



The Voice of **StillWaters**

A Message From Your SWRA Board

October
2025

It is hard to believe that October is already here, and fall has arrived! We look forward to enjoying cooler temperatures as the leaves change color. This past summer was busy at StillWaters, and we continue to welcome visitors who are enjoying weekends on the lake and attending Auburn home games. Fall is also a season filled with festivals and various events in our area, so be sure to check out what is happening and enjoy this beautiful time of year!

Halloween falls on Friday, October 31st. Many families in StillWaters have young children who will be trick-or-treating. If you would like to offer treats, please leave your outdoor lights on. Parents should instruct their children to avoid houses without lights on. Our Community Patrol will be monitoring the neighborhood to ensure a fun and safe evening for the children.

We want to inform you that Mike "Griff" Griffin is no longer serving as the SWRA Community Association Manager, as he is pursuing other opportunities. We wish him and his wife, Kathy, all the best in their future endeavors and thank him for his contributions to StillWaters. In the meantime, SWRA Board President Lee Eastman will be stepping in to handle responsibilities and assist ACAM Mike Dean and our terrific SWRA staff at the office while the Board actively searches for a new Community Association Manager.

As of the date of this newsletter, SWRA has not yet determined the annual association fee for 2026. The StillWaters covenants regulate the amount that the annual fee can increase. According to these covenants, the annual fee increase must correlate with the annual increase in the Cost-of-Living Average (COLA). The COLA percentage increase will be published in October, and we will share this information, in our November newsletter.

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In this newsletter, there is an article about the process of running for a position on the SWRA Board to fill three positions in March of 2026. If you are interested in serving for a three-year term, now is the time to contact the Nominating Committee.

Remember to let Bob Taffet know if you have any ideas for or are interested in helping with social functions in StillWaters. He is open to your suggestions. (b.taffet@stillwatersra.com)

Please take a moment to check in with the SWRA office to ensure that all your contact information is up to date. This includes your mailing address, telephone number, and email address. Each year, many mailings are returned due to incorrect addresses, which costs us time and money. Thank you!

The Board members and SWRA staff appreciate the support and cooperation that we receive from each of you as we all work together to protect and improve this wonderful community that we are fortunate to be a part of. Please email or contact any of us or the office directly if we can be of assistance or answer any questions or address concerns. Thanks to our committees who work hard throughout the year! We wish all a safe and happy October!

Let US Know

Have You Moved or Changed Your Contact Info? Let Us Know!

Hi neighbors!

We want to make sure we can stay in touch with everyone in our community. If you've recently moved, changed your phone number, or updated your email address, please take a moment to let us know!

Having the right contact information helps us keep you in the loop about

- Community events and news
- Maintenance updates
- HOA dues and billing notices
- Emergency alerts (just in case!)
- If anything has changed, just send your updated info to:
Email Frontdesk@stillwatersra.com
Call 256-583-0990

Or feel free to drop it off at the SWRA Office Drop Box, located at the front entrance of the office. Thanks so much for helping us keep our records up to date—and for being such a great part of our community!

SWRA 2026 Nominating Committee

SWRA Nominating Committee

The following property owners have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee for the next election of the SWRA Board of Directors:

Sally Gantt	678-923-6044	s.gantt@stillwatersra.com
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The election will be for three positions with each serving for 3-year terms. Those members elected will begin serving March 2026 with the results of the vote announced at the Annual Membership Meeting. Remember nominees must be property owners in good standing and under the 1987 covenants.

If you are interested in serving on the Board or know of someone that you think would be a good candidate, please submit their name to the committee for consideration.

After the Nominating Committee reports to the Board, the report of recommended candidates will be published, and then other names may be added to the ballot by petition. Property owners under the 1987 covenants not selected by the Nominating Committee may run for the Board by obtaining a petition signed by a minimum of 20 property owners in good standing with the Association in order to run for election.

SWRA BYLAWS, ARTICLE VII

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Section 7.1. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominations Committee of five (5) members, two (2) of whom shall be Directors and three shall be non-Directors. The Committee shall be appointed at least 60 days before any members' meeting at which elections for the Board of Directors is to be held. The Committee shall nominate candidates to fill Board vacancies at least 30 days prior to the election and provide that list to the Secretary. No member of the Nominations Committee shall be eligible to be nominated. Nominations of members must be in good standing and may also be made by petition signed by twenty (20) or more members, in good standing, filed with the Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the election.



