



**A MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER,
GRIFF GRIFFIN**

**JANUARY
2025**

The holidays are over and everything around StillWaters is getting back to normal. I hope each of you had an enjoyable holiday season. 2025 is here and we look forward to an exciting year at StillWaters. The StillWaters staff and I look forward to working with all the property owners to continue to make StillWaters a great place to live.

The 2025 annual association dues invoices have been mailed. Payment is due January 1st and is considered past due after January 31st. Please call the SWRA office at 256-825-2990 if you have any questions concerning your invoice.

The annual StillWaters Residential Association meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 8, 2025, at the SWRA Centre beginning at 10am. All StillWater property owners are encouraged to attend this year's annual meeting. Great information from 2024 year in review, financial review and accomplishments, great expectations for 2025, owner question and answer session, and the election of two new SWRA Board of Directors.

Please remember to read your covenants and apply for a permit before making any changes to the exterior of your property. The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) will levy a fine against your property if you start a project without obtaining approval and any changes that do not comply with the covenants may have to be modified or removed. In 2024, there were several property owners who incurred additional cost by starting unapproved projects or made unapproved changes without notifying the ARC. All it takes is a phone call to the SWRA office 256-825-2990 or visit our web www.stillwatersra.com to answer your questions about permits and covenants before you start or change a project.

Don't let the cold winter temperatures keep you inside. Help prevent cabin fever by bundling up with several layers of clothing and playing a round of golf or taking a walk in StillWaters. Another way to shake off the winter doldrums is to visit Harbor Pointe Marina and take a look at the new boats they have in stock. Warmer weather and longer days will be here before you know it.

Griff

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Monday 8 am - 5 pm
Tuesday 8 am - 5 pm
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Friday 8 am - 5 pm

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SWRA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominating Committee – Our thanks to Jackie Graham, Clair Khun, John Prophet, Debra Knight and Lee Eastman who served on this year’s nominating committee. They made many calls and after conducting interviews and thorough deliberation they presented their recommendations to the SWRA Board. We appreciate their diligence and willingness to volunteer their time and efforts.

The SWRA is a working Board, which requires a great deal of time and effort. The Board is charged with maintaining StillWaters’ infrastructure which includes maintaining the roads; operation of the gates; landscaping and maintaining open areas; ARC oversight of construction; covenant enforcement and various other support functions. The Board usually meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month for 3-4 hours. Board members also serve on committees.

The Nominating Committee report recommending Members **William Phillips** and **Bob Taffet** to serve for three-year terms on the SWRA Board was accepted by the Board. Please see the candidates’ biographies in this newsletter.

If interested the Bylaws allow an owner whose property is under the 1987 covenants and is in good standing with SWRA to run for one of the two board of director seats by petition. Anyone who would like to run by petition must obtain a petition form from the SWRA office and return the completed form on or before February 4th to qualify and be listed on the election ballot. Should someone decide to run for the board of directors by petition, their biography will be printed in the next newsletter which will be published before the election ballots are mailed

2025 GOLF CART REGISTRATION

- *All golf carts and ATVS will need NEW 2025 decals.*
- If you registered your Golf Cart / ATV in 2024 and signed the **Golf Cart / ATV Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement**, you do not have to re-register the vehicle in 2025, but you will need to come to the office and pick up your new decal and place the decal in the same location. There is no need to bring the Golf Cart / ATV to pick up the new decal if registered in 2024.
- If you DID NOT register your Golf Cart / ATV in 2024 and did not sign the **Golf Cart / ATV Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement**, you must bring the Golf Cart / ATV to the SWRA office to complete the registration form and sign the Release of Liability form and the required verification of operating head lights, tail lights, brake lights and rear view mirror in order to receive the NEW 2025 Golf Cart / ATV DECAL.





SWRA BOARD CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

William Phillips Bio

William and his wife, Mary, have been property owners in Stillwaters since 2015, becoming full-time residents in 2020, enjoying the pace of Lake Martin living. Previously residing in Birmingham, AL, they have been married for 38 years and share their home with two cats, Soot and Ms. Kitty.

William attended Auburn University and graduated with a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of South Florida.

Over his 35-year career in financial services, he developed expertise in risk management, portfolio management, sales, underwriting, real estate legal matters, executive leadership, team building, training, and quality assurance.

Retiring from PNC Bank in 2021, William is now excited about the growth and opportunities in Stillwaters. He is committed to contributing to the community's improvements, advocating for a fiscally stable long-term approach to resource management with his financial expertise.

