



# *Saw Grass Community News*

**Spring 2019**

**Vol IV No 2**

## **President's Letter**

I saw my first robin of the season today. They are always a welcome sight. Although there still may be bad weather ahead, warmer temps and bright sunny skies are close at hand. My letter in this issue has several very important items that demand your attention.

**Reserve Study** - The board has selected the company that will conduct the reserve study for our association. We have selected the Reserve Advisors in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to conduct this crucial study. They have the experience and recommendations to work with an association like ours. If you would like to be involved in the process, please let one of the board members know. We will keep you informed as we move through the process. One of their engineers was in our community Wednesday (March 28) morning conducting an initial assessment.

**Spring Inspections** - Each year, members of the board inspect all the units in our Sawgrass community to look for maintenance items that need to be addressed. If you see one of the board members circling your unit, with clip board in hand, feel free to chat with them and point out any issues you believe may need to be addressed. This annual process is an important part of our ongoing maintenance program.



**Spring Mulch** - As discussed at our annual meeting last November, the board has developed a rotating schedule for a number of maintenance items including spreading mulch. This spring the units along Nuttall will receive mulch. If other co-owners wish to add mulch around their unit, they may do so at their expense, but it must match the color of the mulch spread along Nuttall by our contractor.

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**Deck Maintenance** - The board has developed a maintenance schedule for the decks on all the units. In the near future we will provide the list of those decks to be refinished this year. If your deck is scheduled to be refinished, you will be responsible for removing all the furniture on your deck, at the prescribed date and time. Failure to do so, could result in you being charged for the contractor performing that task. Watch for an announcement with details as the time draws near. If you have any questions, please contact one of the board members.

**Mailbox Locations** - We have gradually changed the landscaping under the mailbox stations. Several co-owners have asked for permission to remove the sod around the mailbox and fill in with perennials and mulch to match the rest of the community. We are grateful for their work to beautify our community. If you and other co-owners would like to change the mailbox near your unit, ask one of the board members for approval, then have fun. There is a benefit for everyone besides a better-looking community, the change means the mowing contractor will no longer use a commercial strength weed whacker to trim around the mailbox posts, causing significant damage, and forcing the association to pay to replace them.

**Speeding** - We continue to have problems with speeding in our condo community. We have noted this several times. Frankly, there is little reason for co-owners to be speeding. We also have non-residents cutting through our community and speeding as they do it, adding to the problem. Be watching your email in the next couple of weeks for how the board believes we can deal with the problem.

**Community Garage Sale** - The board has set Saturday, May 18, 2019, as the tentative date for the Sawgrass community garage sale. We will provide additional details in the near future.

**Selling Your Unit** - As spring blooms, some of our co-owners are contemplating the sale of their unit. Be aware that you have particular responsibilities connected to the sale. You can refer to our website (see page 6) for the Sawgrass By-laws and the Rules & Regulations for specific steps you must take for the process to go smoothly.

**Spring Clean Up** - The improving weather and

warmer temperatures mean it's time for our spring cleanup. Dave Stader along with the Sawgrass Green Committee will lead in this effort and is looking for volunteers to help. This is one of the simple ways we can save the association some money. The work is not difficult, and if you would like to volunteer please contact Dave - check out the details below (Dave's contact information is on page 7).

I hope you have an opportunity to enjoy the spring weather. We are fortunate to live in a wonderful community and enjoy the benefits of condo living,

Cheerfully,

Bruce, President

Sawgrass Condominium Owners Association



*The Sawgrass spring clean up crew from last spring.*

### Spring Clean Up

Hello Fellow Sawgrass Co-Owners. Please join us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Spring Clean-up". After meeting at the 144<sup>th</sup> Street entrance at 9:30 am on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, we will canvass the outside perimeter of Sawgrass Condominiums and inside open areas to pick up trash. Trash bags will be provided. Bring gloves if you so desire. This is a quick way to rid our neighborhood of litter that has accumulated during the winter. This was a big job the first year, but after doing it annually, it is a quick way to make our neighborhood look great for summer months. We anticipate it will take about an hour. Of course this is a great example of many hands makes for quick work! Thank you for considering and many thanks to all that have helped in the past!

