

Sweetgrass Newsletter

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President's Report

Greetings, neighbors!

I hope all is well with everyone! The weather is warm, and it's a great time to be outside, even if the mosquitos and noseemus also come back. But it's been great seeing so many neighbors out walking and biking and such. Please remind all of your guests to keep their speeds down when they come into the neighborhood. Although the posted speed is 25 mph throughout Sweetgrass, a few mph below that won't hurt. And let's be honest - this isn't that big of a neighborhood. No one is shaving that much time off their commute by going a little slower.

The HOA Board is fully staffed, and I am grateful to the amazing neighbors who volunteer their time and talent to help keep things running smoothly. If you are interested in serving on the Board or a committee, don't hesitate to reach out! You can always reach the HOA Board at sweetgrasshoaboard@gmail.com.

A few updates for everyone:

- The boatyard expansion is still in the works. New boatyard chair Frankie Pettit is working hard to navigate the regulatory hurdles we have to navigate to get the project moving forward.

Boat Yard Report

The water is getting warmer and the days are getting longer, time to get that boat out and start using it. It is a great time to check on your trailer and make sure your tires are aired up and covers are good to go. As you pull your boats in and out, keep up the good job everyone has been doing by staying in your spot and going back as far as possible. There are 11 people on the waiting list at this time. The expansion project is still planned with a goal of adding 10 additional spots what will also be wider. If/when construction is approved, owners will be given plenty of notice to move their boat out of the yard during construction. If anyone has any questions, feel free to email me at frankiepettit@gmail.com.

Thanks, Frankie

- Please remember that the ponds are not just nice views. They are critical to helping us avoid flooding during storms. Please advise any landscaping crews you use not to blow yard debris into the storm drains, as those are critical components in keeping our ponds functional.
- Mary Lee Briggs, our social chair, has continued to get amazing food trucks in the neighborhood on a regular basis, and has also ramped back up on social agenda, which was sidelined for a couple of years because of the pandemic. It was great to see everyone at the oyster roast, and can't wait to see everyone at the next gathering.
- If you are not a member of our Facebook page, please join. It's a great way to connect with neighbors and find out about upcoming events in the neighborhood. You can send a request to the page and get added fairly quickly. If you are a renter, you may want to send an email to our Communications Chair at viriniamallen@aol.com to let her know that you do, in fact, live in the neighborhood. Virginia also assembles this newsletter, so when you see her, make sure you tell her how much her work is appreciated.



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 neighboring!
~Mike Gibbons

ARB Report

We have been very busy with requests since I took over as ARB Chair and we are thankful for everyone's involvement in keeping our neighborhood up to date and improving their homes. We've seen additions, new pools, a lot of fences and new roofs across the neighborhood, so we know folks have been busy. As others plan any future work, please remember to read our covenants and restrictions before filling out an application as this makes things easier on us all. Also, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns and thanks again to all those who have submitted thus far as it has been a true pleasure working with you all.

*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 encouraged for a faster response.

Landscaping Report

Spring is well under way and we are planning on mulching all of the islands and the front beds near the entrance signs. We are also working to have annuals planted at the entrance to the neighborhood. Recently, we've had all of the landscape lighting at the entrance to the neighborhood either fixed up or replaced. This has provided a great improvement on the lighting of our signs and trees and will be complemented with the mulch and annuals. Take a look next time you drive by at night.

Please remember to keep your piles of tree and bush trimmings separate from garbage/bulk trash. The town needs these piles separate in order to pick them up.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or suggestions:

Eliot Hood
My email:
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-Eliot



*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.

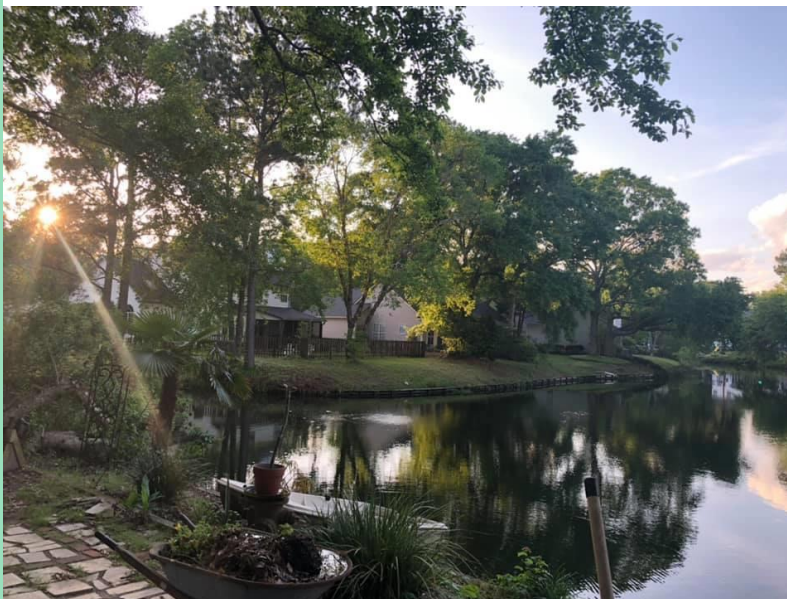
*Emergency repairs do not require ARB approval, but we do ask that you let us know so we can keep a record of this work should any questions arise.

Sincerely,

Sean Carlin

Ponds Report

Neighbors-Just a general reminder; please keep all yard debris, overhanging limbs, and general waste out of the ponds. The HOA does not own any of the ponds or pond banks, you the property owner actually do (feel free to refer to Mt. Pleasant GIS). This is imperative that we all do our part to ensure when or if the time comes, our ponds will ensure our homes as well as our neighbors stay flood free. If anyone needs any assistance regarding any type of pond maintenance or clean up, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via facebook or email.



Additionally, I hope everyone is taking full advantage of the recreational aspect that our ponds offer. Whether it be bird/animal watching, fishing, or kayaking our neighborhood ponds offer a great little getaway right in our own backyard!

Again, if anyone has any questions or concerns regarding our ponds, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email or facebook.

~Matt Brown

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. Recently we have seen more negativity on the page than normal; we're all going stir crazy so let's try to keep a positive atmosphere where folks feel safe. I never mute opinions, but would ask that you remember that we are all going through this together.

Search "Sweetgrass Neighbors" on Facebook to find us!
~Virginia Allen

Social Report

We have a fun and exciting lineup of events this summer! Be on the lookout for more details on the Facebook group and please email me at maryleebriggs@gmail.com if you are interested in being on the social committee.

May 30th - Free Ice Cream Truck for Memorial Day at 4:00 p.m. at the fountain

June 9th - El Kiosko Mexican Food Truck at 5:00 p.m.

July 4th - 3:30 p.m. parade and then Free King of Pops at 4:00 p.m. at the fountain

July 21st - Krystyna's Polish Food Truck at 5:00 p.m.



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!
- It's a great time for Pressure Washing!!
- Keep checking our Facebook and Marquee for other news and Neighborhood events!!



Springing into Summer!!!!

