

Sweet Grass Plantation Newsletter

April 23, 2024

New Board Member/Chair of ARC – The Board has appointed Jim Stott to replace Alan Henderson, who stepped down from the Board in January. Jim will serve the remainder of Alan’s term (through fall 2025). Also, Jim was appointed as Chair of ARC.

Jim retired in 2004 as a school superintendent after a thirty-two-year career in education. He and his wife, Diane, own the Springs Subdivision in Kuttawa, KY. After retiring from education, they built five houses where Jim served as the general contractor. They have also bought, rehabbed, and flipped several properties over the years. Before relocating to Tennessee, Jim was given a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Lake Barkley Chamber of Commerce, was the Chairperson of the Kuttawa Tourism Committee, and was the Chairperson of his church’s Finance Committee. In August, Jim and Diane will have been married for thirty years and have six children and fourteen grandchildren between them.

Also, we wish to thank Alan Henderson for his service on the Board and as Chairman of ARC.

Pond – The Board received an update from Marty Gramlich on initial thoughts relative to phase 2 and 3 of the erosion project for the pond. Marty will initiate further discussions with possible vendors and accumulate potential costs estimates for sharing with the Board. As we did with phase 1, we will hold a public session with the community when we have a proposed solution, including cost estimates, before we commence any work.

Restrictions – Just a few reminders on various restrictions for our community, including:

“Recreational vehicles including camper trailers, boats, motor homes, utility trailers and the like shall be parked in a garage or basement and shall be out of sight to the general public”. Over the past 2 years, the Board has actively monitored this matter for compliance. We recognize the need at times to temporarily park such vehicles on one’s property. However, when we have observed or been notified of a potential violation extending beyond a week, we have contacted each affected property owner in person or in writing and asked that the matter be resolved within a specified period (generally 2 weeks). The Board is committed to ensuring compliance with this restriction.

Landscaping/ renovations – Remember any new or changes to existing landscaping and/or renovations to your home (including pools, fences, additions, and exterior painting) require ARC approvals before proceeding.

Speeding – Posted signs are 20 MPH. Please respect your neighbors (children and 4 legged) by driving at posted speeds.

Dogs – Dogs should remain on leash when outside your fenced perimeters. With increasing traffic in our community, we wish to avoid incidents/accidents by protecting our 4-legged friends. Also, please clean up after your dogs when walking through our neighborhood.

Parking – All automobiles stored outside on the property must have a current registration and be in operable condition. **All residents shall park in the garage or driveway.** Street parking is limited to visitors.

Grass clippings – Please request whoever does your mowing to ensure the streets are swept or blown for grass clippings.

We appreciate community members for their adherence to our restrictions.

For further information on restrictions or happenings in our community, please go to our subdivision website at “SGPOATN.com”.

Geese – Beautiful animals to observe when they fly overhead, but when they congregate around our pond in large numbers, they create quite a mess. All it takes is a walk on the sidewalk around the pond and you will see their droppings. According to on-line research, wild animals such as geese can carry diseases and through their feces could infect small animals, such as dogs and cats, as well as people. They may also be carriers of avian flu which can be transmitted to humans. The Board is studying potential non-intrusive measures to encourage the geese to leave our pond. We know that loud fireworks have proved effective in the past. If the non-intrusive methods do not work, we will use other measures. If we do use fireworks, and you wish to be alerted in advance, please contact Steve Goepfert and he will give you a heads up. We will not harm the geese; but the Board is committed to taking actions to encourage them to find another pond outside our subdivision, and reduce the possibility of spreading infectious diseases to our children and pets.

Mowing – The Board has selected Clint Young, a resident in Sweetgrass Plantation, to mow the vacant lots and common areas in 2024. As we did last year, we anticipate mowing the common areas weekly and the vacant lots every 2 weeks.

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