**Dave & Cindy Stader, Suzanne McDonald**  
Sawgrass Green Committee

## Ottawa County Parks

Ottawa County has a great park system. The Parks & Recreation Commission manages both parks and open space lands across the county. There are 27 parks, a dozen open spaces and three trails. Parks are designated as properties where major improvements have been made - paved parking lots, restroom buildings, designated trails, picnic shelters, playgrounds, etc. However, some properties designated as parks are currently unimproved although improvements are expected to be made in the future. Also, parks have more rigid rules and hunting is not allowed except by special permit.



*Hemlock Crossing  
Visitors Center*

Alternatively, open space lands are typically less developed natural lands with less rigid rules. Many do not have designated trails and, at properties where trails exist, they are less well developed and not signed as in the Parks. Parking areas are usually small with graveled surfaces. Another significant difference is that dogs are allowed to run off-leash and some types of hunting is allowed - archery is allowed only at specified open space lands.

Parking fees are collected from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day at the following parks: North Beach Park, Olive Shores, Kirk Park, Rosy Mound Natural Area, and Tunnel Park. An annual permit is an economical choice for frequent visitors. These permits may be purchased at park entrance gates when fees are in effect, at the Nature Center, or from the county parks office. The Oaklea Store (near Riverside Park) also sells permits from May through August. Other permits (such as the Michigan State Parks Recreation Passport) are not valid at Ottawa County Parks.



*The popular sand climb at  
Tunnel Park*

Daily Motor Vehicle Fee: \$5 for Ottawa County residents and \$7 for non-residents. Annual Motor Vehicle Permit: \$15 for Ottawa County residents and \$25 for non-residents. Ottawa County Senior Citizens (age 60+) is \$7. Residents can purchase one second vehicle permit for only \$5. Also, Ottawa County Resident Hang Tag (transferable between vehicles) is \$20. Permits may be purchased (May - August) at: North Beach, Kirk, Tunnel Parks, the Oaklea Store and Hemlock Crossing Park (inside the Nature Center).

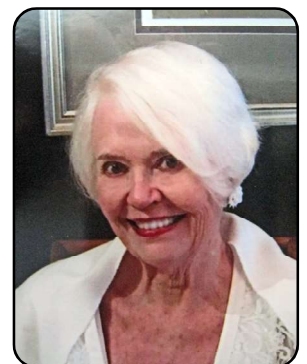
Ottawa County Parks publish a great quarterly newsletter, **Outdoors**, that features all the upcoming activities and programs - you can sign up to receive it in the mail via the Ottawa County web site - [miottawa.org](http://miottawa.org). Alternatively, it is also available via e-mail. Contact Information: Nature Education Center: 616-786-4847, Parks Office, 12220 Fillmore St, West Olive, MI 49460, Phone: (616) 738-4810.

## Co-owner Profile

### Marilyn Sogge

I grew up in southwest Minnesota and have had a beautiful family life. My mom lived to be 86 and had a gift of hospitality. When my dad died at 92 ½ I received a note saying "when we look in your dad's face we think it will be like looking in the face of Jesus."

I graduated from the University of Minnesota with a dental tech degree. While attending the university I worked part time to put myself through school at Jack & Jill, a children's clothing store





in Richfield, MN. It was a high end store so I worked with some well known clients around the Minneapolis/St Paul area. As one of the requirements of employment I had to join the Hub Business Association. Membership allowed me to participate in many fascinating activities they hosted. Then, upon graduation, they offered me a position as manager.

For many years I worked at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota as an assistant to a prosthodontist. He did oral maxillofacial prosthodontics and worked closely with plastic surgeons

He had four offices: at Mayo's main building, the Plummers Building, Methodist Hospital, and St. Mary's Hospital. We traveled between these offices for our work - it was a very exciting job and I felt blessed of the Lord for these experiences.