Let's Play Bridge



Looking for fun, friendly competition, and great camaraderie? Whether you're a seasoned pro or a complete beginner, our Bridge Club is the perfect place to learn, play, and make new friends.

When : Wednesdays

Where: StillWaters Centre Community Room

Time: 10am to 1pm

We welcome new players of all experience levels—don't worry if you're inexperienced! We have a supportive and fun group that will help you learn and enjoy the game. Plus, we'll have delicious food and snacks to keep you fueled up while you play!

Come for the cards, stay for the friendships, and leave with a smile!

Feel free to bring a friend, the more, the merrier!

Looking forward to meeting you! 😊

Please contact Kay Dickey at Kdickey46@gmail.com, with any questions.

Fall Festivals

DADEVILLE
Fall
FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 4, 2025, 9AM TO 3PM
FUN FOR WHOLE THE FAMILY
CAR SHOW
KID ZONE WITH BOUNCY HOUSES

9:30AM TO 11:00AM
CHARACTER APPEARANCES
ELSA, SPIDERMAN & BLUEY

11:00AM TO 11:45AM
THE MAGIC OF TOMMY JOHNS

1:00PM TO 3:00PM
RAM CORP

45th Annual Oktoberfest

Schedule: Sat Oct 11 2025 at 08:00 am to 02:30 pm UTC -05:00	Location: 1685 Arena Road, Alexander City, AL, United States, Alabama 35010 Alexander City, AL
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FIRE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH



Fire Safety Prevention: Stay Safe This October

As we step into October, the weather starts to cool down, and many people begin to prepare their homes for the fall and winter months. Along with seasonal changes, it's important to be mindful of fire safety. Whether you're enjoying cozy evenings by the fireplace, cooking up seasonal meals, or preparing for fall outdoor activities, fire safety should be at the forefront of your mind.

October is Fire Prevention Month, making it a great time to review your fire safety habits, ensure your home is equipped with the necessary fire prevention tools, and learn simple steps to reduce the risk of fires. Here's what you can do to stay fire-safe this October:

1. Check Smoke Detectors and Alarms

Your smoke detectors are your first line of defense in case of a fire. It's essential to make sure they are working properly by testing them monthly. Replace the batteries at least once a year, and consider upgrading to smoke detectors with a built-in carbon monoxide detector for extra protection.

Tip: If your smoke alarm is over 10 years old, it's time to replace it entirely

2. Create and Practice a Fire Escape Plan

In the event of a fire, every second counts. Make sure that everyone in your household knows exactly what to do. Create a fire escape plan with two ways out of every room and a designated meeting spot outside the house. Practice this plan with your family at least twice a year, especially before colder months when heating devices are in use.

3. Inspect Heating Systems and Chimneys

As the cold weather sets in, many people turn to space heaters, fireplaces, and furnaces for warmth. These devices can pose a fire risk if they aren't maintained properly.

Space heaters: Keep them at least 3 feet away from flammable materials (such as curtains, bedding, and furniture). Never leave them running while you sleep.

Fireplaces: Have your chimney cleaned and inspected yearly to prevent a buildup of creosote, which can catch fire. Always use a fire screen to protect against flying embers.

4. Be Cautious with Candles

Candles are a popular way to create a cozy atmosphere, but they can also be a fire hazard if left unattended. Never leave a burning candle in a room with small children or pets, and always extinguish candles before going to bed.

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Fire Safety Awareness Month

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5. Maintain Electrical Safety

Electrical fires are one of the leading causes of house fires. Check the condition of your electrical cords and outlets. Avoid overloading power strips or using faulty extension cords. If you notice any frayed wires or flickering lights, call a professional to inspect the wiring in your home.

6. Be Careful in the Kitchen

The kitchen is one of the most common places where fires start. Whether you're preparing fall soups or baking pies, always stay in the kitchen while cooking. Keep flammable materials like dish towels and paper towels away from the stove, and never leave a hot stove or oven unattended.

If a small grease fire starts, never use water. Instead, cover the pan with a lid or use a fire extinguisher designed for grease fires

7. Store Fire Extinguishers Properly

Every home should have at least one fire extinguisher, and it should be easily accessible in case of an emergency. Make sure everyone in your household knows how to use it. The most common type is the ABC fire extinguisher, which is suitable for most types of household fires.

Tip: Check the pressure gauge regularly to ensure it's ready to use.

8. Check for Fire Hazards Outdoors

If you live in an area prone to wildfires, it's essential to take precautions outside your home. Keep your yard free of dry leaves and debris that could catch fire easily. Trim trees and bushes, especially if they are close to your house. Store firewood away from your home and other structures.

