

INTRODUCING OUR WONDERFUL WALNUT MOUNTAIN STAFF!

Connie McVey, Property Manager



Connie was born in Copperhill, TN, moved to Ellijay and graduated from Gilmer High in 1990. She continued her education at Kennesaw State College with a major in Business Administration, graduating with honors. She is married to her "wonderful" husband, Gary McVey, who is the Director of the Gilmer Water Authority. They have a blended family of 4 children: Daniel 24, Jacob 22, Hannah 20 and Isaac 17. She came to work at WM in 2013 as our Office Manager and thru her hard work became our Property Manager in 2018. She also has her Water Distribution License. She says: "I thoroughly enjoy my work and love the various challenges that I face daily." We are so happy to have her.

Brandy Davenport, Administrative Assistant



My name is Brandy Davenport and I am the Administrative Assistant at Walnut Mountain. I began here on August 2, 2018. I have been in the Administrative/Customer Service industry for 7 years now and I absolutely love it. I love the people I get to meet and the relationships I have made with so many of the homeowners. I was born in New Orleans, Louisiana and moved to Ellijay, GA in 2010 after I met my wonderful husband Brandon. We have 2 beautiful daughters, Mackenzie who is 9, and Lyla who is 3. When I am not here on the Mountain, I am with my family. We love working in our garden, camping, fishing, going to our church, and just enjoying each day like it's our last.

Ken Johnson, Welcome Station Host



Ken was born in Waltham MA, just west of Boston. He attended Boston University where he played football and hockey. Started with Shell Oil driving tankers, working on off-shore rigs and retired as fleet safety director after 32 years. Married to Deb and between them they have 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 3 greats. He unretired, going back to work for another oil company while Deb ran a bakery and coffee shop. They both retired in 2003 and moved to Fla. but after 4 hurricanes, they decided to leave. They had visited Ellijay and since it reminded them of New England, without the harsh winters, they found their perfect Walnut Mountain home in 2005.

Jim Waddell, Welcome Station Host



Jim was born in New York City on the sunny island of Manhattan. He attended City University of New York. Then he spent 35 years doing corporate sales for the data storage industry, working for Memorex, Sony and other industry companies. He also served as liaison with government users including DoD, FBI, CIA, NASA and JPL. After retiring from that he began teaching swimming and scuba diving full time. He has certified over 500 people to explore the wonderful world under our oceans, lakes and rivers, taking special satisfaction in introducing many to one of nature's most misunderstood creatures: sharks. He is married to Marjory Walsh and they bought their home here in 2013. He began working at the Welcome Station in 2016 and he works 3 days a week.

Rick Beavers, Maintenance



Rick is married to Sherri and has three children and four grandchildren. He is a Georgia native and currently lives in Ellijay. He has been employed with Walnut Mountain for three years this March. Rick is a Veteran of the United States Army. He is a licensed Class A CDL Driver with a Tanker Endorsement. He also holds Certifications with the NCCER (The National Center for Construction Education and Research), NCCCO (National Commission-Certification of Crane Operators) and the GSWCC (.Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission(erosion & sedimentation control certification). Hunting and Fishing are some of his hobbies.

Micah McElroy, Maintenance



Micah was born and raised in Tampa, Florida and moved to Georgia in 2016. He was hired in July 2017.

He am married to his sweet wife Amanda and he has a stepson name Joseph who is 16 years old and a dog named Bailey. In his free time, he likes to grill out, fish, and just be outdoors. And he looooves when the homeowners bring food and snacks. He also drives from Murphy every day to come to work.