I was married for over thirty years to a native of Grand Rapids. We worked with Haggai Institute for many years while he was on their board. During that time I ran an exclusive business out of our home by appointment named Doncaster Clothing. We created complete wardrobes for clients for 24 years. As part of the business, there were two designers in New York that traveled the world selecting fabrics. Then, seasonal clothes were designed in North Carolina. We received the sample sets for each of the four seasons and shared them with our clients. It was a fantastic time assisting others and I gained a close friend - our friendship has lasted over 40 years.

In 2014 Sara Gordon, my only child, moved me to Florida and I thought I would be there for life. However, she decided to return to Michigan and brought me back with her to Holland. I bought a condo in the Sawgrass Condominium development. Now I am enjoying decorating my new home and meeting new friends.

I have a grandson, Jeff Herman (in Holland), and two granddaughters, Leslie Herman (in Grand Rapids) and Andrea Herman (in North Carolina). There are three great grandchildren, Addi, 10, Charley, 8, and Acen, 5.

Last November I met Sharon Cranson at the

Sawgrass Condominium Association's Annual meeting (that was held at Parkside Bible Church) and she invited me to Church. Since then I have been attending the Family Bible Hour and the morning service on Sunday with the Cransons. Also, some of the women's activities and Super Seniors have been an enriching and enjoyable experience. I Look forward to each of the activities at Parkside.

*Editor's Note - We would like to feature one of our Sawgrass Condo Co-owners in each issue of the **Sawgrass Community Newsletter**. Please consider contributing a short story about you and contact the editor if you would like to be featured.*

## SCOA Directory

The current edition of the **SCOA Directory** is attached to this issue of the **Sawgrass Community News**. To date about 30% of the co-owners have contributed their information and an image for inclusion in this version. If you would like to be part of this project, just send the information (unit, name, address, phone number/e-mail, and a 40 word note) and an image you wish to use. There has been some concern about who will have access to the directory. The SCOA Board has decided that it will be available only to Sawgrass Community co-owners.

### Sawgrass Condo Website

Need to e-mail a board member? Look at the newsletter but deleted the e-mail? Get a variance form? Review the by-laws or rules/regulations? See the latest information about the Sawgrass Condo Owners Association? If so, go to the SCOA Website where all of the above are at your fingertips! Just go to:

**<https://sawgrasscondos.wixsite.com/mysite>**

You can get all the information you need, make comments, and sign up for e-mail notifications when new content is posted. Check it out!

*You can no more blame circumstances for your character than the mirror for your appearance.*

# Recipe Corner



## Cream Puff Dessert

### Crust:

- 1 stick margarine
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup flour
- 4 eggs

Boil margarine and water; set aside. Add flour. Beat until it forms a ball. Add eggs one at a time, beat well. Grease 9 x 13 inch pan and spread mixture in it. Bake at 400° for 30 minutes.

### Filling:

- 3 cup milk
  - 6-oz or 2 3-oz pkg instant vanilla pudding\*
  - 8-oz cream cheese, softened
  - 8-oz Cool Whip
  - Hershey's chocolate syrup
- Beat together milk, pudding and cream cheese then fold in Cool Whip if desired. Spread over cooled crust. Top with additional Cool Whip, drizzle with chocolate syrup.

\* Note: use sugar-free pudding for those with diabetes.

Note: Do you have a favorite recipe to share with other Sawgrass Condo Residents? Please send it to the editor.

## Parkside Senior Programs

Dr. Suzanne McDonald, one of our Sawgrass Condo neighbors, will be the guest speaker at the Parkside Bible Church Senior's meeting at 10:30 am on May 29. Her presentation is titled ***Dealing Faithfully With Dementia***. She is Professor of Historical and Systematic Theology at



Western Theological Seminary (WTS) in Holland. Suzanne has published books and articles on theology, and reflects on the interface between scripture, theology, pastoral care, and dementia for many years.

