



THE WATERS  
Winter 2024

# THE WATERS LEDGER

A PUBLICATION OF THE WATERS ASSEMBLY

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## Quarterly Quote

*“Winter is a season  
of recovery and  
preparation.”*

*—Paul Theroux*



THE WATERS ASSEMBLY

# 13th Annual FOOD DRIVE

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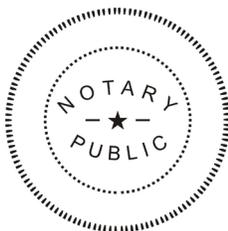
**FEBRUARY  
4-10th**



We will be collecting  
non-perishable food items and toiletry items.  
Call 334.277.5551 for more info.

**DROP-OFF LOCATIONS** Sales & Information Center  
Lucas Point Mail Center  
NYC Gyro

**The Waters**  
2239 Marler Road  
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## FREE NOTARY SERVICE

at The Waters Assembly Office  
No Charge to The Waters residents

**Appointment Required**

Happy New Year! The Waters Assembly team hopes everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. We are excited about the new year and we are busy planning the calendar of events for 2024. We have a lot of fun activities coming up for the neighborhood this year! You can read details about all of our events on the event tab of The Waters Assembly website at [TheWatersAssembly.com](http://TheWatersAssembly.com). A list of the upcoming food trucks can be found on the Food Truck Schedule tab of our website as well.

## Note from the Assembly Manager

The Waters Annual Association and Annual Meetings were held in October and November. We appreciate the neighbors who attended. The Board approved the 2024 budget with a ten percent increase in the association dues. A breakdown of the 2024 dues assessments can be found in a separate article of this newsletter.

All neighbors should have received the 2024 Waters Assembly Coupon Book for paying HOA dues. Neighbors that did not receive the Coupon Book should call the Information Center at (334) 277-5551 or send an email to [TheAssembly@TheWatersAL.com](mailto:TheAssembly@TheWatersAL.com). As a reminder, there are several ways to pay HOA dues in addition to the Coupon Book. Payment can be made directly from your bank (quarterly or monthly) by completing an ACH Agreement. This form can be found on our website ([TheWatersAssembly.com](http://TheWatersAssembly.com)) and should be returned to the HOA office. This executed ACH Agreement will allow the The Waters Assembly to deduct payments from your bank account directly. Payment is also available by credit/debit card using a PayPal card reader. When choosing to pay via credit/debit card, members will be charged a convenience fee of 3.75%. Payments can also be mailed, or hand delivered to the The Information Center. Payments are due the 1st of each quarter (January, April, July and October) and are late if paid after the 15th. For the HOA to work effectively, it is very important that all assessments are paid on time.

2024 is going to be a great year and I look forward to seeing all of our wonderful neighbors enjoying the community.

Jennifer Akridge, Assembly Manager

### The Waters 2023 – 2024 Fishing Guidelines

#### Catch and Release Guidelines:

- Release all Bass.
- Release all Crappie.
- Limit the number of bluegill and shell crackers to 10 per person per day.

#### Harvest Guidelines:

- Harvest all catfish when caught. Note: catfish compete with the bass for the limited food supply so please harvest. Thank you for helping to remove the catfish.

*From Southeastern Pond Management Evaluation of Lake Cameron, 2023*

## Headed Out of Town?

Did you know you can have your mail held safely at the Pike Road local Post Office until you return? Notify the USPS up to 30 days in advance or as late as the next scheduled delivery day. Request the start date by 2:00 am on the requested day, Monday - Saturday. For more details visit [USPS.com](http://USPS.com).

## The Town of Pike Road Meeting Information

### Town Council Meetings

The Pike Road Town Council meets the second Monday of every month at 6:00 pm (or immediately after the Planning Commission meeting, but not before 6:00 pm) and the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00 am. Meetings are held in the council chamber at Pike Road Town Hall.

### Planning Commission Meetings

The Pike Road Planning Commission meets the first\* Monday of every month at 5:30 pm. Meetings are held in the council chamber at Pike Road Town Hall.

For more information, contact The Town of Pike Road at (334) 272-9883.

*The Town of Pike Road observes federal holidays. In the case that a town council and/or planning commission meeting falls on one of these holidays, the meeting(s) will be moved to the following business day or as announced. For information purposes only, please contact The Town of Pike Road for details and guidelines related to social distancing.*

\*The Pike Road Planning Commission will meet the second Monday in January.



## BOAT USAGE AND SAFETY CLASS

Boat classes are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at 4:30 pm and start on the porch of the Lucas Point Mail Center. Reservations are required. Resident Cards are activated for access to the pool gates for all Assembly Members current on their Assembly Dues. Once the boat class has been completed, Resident Cards for the attending member will be activated to access the boat keys. Residents must be 16 years old or older to have access to the boats. Only members in good standing with The Assembly have access to the amenities. If you are uncertain about your Assembly account balance, please contact Jennifer Akridge or Rachael Quinn at the Information Center at (334) 277-5551.