Bob Taffet Bio

Bob Taffet has owned a house in Stillwaters since 1998. As his family expanded so did the lake house. His late wife, Linda, passed away in 2020 following a 13 year bout with cancer and Frontal Temporal Dementia. Bob remarried in 2023 to Robin Ulrich. They make their full time home here in Stillwaters.

Bob graduated from Rutgers University and received his commission in the United States Air Force (USAF). During the Vietnam War, Bob flew 170 fighter combat missions over North Vietnam and Laos. During the early 1970s Bob was assigned as a Fighter Instructor Pilot at multiple bases in the US. In 1975 he was assigned to Taiwan as an advisor to the Nationalist Chinese military. Subsequently, assigned to the USAF's fighter headquarters in 1978, his duties included work with various training programs, contingency operations, Inspector General (IG) matters and he was the first Branch Chief for the fighter forces of the command responsible for the middle east area of operation.

Following this tour he was assigned to Korea, first as the Chief of Safety for most USAF bases and facilities in South Korea and then as commander of a tactical squadron. His unit was awarded the USAF Outstanding Unit Award.

Upon returning to the United States he became the first Director of the Combat Employment Institute at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Many of the Institute's graduates went on to successfully plan and execute the air war against Iraq during Desert Storm.

Bob received his Masters of Science in Systems Management from the University of Southern California and graduated the following year from the USAF Air Command and Staff College. He also is a graduate of the USAF Air War College as well as the USAF Aircraft Accident Investigation School. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medals (x3), the Air Medal (x8), the Air Force Commendation Medal (x3) and several foreign decorations.

Upon his retirement from the USAF at the rank of Colonel, Bob became the first Director of the Auburn University Montgomery Alabama TechnaCenter where they trained over 75,000 people in the use and applications of computers. Following his full time retirement, he substitute taught at Montgomery Academy, Trinity Presbyterian School, and St. James School. He currently sits on the Board of Directors for the Air University Foundation at Maxwell AFB and is a past Commodore of the Stillwaters Yacht Club.



SWRA ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Election Committee oversees the election for the SWRA Board of Directors. The committee also counts and verifies all ballots received by SWRA.

Elections Ballots will be mailed to SWRA members and should be returned to the SWRA office addressed to: Secretary, SWRA Board. Ballots must be in the office no later than February 28, 2025. Ballots that are postmarked by February 28th will be counted as long they arrive before the Election Committee meets the following Tuesday. Members must be in good standing in order to vote, which means that all monies due to SWRA must be paid by that date.

ELECTION CALENDAR:

- January 1, 2025 - Nominating Committee recommendations announced.
- Friday, January 24, 2025 - Biographies for Board candidates recommend by Nominating Committee or running by petition due in SWRA office to be published in February newsletter.
- Tuesday, February 4, 2025 - Last day for Board candidates running by petition to have completed petitions presented to the SWRA Secretary to be placed on the ballot.
- Wednesday, February 12, 2025- Board election ballots are mailed to SWRA members.
- Friday, February 28, 2025 - Ballots due in SWRA office by 5pm.
- Tuesday, March 4, 2025 - Election Committee meets to count and certify ballots.
- Saturday, March 8, 2025 - Annual SWRA meeting begins at 10:00 am, election results announced.

SWRA BYLAWS - ARTICLE VII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Section 7.2 *The Board of Directors shall appoint an Elections Committee consisting of five (5) members, in good standing, at least 60 days prior to the election. The Committee's duties include verifying all ballots and proxies and announcing the results to the membership at the annual meeting and by other means. The Nominations Committee may serve as the Elections Committee at the discretion of the Board of Directors.*

Section 7.3 *Elections to the Board of Directors shall be by written ballot. The Secretary shall prepare ballots listing the Board vacancies and those properly nominated to fill them and shall mail ballots to each member at least 14 days prior to the election. The member may cast as many votes as parcels owned for each candidate but may not cumulate those votes for one candidate in elections with more than one vacancy. The ballot must be signed by the member or proxy and returned to the Elections Committee for verification. The Elections Committee will verify all votes including those made by proxy and comparing the number of votes to the number of parcels owned. All Ballots will be held by the Committee as confidential. The Elections Committee may disallow all ballots not received by the due date or improperly executed by the member or proxy.*

Section 7.4 *The Elections Committee will count all proper ballots and publicize the results to the membership at the members' meeting and by such other means deemed appropriate. All ballots will be destroyed unless a recount request is filed with the Elections Committee by at least one third (1/3) of members casting ballots within ten (10) days of the members' meeting.*



2025 SWRA ANNUAL ASSOCIATION FEE

At the October 1st SWRA board meeting, the SWRA Board of Directors approved a \$100 assessment for 2024 effective on property as of October 15, 2024. It was invoiced along with the 2025 annual fee.

