StillWaters covenants, the annual fee can only increase each year by the percentage of the annual Cost of Living Average (COLA).

The Pineview Pool and the restrooms at the pool are closed for the season. The pool is scheduled to reopen in March or as allowed by warmer temperatures. Please do not attempt to use the pool while it is closed.

Think you know everything there is to know about StillWaters Residential Association or the four sets of covenants that govern our community? There is a short quiz in this newsletter. Take the quiz and check your answers. The answers are located in the advertisement section of this newsletter. You might be surprised at some of the answers.

Each year SWRA publishes an owner's directory. The name and contact information of StillWaters owners is not automatically listed in the directory. Owners must request their information be published in the directory by completing and returning the owner information request form located on page 14 in this newsletter. If you were listed in the 2022 directory you do not have to resubmit a new form, only changes to your information need to be submitted.

The annual Christmas decorations will be installed starting November 14<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas committee and the maintenance crews work hard each year to design,

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## November 2022

#### 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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build, maintain, and decorate our community. This year more decorations are being added throughout StillWaters. Although decorations go up before Thanksgiving; the lights will not be turned on until after Thanksgiving.

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Be careful if you are traveling away from StillWaters for the holiday; but why travel? Invite everyone to come to see you in StillWaters and enjoy everything our community has to offer.

### WHY MY TRASH CAN WAS NOT EMPTIED

GFL Environmental is currently the only residential weekly trash removal company that services the StillWaters community. Because GFL also owns the only landfill in the county, GFL will probably be the only residential trash removal company for a long period of time.

SWRA has discussed service issues with GFL and what could be done to improve service. Some of the main issues reported to SWRA by residents are failure to empty a trash can, unable to communicate with GFL, and trash cans being removed by GFL.

Based on the discussion between SWRA and GFL, these are some solutions to help StillWaters residents and GFL work better together.

- GFL truck drivers cannot exit the cab of the truck to pick up trash. Any trash not inside a GFL issued trash can will not be picked up. This includes boxes left beside the cans.
- GFL has a policy that truck drivers do not have to empty a trash can where trash is above the top of the can and the lid is not closed. We discussed some drivers will empty a can when the lid is not closed but company policy is they do not have to empty it because there is a higher likelihood of trash spilling onto the road if the can lid is not closed.
- Trash cans must face the road so that when dumped the lid will open properly. Remember the handles on the trash can should always point to the house or building.
- GFL will not empty a trash can that is not issued by GFL. If GFL cannot pickup their trash can that was issued to the property without touching an unapproved can or other object, then GFL will not empty their assigned trash can.
- GFL suggest their customers us the web site www.gflenv.com to communicate, make payments, report issues, etc. GFL, like other businesses, is experiencing labor issues and do not have the administrative staff to answer phone calls or return phone calls.
- Most trash cans are removed by GFL when payment for the trash service is not received. GFL suggests that customers set up auto pay for their quarterly service invoice to make sure payment is made on time to reduce service disruptions.
- GFL uses a third-party to deliver new or replace damaged trash cans. GFL does not have control as to when the third-party contractor will deliver a new or replace a damaged trash can. GFL stated it may take as long as ten days to deliver or replace a trash can.

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### WHY MY TRASH CAN WAS NOT EMPTIED

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• When there is an equipment failure and GFL is unable to pickup trash in StillWaters on Wednesday, GFL is committed to picking up the trash the following day provided there are no additional equipment failures.

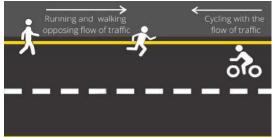
## NEW STILLWATERS WEBSITE WITH OWNER'S PORTAL COMING SOON

A new more user-friendly StillWaters website for Residential Association is currently under construction and is scheduled to be ready by the end of the year. The new website will include interactive portals owners will be able to obtain information about more SWRA from the website.