## The Waters Directory

The Waters Directory Winter 2024 update is complete. A copy of the directory was emailed to the residents in a Neighborhood Update email. If you would like a copy of the directory, would like to be listed in the directory, or would like to change the listing, please contact The Waters Assembly at (334) 277-5551 or [TheAssembly@TheWatersAL.com](mailto:TheAssembly@TheWatersAL.com).

## The Waters 2023-2024 Neighborhood Representatives

The Neighborhood Representatives serve as a liaison between the Members of the Association in their neighborhoods and the Officers and Directors of the Association. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas about your neighborhood, please contact the HOA office or your Neighborhood Representative via email or telephone. Thank you to the neighbors listed below for volunteering your time.

### Neighborhood A - Dale Entrekin

Cell: (334) 303-1640  
Email Address: [rdentrekin@gmail.com](mailto:rdentrekin@gmail.com)

### Neighborhood B - Mark Spurlin

Cell: (334) 430-2974  
Email Address: [markbspurlin@gmail.com](mailto:markbspurlin@gmail.com)

### Neighborhood C - Gary Weaver

Cell: (334) 235-0116  
Email Address: [gdweaver65@gmail.com](mailto:gdweaver65@gmail.com)

### Neighborhood D - Coleen Coles

Cell: (334) 430-7777  
Email Address: [cpcoles48@gmail.com](mailto:cpcoles48@gmail.com)

### Neighborhood E - Hannah Hawk

Cell: (423) 715-1699  
Email Address: [hannahhawk@gmail.com](mailto:hannahhawk@gmail.com)

### Neighborhood F -

Contact the Information Center  
Office: (334) 277-5551  
Email Address:  
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"In seed time learn,  
in harvest teach, in  
winter enjoy."  
- William Blake



### Winter Bass Fishing Tips

Winter bass fishing can be one of the best times of the year to catch the biggest fish of the season. This time of the year, fish are grouping up in deeper water to prepare to hide out for winter, but even in this cold-water fish still have to feed. With large groups of fish comes competition, no matter what the temperature is. This can be a recipe for a big fish!

#### 3 Lures Needed For Cold Water Bass This Winter

1. Jigs: skirted jigs are excellent when it gets cold because of their ability to adapt.
2. Jerkbait: Their ability to suspend in place allows anglers to perfectly mimic dying baitfish- which is number one on the fish menu.
3. Spoons: If a group of bass has been located under the boat, there aren't many better ways to catch than with a jiggging spoon.

<https://shopkarls.com/blog/best-lures-catch-cold-water-bass/>

# Sweet and Salty Dark Chocolate Bark

### INGREDIENTS:

- 3 cups dark chocolate chips
- 1 cup freshly popped popcorn
- 1 cup salted pretzels
- 3 tablespoons mini M&Ms
- 2 tablespoons assorted sprinkles
- 1 cup white chocolate chips

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Melt the chocolate chips in the microwave, stir until smooth
3. Pour chocolate onto the parchment paper, and using spatula, spread it into an even layer about ¼ inch thick
4. Sprinkle the popcorn, pretzels, M&Ms and sprinkles on top of the chocolate and then place the baking sheet in the refrigerator to chill for 20 minutes until chocolate hardens.
5. Melt the white chocolate in microwave, stir until smooth
6. Drizzle the white chocolate over the chocolate bark then return it to the refrigerator for 10 minutes until firm.
7. Remove the bark from the refrigerator carefully slide in into a cutting board and cut the slices!

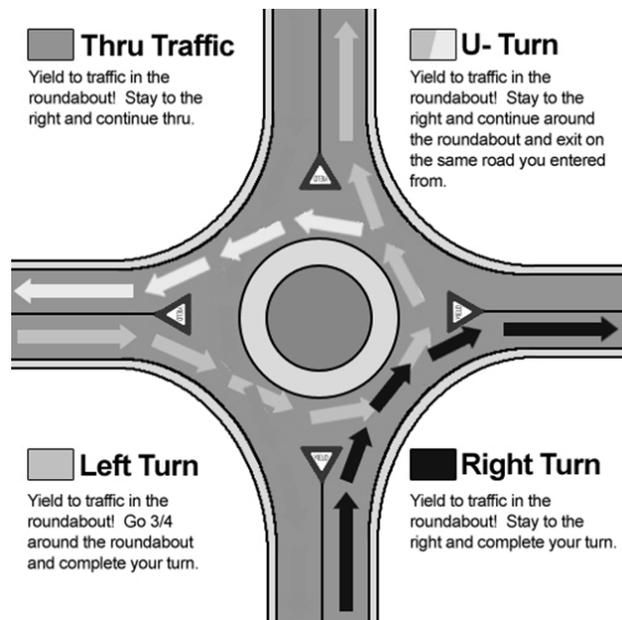
Source: delish.com



# How to Use a Roundabout

As you approach a roundabout there will be a YIELD sign.