At the October 15th SWRA board meeting the SWRA Board of Directors approved that the SWRA annual association fee will be set to the current amount plus the 2025 *Cost-of-Living Average (COLA)* of 2.5 percentage increase as allowed per the Association documents and is the lowest annual benefit adjustment in 4 years. The previous annual fee was \$486. The annual fee for 2025 will be \$498.

The annual fee is due on January 1, 2025, and is considered past due if not paid by January 31, 2025. Invoices for the 2025 annual fee were mailed to all SWRA property owners at the end of December, **if you have not received the invoice by January 10th please call the Office at (256) 825-2990.** Failure to receive an invoice is not an excuse for not paying the 2025 annual association fee.

STILLWATERS VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE

2025 Fire Dues Invoices may now be paid by credit card!

Visit our web page: <https://stillwatersfire.com>

Make plans to attend the Annual Fire District Meeting...

**Saturday, February 8, 2025
10:00 a.m. at the StillWaters Residential Centre
Meeting Room**

SWRA WEBSITE QR CODE

For covenant information, downloadable forms, current and previous newsletters, contact information, community photos, and much more please visit the StillWaters website by scanning this QR code with your smart phone. Or visit our website at www.stillwatersra.com





**STILLWATERS OWNERS
IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW
Saturday, March 8, 2025
10:00 AM**

**Make Plans to Attend
THE STILLWATERS RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING**

Leaves are falling and property owners are raking and burning piles of leaves. If you burn your leaves please remember to contact Stillwaters Residential Association at 256-825-2990 to advise us that you are burning leaves, etc.

Please do not rake leaves into drainage ditches or onto adjacent property. Leaves can clog up a drainage ditch causing erosion to the edge of our roads and your neighbors will not appreciate extra leaves on their property.



HAPPENINGS AROUND THE LAKE

TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE LAKE, VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

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<https://www.lakemartin.com/Events/>

AllEvents in Dadeville:
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LAND FOR SALE

SWRA Lots for Sale:

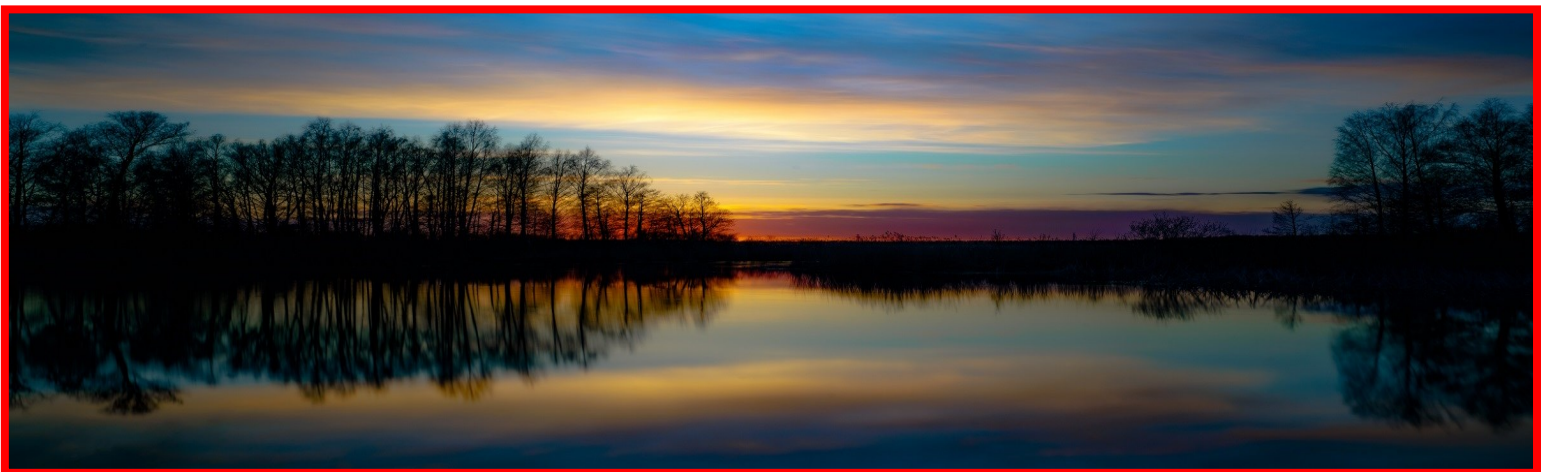
We have experienced great success with the sales of SWRA owned lots which benefits all of our community. We will be reviewing pricing and adjusting our listing prices upward in early December so if you are interested in one of these lots, please contact Sealy Hargrove soon to take advantage of the lower prices.

