

Spring Mill Plantation Property Owners Association Community Letter – Spring 2022

After what seemed like a long, sometimes cold winter, the day light grows longer and the sun feels warm. It won't be long before daylight savings time, blooming flowers and warm summer days. As is the case, there are a great deal of things happening and lots of activity. So, let's get everyone updated on a number of items.

Welcome New Board Member

In case you missed the earlier notice, John Ragna has been appointed by the Board of Directors to complete the term vacated by the resignation of Fred Luckett. As a long time resident and a member of the Developer Board for many years, John brings tremendous experience and a working knowledge of the community. John has rolled up his sleeves and is ready to go.

Landscaping Status

You probably noticed, but yes, the myrtles on the main berm have been "murdered". The heavy trimming, which has been done for the past 12 years, is necessary to maintain the height and prevent over growth. As we have seen, they do grow back and bloom later in the summer. The next project is trimming the grasses followed by the application of pine straw. This year, despite the dramatic increase in cost, adequate pine straw has been ordered, provided the state allows adequate harvesting. This is scheduled for April. More updates will be forthcoming with regards to plantings. The main berm is not only a major expense, but also requires a great deal of oversight. If you love plants, we could use a few individuals for the Landscape/Berm Oversight. Send your interest to support@kuester.com and you will be contacted.

Social Committee

The Social Committee has been hard at work. After the successful off-site Holiday Party, a full schedule has been planned for 2022 including some new activities and events along with all the favorites. The Souper Bowl returned for all the soup lovers and some several new activities are in the works to get the spring off and running. Keep an eye out for specifics as they are finalized.

Wildlife Project

Wildlife control is a major concern for many residents. Unfortunately, there is no simple answer. The time to start is now. Disrupting the routines and feeding habits is the key to making the geese uncomfortable and look for other places to reside. This year we will again be using the low line fencing that was utilized last year and installing it around the ponds where access is permitted via common area. This method was moderately effective and helped keep the geese off the boulevard. There are, however, some ponds where the property lines extend into the pond. As private property, funds cannot be expended for fencing in these areas. We highly recommend that owners of these areas install this fencing to enhance the effectiveness. The Wildlife Committee has also researched an alternative method of using a green laser pointer after sundown to disrupt the geese. The model Hotbest 303 Laser Pointer is one suggestion and is readily available from Amazon or Walmart. ***Most importantly, the one thing we can all do is not to feed the geese and especially the ducks. They will not starve, it is not healthy and they will not leave. More than 6 ducks were killed last year crossing the boulevard looking for food handouts. More information is coming.

Dog/Pet Reminder

We all love our four-legged friends. Please be sure to keep your dog on a leash at all times and clean up properly afterwards. Vacant lots are a great place to walk your dog, but are not for pet waste disposal.

Questions for the Board

If you have a question, concern or complaint for the Board, please send it to support@kuester.com . They will forward it to all Board members the same day. Remember that the Board does not respond to anonymous communication and does not monitor social media.

Election Process

Planning for the upcoming Board Elections is well underway. The Call for Candidates was mailed and sent electronically on the 15th of February. The deadline for submitting your interest and resume is March 8th. The next step is the preparation and mailing of the ballots on March 15th followed by a "Meet the Candidates" session on March 20th at the Amenity Center from 1 to 3pm. Deadline for ballots is April 15th at 5pm. Now is the time to get involved. If you are interested, but have questions as to what is involved in being on the board, send your questions to support@kuester.com or contact a current board member.

Amenity Center/Pool Update

The new sound panels have been installed at the Amenity Center and have made a big difference. The library volunteers are keeping things in great shape. Updated guidelines for use of the Amenity Center have been posted on the Kuester Portal. Please remember that the Amenity Center belongs to everyone and it should be treated as an extension of your home. If something is spilled, clean it up. If something is broken, report it. If you use the exercise room, follow the use guidelines posted.

The pool is on schedule to open April 1. However, our pool service company has advised us that the pool can not open until it passes inspection by Brunswick County. The official opening date will be broadcast to the community along with updated pool rules have also been posted on the Kuester Portal. Please take a moment and review the pool rules for 2022.

There are many areas of activity that could use your involvement. If you have a particular area of expertise, email your interest to support@kuester.com and we'll find a spot that fits your needs.

Welcome Spring. Thanks for your support.

Spring Mill Plantation POA

Board of Directors.