- Slow down
- Yield to vehicles already in the roundabout
- When traffic is clear, merge to the right
- Continue through the roundabout until you reach your exit point
- Avoid stopping in a roundabout
- DO NOT enter roundabout going the wrong direction



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# Tips for Cleaning Fiber Cement Siding

Keeping fiber cement siding looking clean and new is an easy task. Following a few simple tips, the home's exterior will look brand new!

Generally, fiber cement siding is most easily cleaned using a power washer. A hose can work, but the pressure is often not enough to get rid of any resistant dirt, mildew, or mold. Also, fiber cement siding should be cleaned annually to keep the dirt and mildew from building up.

Before starting, inspect the home. Look for areas that may need a little extra TLC. Some areas of the fiber cement siding may have accumulated more dirt, mildew, or mold over the year. This is also a good time to fix any areas that need more caulking or areas where nails need to be replaced. Once you have inspected the area, use the power washer to wash and rinse the fiber cement siding.

During this cleaning, it may also be wise to trim any trees or bushes that are creating more pollen build-up on the siding. Trees and shrubs should be cut away from the home.

Homedoctor.net

# The Waters Wildlife

## PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE DEER AND DUCKS.

### FEEDING DEER CAN:

- Attract predators and increase risk of death by coyotes or domestic dogs.
- Spread disease among deer.
- Cause aggression, wasting vital energy reserves and leading to injury or death.
- Reduce fat reserves as deer use energy traveling to and from the feed site.
- Result in over-browsing of local vegetation and ornamental plants.
- Deny access to food, because subordinate deer are kept away from feeding stations, and over-browsing by larger deer removes food available to fawns.
- Increase deer-vehicle collisions. Vehicle-killed deer near feed sites can outnumber those that would naturally succumb to winter mortality.

### FEEDING DUCKS CAN:

- In their natural habitat, ducks don't need any food from humans, whether it's bread or something healthier. They get everything they need from the environment around them.
- Waterfowl can rapidly become conditioned to, and dependent on, handouts.
- Supplementing their diet with anything at all leads to overcrowding, pollution, malnutrition, disease, and loss of natural behavior.
- Fed ducks and geese behave differently. They become more aggressive and eventually lose their wariness of humans.
- Some will not survive because they can't compete.
- Increase duck-vehicle collisions. Vehicle-killed ducks near feed sites can outnumber those that would naturally succumb to mortality.

# 2024 HOA Dues

At the Annual Association Meeting, the 2024 Budget was approved with a ten percent increase in the annual HOA assessment.

The 2024 coupon booklets will reflect the new assessment rate. If you are set up on automatic draft through your bank, please notify your bank of the new rate that will be effective 1st quarter 2024. If you are unsure which category applies to your property, contact The Waters Assembly staff at 334.277.5551.

### 2024 Quarterly HOA Assessment Categories and Rates:

- House, Large House, Sideyard, Cottage/Battery (Base Assessment) \$532.00
- Mansion/Lake Front/Ridge/Preserve \$638.40
- Carriage Home/Small Cottage \$478.84
- Courtyard \$425.60
- Townhome \$535.60
- Live/Work \$399.06
- Condo \$345.82

If you are set up on ACH (automatic electronic withdrawal) through The Waters Assembly, your payment will be adjusted accordingly.

## Why do we have Covenants and Restrictions?

Whether you are an original owner of a home in The Waters or you're a second or third owner, welcome to the community! The Waters is an exciting and vibrant place in which to live and the people here wish to make it an even better place to call home through continuing efforts to protect, maintain, and enhance property values.

Covenants and Restrictions have been set so that aesthetics, congruity, appearance, safety, etc. can be defined and written guidelines can be promulgated, in order to create an environment where all residents can live in harmony.

Your compliance with the Covenants and Restrictions is most important! If you have any questions about the Covenants and Restrictions, please contact The Waters Information Center at (334) 277-5551.

# Community Classifieds 2024

Want to offer a service to other Waters residents such as babysitting services or yard maintenance? Want to sell something? Want to buy something? If so, call the Information Center to add your listing to The Waters Classifieds. The cost for each listing is only \$10 per newsletter. A listing may contain no more than 35 words / numbers. All listings and payments must be submitted to the Information Center no later than the 1st of the months January, April, July, and October. The Waters Management, at its discretion, can deny listings by homeowners with delinquent accounts or listings with questionable content. (Payments must be made by check to The Waters Assembly and checks must be from a Waters resident.)

