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AND THE WINNER IS... MONEY HILL!

St. Tammany/Washington Parishes Home Builders Association, established in 1977, is an organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in St. Tammany and Washington Parishes by promoting excellence in the home building industry. Many local residents know them as sponsors of the annual Parade of Homes and St. Tammany Home Show.

The Sales and Marketing Council of the Association, which was established in 2005, focuses primarily on offering its members educational opportunities, networking events and awards recognition. Recently at the Holiday Inn in Covington, they hosted the SAM Awards. More than 100 people were on hand for the event. Nineteen awards categories were presented, primarily to homebuilders, with two going to developers.

Money Hill Golf and Country Club received the **Best Attention to the Environment Award** by a developer of a residential community.

Those who know David Goodyear, the original mastermind behind Money Hill, understand why Money Hill was honored. "Money Hill was *green* before the term was popular," said Mimi Goodyear Dossett, President of Money Hill, "and we have actively worked to maintain this environmental leadership year after year. The owners have chosen this dedication to the land and we believe it has translated into a community that has always ranked among the most beautiful private, golf course communities in the state."

There are countless ways in which the community has quietly earned this award every day. The Louisiana Nature Conservancy has partnered with Money Hill to work cooperatively on adjacent lands through a Cooperative Management Agreement and Money Hill was the first developer in Louisiana to sign the Safe Harbor Agreement for the protection of the Red-cockaded Woodpecker. The Conservancy's St. Tammany office is located on the grounds at Money Hill. From this office, they manage many regional projects including the 3,000-acre Talisheek Pine Wetlands Preserve and Abita Creek Flatwoods Preserve, located adjacent to the Money Hill development.

Spotting rare animals and nesting birds (including bald eagles) on the grounds is the norm. Well-known local environmentalists, Walter and Olga Clifton, were instrumental in selecting Money Hill for their ongoing fledging and study of several species of birds. The Cliftons have trained a group of Money Hill residents for this ongoing work, and the residents are now maintaining and monitoring the nesting boxes.

The ***Best Attention to the Environment*** award is currently on display at the Money Hill clubhouse.

Money Hill is a private residential golf community located north of I-12 in St. Tammany Parish at 100 Country Club Drive, Abita Springs, LA 70420. They offer a 150-acre, spring-fed lake; full-service pro shop; casual dining at The Grille; an 18-hole private championship golf course; swim/tennis/fitness facilities and golf training at the Rob Noel Golf Academy. Money Hill also hosts events for business meetings, golf outings and private parties. They can be reached at (985) 892-3300.

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