

SWEETGRASS NEWSLETTER

Go Gamecocks

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President's Report

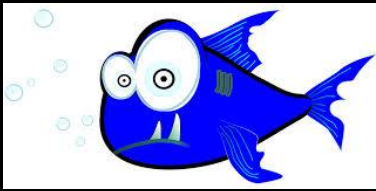
Greetings, neighbors!

It's been a great 2018 in Sweetgrass.

A few updates on some things going on in our fantastic neighborhood:

- The annual meeting will be coming up in January. We will have details soon and will share the via our Facebook page and the front sign. You will also be receiving a packet in the mail prior to the meeting. We really hope you will make the time if you can to take part. If you are interested in serving on the HOA Board or on a committee, please let me know.
- There has been interest expressed in expanding the boatyard. We are looking into various options that could make that possible. I've heard from lots of neighbors on both sides of the issue. Rest assured, we will take all sides into account, and also make sure that the HOA Board is being responsible stewards of both HOA dues and the boatyard fees that are paid annually. We will not be making a decision on this prior to the annual meeting, so we encourage you to attend the meeting if you would like to provide input.

Boat Yard Report



Our boatyard's 26 spots are presently full with three on the waiting list. Please remember, in order to be eligible to use our storage area, you must be a home owner living in Sweetgrass, your boat must be registered with month and year sticker displayed on it. Your storage area must be kept clean at all times. We still have a few infractions that require attention, so please take a look at your storage area and dispose of any debris. I'm presently getting estimates to extend the boatyard back approximately 30 feet, making the extension five feet wider to provide more flexibility for parking the larger boats that we presently have. This would allow space for an additional six storage spots. At the same time the plan will be to repaint the lines and renumber the spots. My plan is to have estimates complete and in our budget for next year for voting at our annual meeting.

~Troy

- The sign replacement for the entire neighborhood is scheduled to start in January. While originally scheduled for earlier in the year, hurricanes have pushed the installation back. If you Google "Town of Mount Pleasant sign replacement" you will quickly find a link to a pdf that explains the entire replacement program.
- Traffic continues to be one of the major concerns on neighbors' minds, and rightfully so. The HOA will continue to work with the town to address those concerns. In the meantime, it doesn't hurt to remind everyone in your house (and potential visitors) that the speed limit throughout is 25 mph. That said, our neighborhood isn't THAT big, so keeping it well below 25 isn't going to cost you that much time!

Our monthly Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month, and if there are ever items you would like to have the HOA Board address, please let us know. You can e-mail us at SweetgrassHOABoard@gmail.com.

Happy neighborin!
~Mike Gibbons



ARB Report

Requests these last few months were slower than the first half of the year but I want thank those of you who sent them in! Some of you trimmed your trees in advance of the storms and a few others installed new windows, which really look great! We did have some technical issues with the online system (which has been resolved) but were able to get everyone taken care of and we appreciate your patience. Please also remember you can reach out to me directly anytime if you're having issues with your requests or just have a simple ARB question! I'll leave you all with a few bullet points and wish you all a happy holiday season!

*Our neighborhood is governed by Covenants and restrictions and everyone should have received a copy at closing, if not they are available on our neighborhoods website should you have any questions.

*All ARB submittals are to be completed online. This is located on our neighborhood's website under the homeowners tab. Click on the Arb request button and everything required to be filled out is right there. Feel free to include more information than required and pictures and drawings are always helpful for a faster response.

*Just as the applications are now paperless, so are the approvals. Any questions or concerns about any work feel free to contact me directly or A-Plus as we have records of all approved work. Any potential violations can also be reported to either of us and they will be handled in the appropriate manner according to our bi-laws and C&R's.

Landscaping Report



The HOA will be putting down new mulch at all of the islands in the neighborhood. If you notice that the dog bag stations are empty in the neighborhood please feel free to tag me on our Facebook group and I can the message the landscape company immediately.

~John Glaser

Communications



Hello Neighbors! If you have sent a Facebook request; look in the FB Messenger App for a message from me. I ask for some validation that you do live in our neighborhood to protect our page from spammers.

If you have not joined our FB page yet please do! It's an incredibly helpful communication method for our neighborhood. I have seen so many of y'all connect through our page, and it's been wonderful to observe!

We have 2 Facebook Closed Groups:
-Sweetgrass Neighbors
Sweetgrass(Neighborhood) Parents

~Virginia Allen

*Emergency repairs do not require ARB approval, but we do ask that you let us know so we can keep a record of this work should any questions arise.

Thanks,
Thomas Webster

Ponds Report

Sweetgrass ponds are still healthy and functional! The two hurricane scares we got this year gave us more good practice inspecting and preparing the ponds to take on flood and storm water, although thankfully the need never arose. I have the utmost confidence we'd have been able to take lots of precipitation with no adverse effects. Actually, the low rainfall this year has meant our ponds' water levels are historically low, although this is no cause for concern.



The installation of aeration systems is still on track to be complete by year's end, so be on the lookout for rising bubbles in your pond!

I want to say thank you to the residents who have helped remove litter from the ponds, and those who have kept me informed about the ponds closest to them. If you see anything that requires attention, such as excess algae, debris, trash, or other issues, please do not hesitate to call me. I'm always happy to contact our maintenance contractor to have water quality or other concerns addressed.

~Jason Dammer

Social Report

Happy Fall!

What a fun time of year in the neighborhood! With the recent food truck event and the upcoming chili cook off, there are so many opportunities to come out and get to know your neighbors...new and old!

Our second annual Sweetgrass Chili Cook off will be held on Sunday, November 18th from 4-6pm. Bring your best chili recipe and enter in a friendly competition with your fellow neighbors. If you are interested in entering or would like to bring a chili fixin, dessert, or side please email catiehuntersmith@gmail.com. More details to follow- check the front board and Sweetgrass Neighbors Facebook page.

The Fall and Halloween decorations this year didn't disappoint! It was a hard choice as always but here are the winners of this year's contest:

Fall/Harvest: 1258 Horseshoe Bend



Ghosts and Goblins: 1295 Horseshoe Bend



We will also be awarding prizes for Christmas and Winter Holiday decorations which will be announced late December.

Thanks, Catie

Neighborhood Reminders:

- Waste: Put waste out the night before pick up: Tuesdays for Trash/Yard Waste, Alternating Tuesdays for Recycling. REMINDER: Trash/Recycle bins need to be stored out of sight from the street!
- Please clean up after your pups; we have pet waste bins all over the neighborhood for convenience
- DON'T IGNORE STOP SIGNS OR SPEED LIMIT!! Speed Limit is 25mph, let's slow down everyone!
- Keep checking our Facebook and Marquee for other news and Neighborhood events!!

Happy Fall, Y'all!!