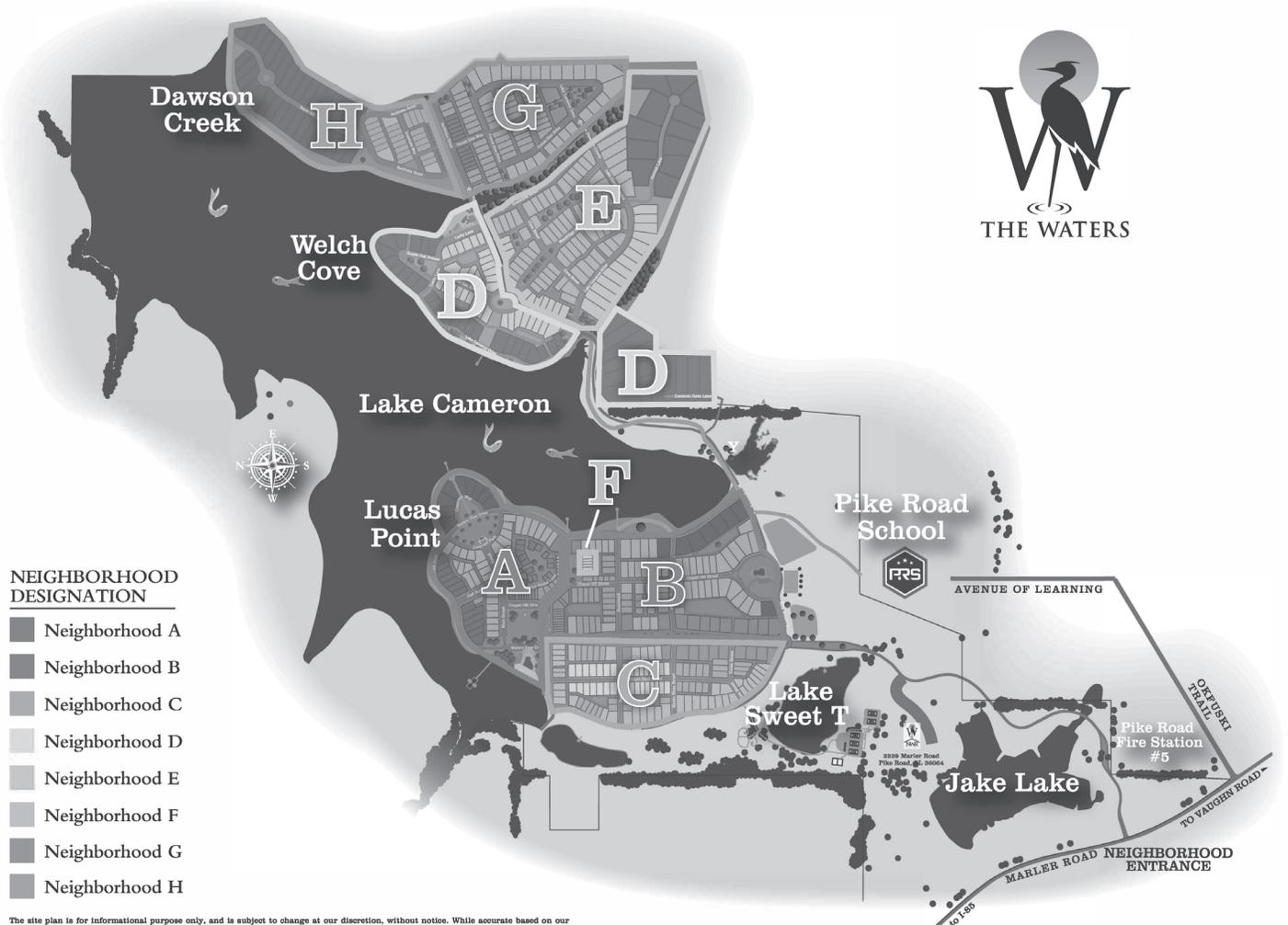
**Sugar** – Specializes in curating on trend, affordable clothing and accessories for women. Our size range is S-Plus. New shipments arrive weekly always offering our customers fresh and stylish options. Contact April Evans (334) 322-7430 Email:shopsugarclothing@gmail.com

**Trip Planner** – I specialize in all Disney travel. Disney World, Disneyland and Disney Cruise Line and Adventures By Disney. I also sell a lot of Sandals and Beaches vacations and trips to Atlantis. See me to make memories happen. Neighbor, Emily Roach- Phone: (334)462-4699. Email: emily1125@me.com

**Montz Jewelers** – Provides custom jewelry designs, jewelry repair, ring sizing and jewelry sales. Contact Randy Montz at (334) 279-8616 or (334) 549-2650 for appointments. All work is guaranteed!