One new feature of the website will be an owner's portal that will allow owners to log into their StillWaters property account, check account balances, obtain copies of invoices, and eventually may be able to pay invoices online. In order to provide owners access to the new owner's portal, SWRA must have your current email address on file. If you receive the StillWaters eflash or this newsletter via email, we have your email address on file. Please contact the SWRA office at 256-825-2990 or email info@stillwatersra.com if you change your email or wish to add an additional email address.

### WALKING, RUNNING, AND BIKING IN SWRA



A great benefit of owning property in StillWaters is enjoying a nice walk, run, or bike ride through the community. StillWaters has some great areas to walk, run, or bike but it also has some areas where pedestrians, runners, and bikers need to avoid or be very careful due to high traffic volume.

Pedestrians and runners should always face oncoming traffic, wear bright or reflective clothing, and walk or run only during daylight hours. Pedestrians and runners should move to the side and out of the way of

oncoming traffic. Because of the growth in our community, the number of vehicles has increased and the number of drivers speeding or not paying attention to the road has increased. Protect yourself and watch out for vehicles because the driver is probably not watching out for you.

Bikers must follow the same rules of the road as vehicles. They must travel in the same direction as vehicles and stop at stop signs. Recently a biker did not stop at a stop sign and assumed a vehicle that was stopped would wait on the biker. The vehicle had the right-of-way and proceeded into the intersection the biker hit the side of the vehicle. Luckily no one was injured but, in this case, it was the biker's fault for not following the rules of the road. When riding a bike make sure you wear a protective helmet, bright clothing, a light on the front and back of the bike is always a good idea, and follow the rules of the road.

Pedestrians, runners, bikers, and vehicles must all share the roads in StillWaters. Make sure however you are using a StillWaters road, you look out for the other person. Do not put yourself in harm's way just to prove the other person is wrong. A little common sense goes a long way.

### **CECIL DUFFEE OBITUARY**



Many of you may already know that Cecil Duffee left this planet for his Heavenly Home with Jesus this past Wednesday evening. There will be two Celebration of Life services for Cecil - one in Carrollton and one at Church of the Living Waters. The StillWaters service will be this coming Saturday, November 5th at 11:00 am.



### Cecil Duffee, Jr.

July 10, 1924 - October 26, 2022

The wonderful life of Cecil Gravlee Duffee. Jr came to a close on October 26, 2022, at the age of 98. He was born in Birmingham, Alabama on July 10, 1924. His parents were Nell Devine Duffee and Cecil Gravlee Duffee, Sr. He attended Lake View Grammar School for two years then moved to Dadeville, Alabama where he attended public schools there until 11th grade. He graduated from The Baylor School in Chattanooga, Tennessee in 1942 where he excelled in football. He entered the University of Alabama for his freshman year in the summer of that same year but joined the Navy in December 1942. He was sent to the Officer's Training Program at Howard College (now Samford University) for 1 year, then to the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland for 3 years. While there, he played football for the Navy. He received a medical discharge due to a leg injury. He returned to the University of Alabama and graduated in 1947. While at the University of Alabama, he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, the Jason's Society, and the Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society.

In 1949, he married his love, Mary Francis Montgomery ("Sis") from Opelika, Alabama. Together they began a life of service to God, church, community, and family. They enjoyed over 50 years of marriage, raising 5 children, and many adventures. Together they built and began the Church of the Living Waters in Still Waters, which remained close and dear to his heart. After Sis passed in 1999, Cecil married Martha Graves in 2003. They enjoyed traveling, fun with friends and family, yard work, and nature.

After college, Cecil joined his father at Dadeville Lumber Company, a lumber production company at that time. He worked there for 40 years, where he helped develop a retail building materials department, which was one of the first "One Stop Home Centers" in Alabama, a construction department that built single-family homes, apartments, and subdivisions throughout his area. His largest endeavor began in 1969, which was the development of Still Waters, a 2,000-acre resort on Lake Martin. He served as president of the Dadeville Lumber Company for 27 years. In 1988, he and Sis moved to Sarasota, Florida where he was an associate at Key Royal Oldsmobile. From there, in 1998, he moved to Carrollton, Georgia where he became a District Sales Manager for AFLAC.