All SWRA lots are under the 1987 Covenants. SWRA has several active contracts with multiple closings scheduled in the next few weeks.

The listed lots are currently listed in MLS. There are others that we have not yet listed publicly however our agent can show any of the lots owned by SWRA to you.

Contact Associate Broker Sealy Hargrove of Roots Real Estate if you are interested in purchasing a SWRA owned lots. Contact Sealy directly at SealyH@gmail.com or by phone at 334-444-4527.

- Lot 50 Vistawood Dr
- Lot 1 Knollwood Rd
- Lot 2 Knollwood Rd
- Lot 3 Knollwood Rd
- Lot 5 Knollwood Rd
- Lot 46 Tanglewood Ln
- Lot 20 Fern Ridge Dr
- Lot 21 Fern Ridge Dr
- Lot 25 Stillwaters Dr
- Lot 3 Pineview Ln
- Lot 26 Tree Top Ln
- Lot 91 Tall Pine Place
- Lot 33A Deer Run Rd
- Lot 5 Buckview Ln
- Lot 15 Buckview Ln
- Lot 2 Stagecoach Rd





SWRA DOGFIGHT GROUP

Golf: The Sport That Tees You Up for Laughs



Golf, they say, is a gentleman's game—a sport of precision, patience, and perfectly manicured grass. But let's be honest: it's also a prime source of comedy gold.

The Language of Golf

Only in golf can "birdies" be good, "bogeys" be bad, and a "mulligan" be everyone's best friend. Imagine trying to explain that to someone who's never played. "Yes, I scored a birdie, but then I triple-bogeyed and took a mulligan, so we're all square!" Makes perfect sense, right?

Golf Fashion

Golfers have a unique sense of style that's impossible to miss. Who else can pull off plaid pants, pastel polos, and visors without a second thought? It's like the runway meets the fairway—but with a lot more khaki.

The Golf Cart Adventures

Ah, the humble golf cart, the real MVP of the sport. Whether it's for zipping across the course or racing your buddy to the next hole, it's a vehicle of pure joy. Just don't let your cart GPS scold you with, "Please return to the path," when you're obviously *exploring*.

Hazards of the Game

Sand traps, water hazards, and trees—oh my! Golf courses are full of sneaky challenges, but nothing beats the existential crisis you feel when your ball lands in the drink. Do you fish it out with a long stick of shame, or let it rest in peace?

The Mysterious Golf Swing

Golf swings are as unique as fingerprints. Some players have a textbook form, while others look like they're swatting a bee. Either way, the result is often the same: the ball lands nowhere near where you aimed.

19th Hole Therapy

Finally, there's the legendary 19th hole—the clubhouse. Whether you're celebrating a great game or drowning the memory of that quadruple bogey, the 19th hole is where golf friendships are forged and rivalries are (mostly) forgotten.

So, next time you hit the links, remember: golf is more than a game. It's an adventure, a comedy show, and a lesson in humility, all rolled into one. And hey, if all else fails, at least you'll have a great story to tell at the 19th hole.

Stillwaters Golf has a great dogfight group that plays on a regular basis, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. You don't have to be a member to participate. Just sign up before each round and play to your skill level. Enjoy the fellowship with different team members for each round and learn more about your neighbors in Stillwaters and the surrounding area. The group recently had a Dogfighter's Appreciation Day where 33 golfers showed up to play and win various prizes. Even if you are just returning to play or a learner, you are always welcome! Fore!



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SWRA CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January 2025

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			1	2	3	4
					Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Lake Martin Creativity Group 1 PM—4 PM		SWRA Board Meeting 9:00 AM	Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM ARC 4 PM		Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Lake Martin Creativity Group 1 PM—4 PM			Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM		Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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