**Full Force Fitness/Box Mania Fitness** – Fun, fitness formats for all fitness levels with national trainer, Katrina Shaw located right here in The Waters. For more information or to register for classes, text Katrina at (334) 399-2004.

## Quick Glance Map of Neighborhood Designations



## "For Sale" & "For Rent" Signage

Are you planning to rent or sell your home? It is important that all signs meet The Waters signage specifications. Homeowners can obtain a copy of the sign specifications at The Waters Information Center, Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm or by requesting the information by phone or email (334) 277-5551 or [TheAssembly@TheWatersAL.com](mailto:TheAssembly@TheWatersAL.com).

## PEDALING IN THE P.M.

In the winter months, it gets dark outside at an early hour. Please remember that when it is dark outside, vehicles or other pedestrians may not see you when out walking or on a bicycle. The following guidelines when riding a bike in the dark help ensure the safety of everyone, and please remember that children should never ride a bike at night.

1. Each bicycle should have front and rear reflectors, pedal reflectors, and side rim or wheel reflectors. Use front and rear lights to help make your bicycle more noticeable to cars at night. Small battery – operated lamps strapped to your legs also help.
2. Wear reflective clothing to make yourself more visible to automobile drivers. Wear a reflective vest, reflective bands on arms and legs, and reflector tape on helmet.

## Town of Pike Road Historical Markers

1. Georgia Washington School: Miss Georgia Washington, a graduate of the Hampton Institute and friend of Booker T. Washington, founded the People's Village School for black students on this site in 1893. Marker location: Georgia Washington Junior High School at the corner of Georgia Washington Road and Antioch Lane
2. Antioch Baptist Church: Organized on June 5, 1818, the Antioch Baptist Church at Mount Meigs was the first church of any denomination established in Montgomery County. Marker location: Near the corner of Gibbs Road and Antioch Lane
3. Grace Episcopal Church: Completed in 1893, Grace Church is a stunning example of the Gothic Revival style. Marker location: 906 Old Pike Road
4. Lucas Tavern Site: Though the original structure has been moved to Old Alabama Town in downtown Montgomery, the tavern that once occupied this site began operation in 1818 and is the oldest existing building in Montgomery County. Marker location: Alexander Road, just north of Interstate 85
5. The Oaks Plantation: The plantation home here was built in the 1830's and is named for the oaks planted along the drive. Marker location: At the intersection of Marler Road and Avenue of the Oaks
6. Lucas Hill Cemetery: The Lucas Hill Cemetery is the final resting place of some of the earliest settlers who established plantations and farmsteads along the Mount Meigs Terrace in present-day Montgomery County. Marker locations: Avenue of the Waters in The Waters community off Marler Road
7. Marks House: Built circa 1825, the Marks House has served as the location of the annual Pike Road Arts and Crafts Fair for more than four decades. Marker location: 890 Old Carter Hill Road
8. Pike Road School: Montgomery County's first school to consolidate rural, one-room school houses into grades one through twelve. Marker location: Near the corner of Flinn Road and Old Pike Road in the Pike Road Historic District
9. Taylor Field: The Montgomery area's first military flying installation was established on this site in 1917. Marker location: On Ray Thorington Road between Foxchase Drive and East Avalon Parkway
10. Ray Cemetery: Established 1849, the cemetery contains the graves of some of the earliest settlers in eastern Montgomery County. Marker location: Off Vaughn Road just east of Southern Homes and Gardens on Briar Lane. Note: this is a private road

*Found on the Town of Pike Road website.*

*"That's what winter is: an exercise in remembering how to still yourself then how to come pliantly back to life again." - Ali Smith*

## Trash in the Rambles

Please refrain from discarding grass clippings, trash, and other refuse in the rambles. Additional refuse will affect drainage and cause additional maintenance for this area.

“Winter is a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey, and enjoy every idle hour.” - John Bosewell

Mardi  
Gras

## 10 Fun Facts about Mardi Gras



### MARDI GRAS IS ALWAYS THE TUESDAY BEFORE ASH WEDNESDAY

Mardi Gras means “Fat Tuesday” in French. With Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period of fasting before Easter, Mardi Gras is the “last hurrah” of sorts, with participants indulging in their favorite fatty foods and drinks before giving them up.

### MARDI GRAS MARKS THE END OF CARNIVAL SEASON

Countries around the world celebrate Mardi Gras as the last day of Carnival season, which starts after Christmas, on January 6th, (known as ‘Twelfth Night’).

### MARDI GRAS IS ALSO KNOWN AS “PANCAKE DAY”

In Ireland, England, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada, people celebrate Mardi Gras by eating pancakes and participating in pancake themed activities.

