

Sweetgrass Newsletter

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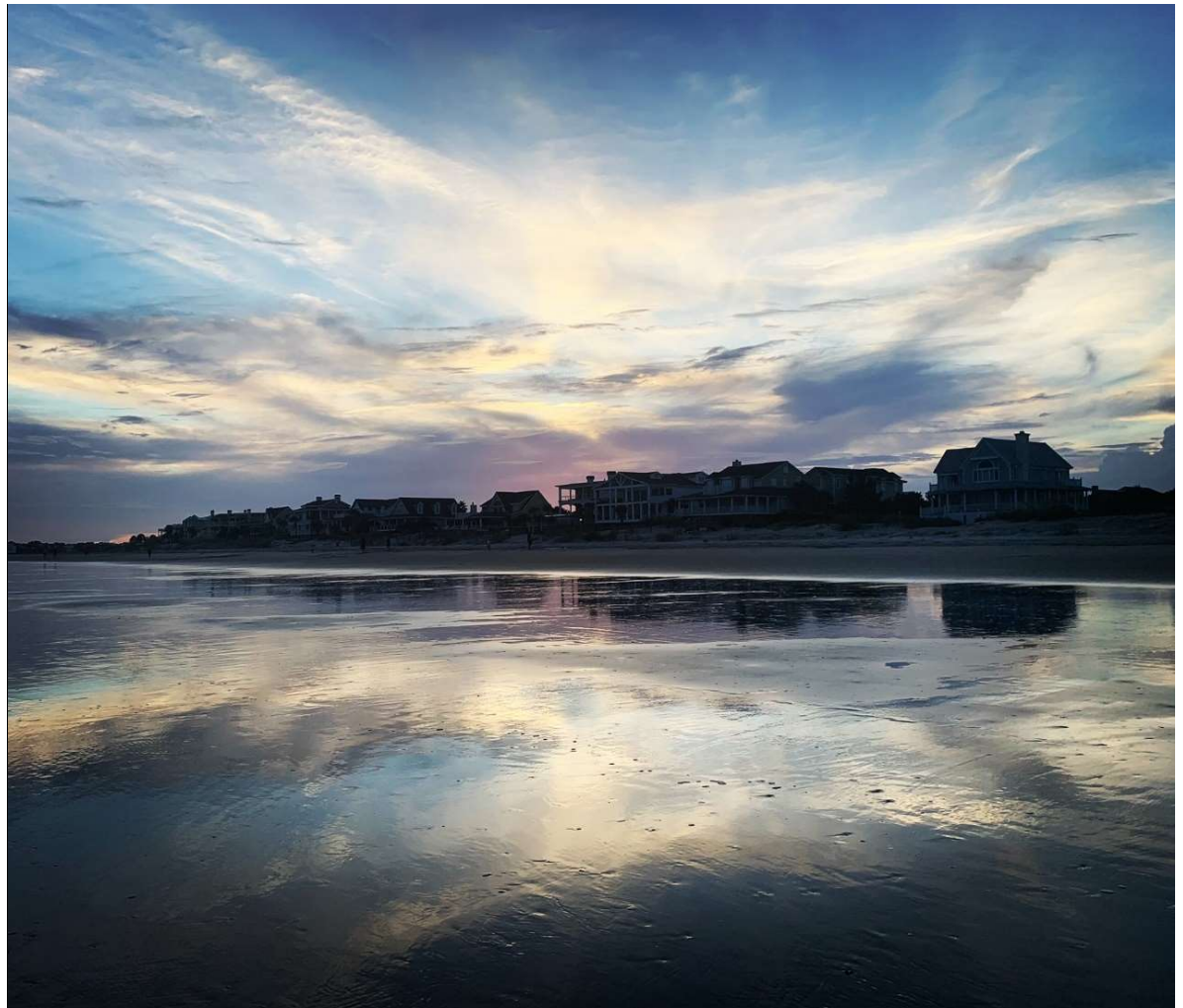
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President's Report

Greetings, neighbors!