Cecil and Sis were active members of the First United Methodist Church of Dadeville where he served as a Sunday School teacher, a trustee, a member of the Finance Committee, and on the Official Board. When they moved to Sarasota, they joined the First Baptist Church where he served as Head Usher for several years. After moving to Carrollton, they joined the First United Methodist Church of Carrollton. He served in several positions including Chairman of the Board of Trustees and was an active member of the "Young Men's" Sunday School class. Cecil had a strong faith in the Lord and lived it every day.

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### **CECIL DUFFEE OBITUARY**

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Cecil's civic activities include Boy Scout Leader, chairman of the Tukabatchee Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. He served on several Board of Directors including the Bank of Dadeville, the Lyman Ward Military Academy, The Alabama State Chamber of Commerce, The Consulting Committee for the School of Forestry at Auburn University, The Alabama Forestry Association, the Board of Directors of the University of Alabama Alumni Association where he served as president of the National Alumni Association in the 1984-85 season.

Cecil enjoyed active membership in Kiwanis for over 70 years in all locations he lived in: Dadeville, Sarasota, and Carrollton. He served as president of the Dadeville and Carrollton clubs. He was also awarded the Hixon Award in the Carrollton Club, as well as the Sarasota Club.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Montgomery Duffee; second wife, Martha Buzbee Graves Duffee; sons Cecil Duffee, III, Joe Duffee, and Dawson Graves; and his sister and brother-in-law, Lillian & Charles Adair.

He is survived by his sons and daughter-in-law; Steve and Julie Duffee of Birmingham, Alabama, and Robbie Duffee of Carrollton, Georgia; daughter and son-in-law, Linnie & Kirk Dortch of Carrollton, Georgia; daughter-in-law, Barbara Duffee of Birmingham; grandchildren, Mimi Peterson (Bobby), Virginia Fife (Will), Elaine Lewellyn (Ben), Anne Coates (Cameron), Duffee Dortch, Katie Dortch; 7 great-grandchildren; Patrick & Stephanie Graves, Lauren Graves, John Patrick & Mona Graves, Courtney Graves, and Katie Ann Graves.

His love of life, family, friends, golf, football (ROLL TIDE!), and his gregarious, playful nature will be missed by us all. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, November 4, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. (EST) at Carrollton First United Methodist Church, with the Golden K Club of Carrollton serving as honorary pallbearers. A reception and time for fellowship will follow in the Church Fellowship Hall. On Saturday, November 5, 2022, there will be a service at the Church of the Living Waters, beginning at 11:00 a.m. (CST)

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Carrollton First United Methodist Church, 206 Newnan St, Carrollton, GA 30117, www.cfumc.com/give, or Church of the Living Waters at StillWaters, 782 Lakeview Ridge Cir, Dadeville, AL 36853, www.colw-sw.com.

Messages of condolences can be sent to the family at www.martin-hightower.com. Martin and Hightower Heritage Chapel has charge of the arrangements.

Martin & Hightower Funeral Home

1312 S Park Street, Carrollton, GA 30117

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## **SWRA OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING**

The SWRA administrative office will close the week of November 21-25 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Social groups that use the community room during the week will not have access to the community room. The SWRA office will re-open on Monday, November 28.

## STILLWATERS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION QUIZ



Think you know everything about StillWaters Residential Association. Test your knowledge about SWRA by taking this fun quiz. The answers to the questions are located in the advertising section of this newsletter. Some of the answers might surprise you.