### THE OFFICIAL COLORS OF MARDI GRAS ARE PURPLE, GOLD, AND GREEN

Purple signifies justice, gold means power, and green stands for faith.

### KING’S CAKE IS EATEN ALL THROUGHOUT CARNIVAL SEASON

King’s cake (or three kings cake), is eaten throughout the world during carnival season. In the US, it is traditionally purple, green, and gold, with a trinket baby Jesus inside. Whoever gets the baby Jesus is said to have good luck all year!

### THE FIRST NEW ORLEANS MARDI GRAS PARADE WAS 177 YEARS AGO

New Orleans has been celebrating Fat Tuesday with parades since 1837. The first floats appeared in the parade in 1857.

### PARADES ARE PLANNED BY ‘KREWES’

Krewes are organizations that puts on a parade and/or a ball for Mardi Gras/Carnival. They are clubs of a sort, with dues ranging from \$20 to thousands of dollars annually. Krewes are also responsible for selecting carnival royalty in New Orleans, such as ‘Rex’, the king of Mardi Gras.

### MASKS ARE REQUIRED BY LAW FOR FLOAT RIDERS

Yep, it’s illegal to ride on a float without a mask! The original purpose of the mask was to get rid of social constraints for the day, allowing people to mingle with whomever they chose.

### BEADS HAVE BEEN A TRADITION SINCE THE EARLY 1900’s

Beads were first thrown by Santa during a parade in the early 1900’s. It wasn’t until a few decades ago that they became synonymous with flashing. People also throw stuffed animals, toys and more.

### MARDI GRAS IS A STATE HOLIDAY IN SOME PLACES

Fat Tuesday is an official state holiday in Alabama, (the home of the first Mardi Gras parade and 2nd biggest current celebration), Florida, and parts of Louisiana. Although it’s not a state holiday in Texas, Galveston is home to one of the biggest celebrations in the country!

Source: us105fm.com

SPRING FORWARD  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS ON

Sunday, March 10th



You can advertise in  
The Waters Ledger!

If you are interested in advertising in The Waters Ledger Newsletter, please contact the Information Center Staff at (334) 277-5551 or send an email to [TheAssembly@TheWatersal.com](mailto:TheAssembly@TheWatersal.com).

# Dues Are Due

The Waters Assembly (Homeowners' Association) quarterly dues are due on or before the 15th of the beginning month of each quarter (January, April, July and October). **If you do not have a coupon to include with your payment, please write the Lot number and Address on your check.** If you do not have a coupon book, please contact Rachael Quinn at (334) 277-5551 or email [rachael@thewatersal.com](mailto:rachael@thewatersal.com).

To better serve members of The Assembly, there are several payment options: (1) Checks can be mailed to **The Waters Assembly c/o Rachael Quinn, 2239 Marler Road, Pike Road, AL 36064**. (Please keep your cancelled check as your receipt for payment.) (2) Checks will be accepted at the Information Center during office hours Monday - Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm or by use of the after hours drop box. (The Assembly does not accept cash.) (3) Payment can be made by debit/credit card through a PayPal card reader or invoice. This payment option includes a 3.75% convenience fee. (4) Sign up for ACH recurring payments. This option is convenient and your payment is always on time (even if you're out of town). ACH forms are available on The Assembly website [www.TheWatersAssembly.com](http://www.TheWatersAssembly.com) and at the Information Center.

The Assembly is enforcing all rights and remedies allowed for the collection of delinquent dues. Finance charges will be assessed on all delinquent accounts. To avoid finance charges, attorney's fees and other collection enforcements, dues should be paid by the 15th of the month in which they are due. If you have any questions regarding Assembly dues, please contact Jennifer Akridge or Rachael Quinn at (334) 277-5551.



## Important Numbers

• Emergency .....	911
• The Waters Sales & Information Center .....	(334) 277-5551
• Montgomery Sheriff's Non-Emergency .....	(334) 832-4980, then press # 1
• Alabama Game Warden .....	(800) 272-4263
• Montgomery County Humane Society .....	(334) 409-0622
• Alabama Power Service Interruption.....	(800) 888-2726
• Dixie Electric Service Interruption.....	(888) 349-4332
• AMWASTE .....	(334) 625-1700
• Town of Pike Road – Town Hall .....	(334) 272-9883
• Pike Road School District.....	(334) 420-5301
• Montgomery Water Works .....	(334) 206-1600
• Alabama Wastewater .....	(888) 323-3687
• Southeast Gas .....	(800) 660-8683
• WOW – The Waters Contact.....	(334) 356-1000
• Pike Road Post Office .....	(334) 215-8785

## TOWN OF PIKE ROAD UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, January 21 - Saturday, February 17, 2024: It's Cold Outside! Art Show & Sale
- Thursday, February 29, 2024: Wine and Chocolate Tasting Workshop
- Sunday, March 24 - Sunday, April 21, 2024: "Just Desserts" Art Show

*For more information, visit [pikeroad.us/events](http://pikeroad.us/events).*

# IMPORTANT NOTICES

**Trash:** Please do not litter! Do not discard trash and debris onto the streets, greenspace or empty lots. Also, do not use the town center firepit to dispose of trash, beer bottles, etc. Help us keep the neighborhood looking neat, tidy and beautiful.