Fall is getting close, which means cooler weather is right around the corner? Right? Please? I hope that everyone starting back to school had a great kickoff to the year. With school being back in and kids walking home from the bus stops, now is as good a time as any to remind anyone in your home or any guests coming to visit to keep an eye on speeds. 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.

Boat Yard Report

Hopefully everyone has had a great summer so far and have gotten plenty of time on the water. If your boating trips are winding down for the year, it is a great time to evaluate your boat cover and replace it if necessary. Make sure your tires are aired up so you aren't surprised by any flat tires for the next trip. Everyone has been doing a great job of keeping their boat in their spot.

There are 12 people on the waiting list at this time. The expansion project is still planned with a goal of adding 10 additional spots. If/when construction is approved, owners will be given plenty of notice to move their boat out of the yard during construction.

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Thanks, Frankie

A few updates for everyone:

- The boatyard expansion has cleared some major hurdles and has made some traction. The expansion should add around a dozen spots, and will actually enhance the buffer from homes.
- As we are still in the heart of hurricane season, please ensure that our ponds stay as clear of debris as possible. 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.



- We had a great social gathering for the Labor Day ice cream truck, an HOA event which is quickly becoming a neighborhood favorite. More exciting stuff is in the works, so stay tuned!
- 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 virginiamallen@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 Tuesday 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 neighbor-ing!
~Mike Gibbons

Landscaping Report

With summer coming to end we have some great looking yards all around the neighborhood. Keep up the great work maintaining and improving your properties.

Hurricane season is here and we've been working to ensure our pond drainage is clear of any obstructions. If you see any tree/bush/branches that may cause issues please reach out and let me know. One large branch or bush could block up drainage and cause flooding. This is especially an issue at the culvert pipes connecting the ponds.

Fall will be here soon and is a great time to re-home plants or plant sod. The cooler weather gives the plants and grass a break from the heat and a good environment to root in.

Please reach out with any questions or suggestions!

-Eliot
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ARB Report

I continue to see a lot of people working throughout the neighborhood and want to thank everyone for doing their best to make Sweetgrass Community look the best it can. 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.

*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.

*One reminder that the maximum fence height in the neighborhood is 5'-0" per our C&R's. The HOA has always held firm to that number.

Sincerely,
Sean Carlin

COMMUNICATION



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. We do not allow businesses to join our page; we don't want it to become a means of advertisement.



If you have not joined our FB page yet please do! It's an incredibly helpful communication tool for our neighborhood. Like the Broomes above who gave this lil' guy his forever home or the egret (seen right) who was saved via a group effort, and several other happy or helpful stories from the page. Also, don't forget to check the marquee.

Search "Sweetgrass Neighbors" and/or if you have kids, "Sweetgrass (Neighborhood) Parents on Facebook to find us! ~Virginia Allen

(On FB as Virginia Allen Pawlowski)

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Ponds Report

Neighbors-

Hurricane season is upon us, which means now more than ever it is imperative our ponds are debris free to prevent any deficiencies in our storm water system during a flood event. Our technicians have continuously been conducting surveys of the ponds to ensure everything is in working order, however, if anyone notices any potential issues please let me know.

Keep an eye out in the next couple of months as the waterfowl begin their migration down the Atlantic flyway to see who/what stops by our neighborhood!

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

September 21, 2022



Social Report

It was a busy summer and we are looking forward to an exciting Fall! There will be an Ice Cream Truck at the fountain on Labor Day giving out FREE ice cream at 4:00 p.m.! The Lost Boys food truck will be at the fountain on 9/21. The Misfit Chef will be at the fountain on 10/13. We will have our annual spooky house contest for Halloween. If you would like to help with the social committee please email me at MaryLeeBriggs@gmail.com!



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!!
- **DO NOT PARK CARS ON THE GRASS!!!**



It's Fall Y'all!!!