9. Be Mindful of Halloween Fire Safety

As Halloween approaches, be aware of additional fire hazards such as costumes, decorations, and pumpkins. If you're using candles in jack-o'-lanterns, make sure they are placed away from anything that could catch fire. Consider using LED lights or battery-operated candles as a safer option for illuminating pumpkins

10. Educate Children on Fire Safety

Teaching children about fire safety is crucial. They should understand the importance of staying away from fire, as well as what to do if there is a fire. Teach them to "stop, drop, and roll" in case their clothes catch fire, and show them how to safely exit the house in an emergency.

Fire safety is a year-round responsibility, but October provides a great opportunity to take proactive steps toward ensuring your home is protected. From checking smoke detectors to practicing escape plans, the small steps you take today can help safeguard your home and loved ones for the months ahead. Stay safe this October, and remember: prevention is key!





Hallow's Eve

Ghosts and goblins will soon be walking the streets this Hallow's Eve.

Alexander City will have its **trick-or-treating** from 6pm to 8pm, **October 31, 2025**. The city will host a **Trunk or Treat** at the Municipal Complex from 5pm to 7pm, **October 23, 2025**.

Dadeville will have its **trick-or-treat treating** from 5pm to 7pm, **October 31, 2025**. At the same time, the city will also host its **Trunk or Treat** event.



SWRA Burn Notice

SWRA : Safe Burn Conditions & Burn Notice

SWRA is committed to the safety and well-being of our community. As we enter the burn season, we want to remind residents about the importance of following safe burn practices and securing a burn notice before starting any open fires.

Safe Burn Conditions

Open burning can be a useful tool for property maintenance, but it must be done with caution. For your safety, please adhere to the following guidelines:

Weather Conditions: Only burn when weather conditions are calm. Humidity is greater than 25 percent and winds should be under 15 mph, as gusts can quickly spread the fire. Avoid burning on hot, dry days when the risk of wildfires is high.

Clear the Area: Ensure there is a clear, firebreak area around the burn site. Keep a 10-foot radius clear of brush, leaves, and other flammable materials.

Size of the Fire: Keep your fire small and manageable. Do not burn large piles of debris that can get out of control.

Supervision: Always keep the fire attended. Never leave a fire unattended, even for a short period.

Extinguish the Fire: When finished, make sure the fire is completely extinguished. Use water to douse the fire and stir the ashes to ensure all embers are out.

Burn Notice Request

Before lighting any open fire within StillWaters, residents must request a **Burn Notice**. This ensures that all fires are conducted safely and with the proper precautions in place. To request a burn notice, please contact the **SWRA office at 256-269-4665**. A notice will be issued after reviewing safety conditions and confirming that the burn can be conducted responsibly.

Your cooperation helps keep our neighborhood safe and beautiful.

Stay safe and burn responsibly!



Pineview Pool Closing



Pineview Pool Seasonal Closure Notice

Please note that Pineview Pool, located at 1816 Stillwaters Drive, will close for the season on Tuesday, September 30, 2025.

The pool is scheduled to reopen on March 1st, or sooner if warmer temperatures permit. We look forward to welcoming you back in the spring!

THROW AWAY DAY

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October 20-21

- * Stillwaters (AL-49)
- * Double Bridges- Hwy 63

October 22-23

- * Young's Ferry / Mullican Int.
- * Eagle Creek / Main St. Int.

October 24-26

- * Alex City Annex - 395 Lee St.

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October 20-26, 2025

Dumpsters will be available at each of these locations at no charge to residents. The following items are not allowed: liquids (including paint, paint thinner, pesticides, etc.), appliances with compressors (including air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, etc.), tires, batteries, light bulbs, TVs, computers, propane tanks, hazardous or medical waste

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SWRA CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM ARC Meeting 4 PM	2	3 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	4
5	6 Lake Martin Creativity Group 1 PM - 4 PM	7 SWRA Board Meeting 9 AM	8 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	9	10 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	11
12	13 Lake Martin Creativity Group 1 PM - 4 PM	14	15 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM ARC Meeting 4 PM	16	17 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	18
19	20 Lake Martin Creativity Group 1 PM - 4 PM	21 SWRA Board Meeting 9 AM	22 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	23	24 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	25
26	27 Lake Martin Creativity Group 1 PM - 4 PM	28	29 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM	30	31 Bridge 9 AM - 1 PM Happy Halloween 	

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