**This Side Only Parking:** For safety and easier access by the first responders, Pike Road Volunteer Fire Department requested every street have a designated "this side only parking." Signs have been installed throughout the neighborhood. Please park vehicles and golf carts on the appropriate side of the street as indicated by posted signage.

**Pleasure/Pontoon Boats:** Boats # 2 & 3 are pleasure boats are not to be used for fishing. It is important to not fish on the cruising boats it can cause damage to the boat cushions and can alter the smell and cleanliness of the cruising boats for others. Please remind your family members and guests of this rule as well.

**Lake Debris:** Do not discard any items, including fishing lines into the lakes or lakes edges. There have been recent reports of injured birds from fishing lines. Also, an aerator motor went out recently due to being entangled in fishing line. Please be sure to dispose of all trash, fishing lines, cigarettes, etc.

**Speeding:** Please be mindful of the 18mph speed limit throughout the neighborhood.

**Eye Glass Donation:** The Pike Road Lions Club is collecting usable glasses to support the Lions Recycle for Sight Program. A donation box is located at The Waters Sales & Information Center (2239 Marler Road). Donations are accepted Monday - Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM.

**No Soliciting:** Do NOT hire contractors/workers going door to door offering their services! The Waters is a No Soliciting community. We have a No Soliciting sign posted at the entrance. If you are interested in a No Soliciting sticker to post on your window and/or door at your residence, stop by the Information Center to pick up one that is ARB approved. If a solicitor is on your private property, the HOA cannot enforce the soliciting rule. However, if you have a No Soliciting notice posted at your property then you can enforce the rule by contacting the Sheriff's department.

**Dogs on Leashes:** Please remember that all dogs must remain on leashes when walking around the neighborhood.

**Yards and Carports:** Be thoughtful of your neighbors and make sure your yard, patio, carports, etc. are neat and tidy and free of trash and debris. The Montgomery County Clean Up Day at the end of every month is the perfect opportunity to dispose of unnecessary clutter.

**Boat Courtesy:** The use of the boats is for everyone. Please be courteous of your neighbors and refrain from signing up for consecutive time periods. The boats are available five (5) time periods during the day. The time between usage is to allow for charging the batteries. Returning the boats and plugging them up for charge allows them to be ready for the next resident to use.

**Yard Signs:** All existing yard signs, including school signs, pest control, political, religious, vendor, etc, must be removed as they are not ARB approved. Only signs that meet the sign specification and approved by The Waters ARB are allowed.

*Congratulations  
Pike Road Schools!*

Alabama State Department of Education  
State Report Card Released

PRS Receives "A" Two Years in a Row

- Pike Road School District: 91 "A"
- Pike Road Elementary School: 90 "A"
- Pike Road Intermediate School: 92 "A"
- Pike Road Jr. High School: 89 "B"
- Pike Road High School: 82 "B"



The Waters Assembly invites you to attend our

# *Winter* EVENTS

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**Winter Break  
Bingo  
January 2**

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**S'Mores at  
The Square  
January 19**

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**13th Annual  
Food Drive  
February 4-10**

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**Valentine's  
Day Treat  
February 13**