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1.		Does the SWRA Board of Directors have the authority to raise the annual fee each year above the annual change in the COLA in order to cover all expenses of the association?							
	Yes	No							
2.		That percentage of the SWRA 2022 annual operating expenses were covered by the income from the 022 annual association fee?							
	a. 100%		b. 75%	c. 60%	d. 82%				
3.	Are all property owners in StillWaters required to pay the same annual association fee?								
	Yes	No							
4.	What perce	What percent of the StillWaters annual road and drainage costs are paid by the county and state?							
	a. 10%		b. 50%	c. depends on county	budget	d. none			
5.	How many	How many miles of paved roads are in StillWaters that are maintained by SWRA?							
	a. 8	b. 16	c. 23	d. 33					
6.	How many	ow many properties are in StillWaters including vacant lots, houses, condominiums, etc.?							
	a. 1,201		b. 1,945	c. 575	d. 1,527				
7.	Do owners	o owners of vacant lots pay the same annual fee amount as owners with a house?							
	Yes	No							
8.	How many	ow many property owner votes are required to approve a change in our covenants to increase the annual fee?							
	a. 25%		b. 55%	c. 65%	d. 100%				
9.	What is the	What is the speed limit on StillWaters Drive and Moonbrook Drive?							
	a. 35		b. 45	c. 50	d. as fast as I can go				
10. How many people are on the SWRA Board of Directors that each serves a 3-year term?									
	a. 5		b. 7	c. 9	d. 12				



## PICKLEBALL COURT ETIQUETTE

The newly resurfaced pickleball courts are very popular with owners and their guests. Please remember only one guest per owner is allowed to play on the StillWaters courts and a StillWaters owner must be present.

For safety reasons, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Please do not allow children to skate, skateboard, or ride any type of toy on the new surface. The hard wheels can damage the surface.

Loud music, alcoholic beverages, food or any other items that are distracting to others are not allowed inside the pickleball fence. Water or wet towels to help you cool down after a match are acceptable.

Please help SWRA keep the pickleball courts clean and free of distractions so they can be enjoyed by all.

## SWRA ANNUAL ASSOCIATION FEE INCREASE FOR 2023

At the November 1<sup>st</sup> SWRA board meeting, the SWRA Board of Directors approved an increase in the SWRA annual association fee equal to the allowed *Cost of Living Average* (COLA) percentage. The previous annual fee was \$433. The annual fee for 2023 will be \$471.

At the November 1<sup>st</sup> SWRA board meeting, the SWRA Board of Directors approved continuing the \$100 assessment for 2022. It will be invoiced along with the 2023 annual fee.

The total SWRA 2023 annual association fee will be \$571. The annual fee is due on January 1, 2023, and is considered past due if not paid by January 31, 2023. Invoices for the 2023 annual fee will be mailed to all SWRA property owners at the end of December. Failure to receive an invoice is not an excuse for not paying the 2023 annual association fee. Contact the SWRA office if you do not receive an invoice by January 1, 2023.

## VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8

Voting for national, state, and local elections will be Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Polls open at 7 am and close at 7 pm. Most residents in StillWaters will vote at the Paces Point fire department located on County Road 34.

## ANSWERS TO SWRA

1. No 6. B 2. C 7. Yes

3. No 8. B

4. D 9. A 5. C 10. B DID YOU DO



## NOV 4TH & 5TH 8:30AM-12PM

### **VOLUNTEERS MEET:**

- KOWALIGA BOAT RAMP
- UNION BOAT RAMP
- WIND CREEK MARINA
- BIG FISH REAL ESTATE
- SIGGERS GROCERY ON YOUNGS FERRY ROAD
- REAL ISLAND
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## **AUTUMN PUZZLE ANSWERS**

(from October newsletter)

6. THE 10TH MONTH OF THE YEAR (october)

8. HOLIDAY CELERBRATED IN OCTOBER (halloween)

9. TO GATHER IN THE CROPS (harvest) 10. SOMETHING YOU MAY CARVE IN OCTOBER (pumpkin)

11. IN THE SOUTH THIS IS USUALLY SERVED WITH TURKEY (dressing)

12. A FEELING MANY EXPRESS DURING FOR THIS FUN ACTIVITY (hayride) NOVEMBER (thankfulness)

13. A HOT DRINK USUALLY ENJOYED IN AUTUMN TO KEEP WARM (fireplace)

AUTUMN (cider)

15. ONES' RELATIVES (family) 18. A FAVORITE MEAL DURING NOVEMBER (turkeydinner) 20. A POPULAR COLOR IN AUTUMN. ALSO A FRUIT (orange) 23. IN THE 'WIZARD OF OZ', HE WANTED A BRAIN (scarecrow)