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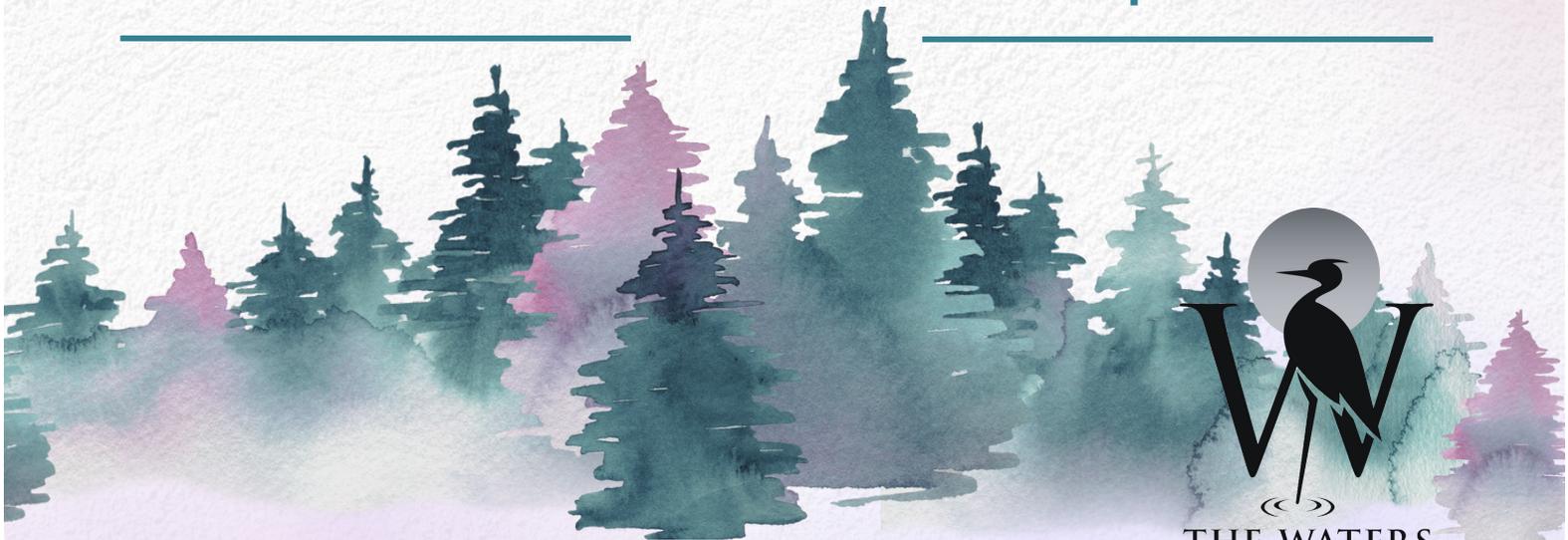
**Easter Egg  
Hunt  
March 16**

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**Neighborhood  
Yard Sale  
April 6**

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THE WATERS

For more information, please visit our website at [TheWatersAssembly.com](http://TheWatersAssembly.com)



# The Waters Town Center Business Directory

### The Spot

Contact: Becky Van Gilder  
Phone: (334) 324-6303  
Website: [thespotactivitycenter.com](http://thespotactivitycenter.com)

### Homestead Gym and Training

Contact: Josh Langham  
Phone: (251) 348-5053  
Email: [hello@homesteadgyms.com](mailto:hello@homesteadgyms.com)  
Website: [homesteadgyms.com](http://homesteadgyms.com)

### Hole in the Wall Coffee Shop

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BLIZZARD	FIREPLACE	PLOW
BOOTS	FROSTY	SCARF
COAT	HAT	SHOVEL
COCOA	ICE	SKIING
COLD	ICICLES	SLEDDING
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## TIPS FOR CARING FOR GOLF CARTS

Owning an electric cart and operating it in a low-speed environment is a fun lifestyle change. However, golf carts can easily fall into the "out-of-sight...out-of-mind" category. Electric golf carts do require certain maintenance whether they are used daily or not. If an Owner's Manual was received when the golf cart was purchased, take the time to read all the information provided about regular maintenance as well as how to prepare the vehicle when it is not going to be used for a longer period of time, like harsh winter months.

Maintenance schedules may vary slightly due to the actual model of golf cart purchased as well as what the golf cart is used for and how often it is used. However, there are four basic requirements for the ongoing maintenance of any electric golf cart:

**Routine Inspections** - It is always important to observe how the vehicle is performing. If the steering seems loose or the brakes grab when deployed, then those things should receive immediate attention from an authorized service center. If the cart pulls in one direction or squeals a tire when braking, check the tire pressure.

TIP: Keeping the tire pressure balanced is imperative to safe operation on the road at any speed.

**Keep the Battery Charged** - Charge the battery every time the cart is used, even after a short drive. Golf cart battery chargers automatically shut off when the battery is fully charged, so it is best to keep the charger connected anytime the cart is parked. Leaving a battery partially discharged for any extended period of time can cause permanent damage.

TIP: Never allow the battery to become fully discharged.

**Maintain Water Levels in Battery** - Starting with a fully-charged battery (water level is at the highest point), pop off the caps and fill each cell (as needed) until the water level is 1/8" to 1/4" below the neck that protrudes inside the cell. It is helpful to keep a dedicated turkey baster nearby to carefully remove and dispose of any excess water. Do not charge or operate the cart with an overfilled battery.

TIP: Never look or lean directly over cells during charging to avoid sulfuric acid fumes.

**Clean Battery Terminal Connections** - Use a mixture of baking soda and water to keep corrosion off terminal connections. Connectors should not be loose but should not be over-tightened either. If you see signs of leakage, contact the dealer before charging or operating the vehicle.

TIP: Don't leave caps for battery cells off when cleaning or charging the battery to avoid getting dirt and debris inside.

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