25. A TRACTOR IS USUALLY NEEDED 26. THIS IS COMMONLY USED IN

1. A POPULAR SPORT PLAYED IN THE US DURING AUTUMN (football)

2. HOLIDAY CELEBRATED IN NOVEMBER (thanksgiving)

3. THE WEATHER TURNS DURING AUTUMN (cooler)

4. MANY CITIES HAVE THESE FUN EVENTS DURING AUTUMN (festivals)

(leaves)

FIRE (chestnuts) 14. A YARD CHORE COMMON IN AUTUMN (rakingleaves)

16. YOU CAN GET LOST IN THIS CROP MAZE (corn)

17. A SAUCE MADE FROM THESE & SERVED WITH A TURKEY DINNER (cranberries)

19. SOME LOVE TO DIP THEIR APPLES IN THIS (caramel)

21. APPLES & PUMPKINS CAN BE USED 5. THESE CHANGE COLORS IN AUTUMN TO MAKE THESE YUMMY SWEETS (pies)

7. SOME ROAST THESE OVER AN OPEN 22. SEASON THAT FOLLOWS AUTUMN

24. ANOTHER NAME FOR THE AUTUMN SEASON (fall)



## FALL FOOD DRIVE

Please bring non-perishable food items to help feed families in Dadeville!

Suggestions: Baby Food & Formula, Beans, Cake Mixes, Candy, Canned: Chili, Meats, Stews & Vegetables, Cereals, Crackers, Coffee, Cookies, Granola Bars, Jelly, Juice, Mac & Cheese, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Pasta, Peanut Butter, Powered Milk, Rice, Spaghetti Sauce, Syrup, Taco Kits, Tea Bags, Tuna.

### Drop contributions off at Tallapoosa Nutrition

Monday to Friday 6:30 am - 5:00 pm and Saturday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm 132 W. Cusseta St, Across from the Courthouse

We will continue to collect donations until December 20<sup>th</sup>.

All donations will be distributed to the *Dadeville Food Pantry's* at the First Baptist Church and Loves and Fishes.

## THANK YOU!

### **SWRA CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



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OCT. 30	OCT. 31	SWRA Board Meeting 9 AM	Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	3	4 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	5
			ARC Meeting 4 PM			
6	7 Lake Martin Creativity Group 1 PM - 4 PM	8	9 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	10	11 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	Stoneview Summit Annual Meeting 10 AM
13	14 Lake Martin Creativity Group 1 PM - 4 PM	15 SWRA Board Meeting 9 AM	16 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	17	18 Bridge 9 AM 1 PM	19
			ARC Meeting 4 PM			
20	21	22	23	24 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	25	26
	SWRA OFFICE CLOSED	SWRA OFFICE CLOSED	SWRA OFFICE CLOSED	SWRA OFFICE CLOSED	SWRA OFFICE CLOSED	
27	28 Lake Martin Creativity Group 1 PM - 4 PM	29	30 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	31	DEC. 1	DEC. 2
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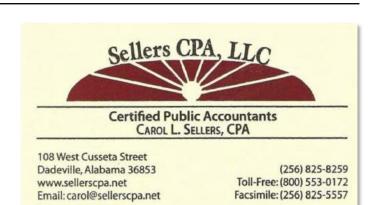
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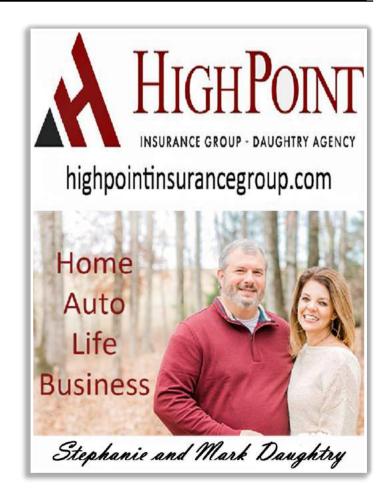
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## StillWaters Residential Directory

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

Last Name:	
First Name(s):	
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.