The April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature guest speaker Dr. Ted Loudon. He will discuss Aqua Clara International's (ACI) work that provides clean water systems for third-world countries. ACI designs products to provide access to low-cost, effective, clean water solutions in rural communities that require no electricity, have no moving parts, and are constructed of local materials. Dr. Loudon is the current ACI Board chairman and Emeritus Professor of BioSystems in the Department of BioSystems & Agriculture, Michigan State University.

The Parkside Senior's meet the last Wednesday of the month from October to May - programs are open and Sawgrass residents are welcome to attend.

## Maintenance Plans

**Mulch** - The mulch areas will be dressed around units on Nuttall Ct. this spring. Mulching is planned on an every other year schedule - Sawtooth Ct. and Burr Street are scheduled for the spring of 2020.

**Annual Inspections** - The exterior of all our condo buildings are inspected annually. This year's inspection is tentatively planned for mid-May.

**Deck Maintenance** - The decks along Nuttall Ct., from Burr Street north, are scheduled for staining this summer, tentatively planned for July. Everything must be removed from decks before the work starts. The owners affected will be informed of details as the time draws near.

Questions: contact **Bruce Kalcic** 815-954-1047

## Board Meetings Schedule\*

Monday, April 8 at 7:30 pm

Monday, May 13 at 7:30 pm

Monday, June 10 at 7:30 pm

\* Schedule is tentative - location and specific time to be determined. Board meetings are open and Co-owners are invited to attend. Co-owners will be notified by e-mail with any change in meeting schedules.

## Brief Notes

**Speed Limit** - Please remember that the speed limit in the community is 15 MPH. Please watch out for walkers, joggers, children, pets and wildlife - especially the turkeys!.

**Dryer Vents** - Sawgrass Co-Owners are reminded that it is a good plan to check their dryer vents. Outside exhaust vents should be inspected and cleaned at least once a year depending on dryer usage. Indicators of a clogged vent are: excessive dry times, hot exterior, burning smell, lint or debris outside the vent opening.

**Parking Pads** - The visitor parking pads are for temporary use by our guests. While occasional or incidental use of these parking areas by residents may be acceptable, long term or continual use is not permitted.

**A Reminder** - If you walk your dog along the Sawgrass Condo streets and common areas, be considerate of the yards and areas around other Co-Owners's units. Please make a habit of picking-up after your pet(s). Thanks.

**Smoke Detectors** - It is important to maintain the smoke detectors in your condo - here are two recommendations. 1) Replace the batteries every year - pick a date that is easy to remember and 2) clean them at least twice each year to remove any dust, cobwebs, or other contaminants.

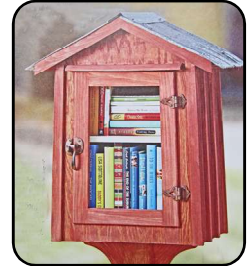
**Mailbox Posts** - Several mailboxes stands were set up in the grass resulting in a maintenance problem. When the landscape workers do the trimming around the base, it tends to "chew up" the posts. Plans are being made to replace the grass with mulch to remedy this situation.

## New Form

A new form to be completed when a Sawgrass Condo unit is being offered for sale has been developed. It is the **Notification Of Sale of Unit** and is located on the SCOA website under Co-Owners Forms. After completion it should be emailed to **Becky Szymaszek** at [bszymaszek57@gmail.com](mailto:bszymaszek57@gmail.com) as soon as possible. The SCOA website is: [sawgrasscondos.wixsite.com/mysite](http://sawgrasscondos.wixsite.com/mysite)

**Trash/Recycle Containers** - Please be careful to keep trash carts and recycle containers on the driveway concrete to avoid blocking sprinkler heads.

**Book Nook** - The book nook and bench located along Burr street have been removed for maintenance. However, they will be back in service soon. There is a great collection of books of all types in the book nook. Keep an eye out for their return and stop by to check out a book or just pause and enjoy a rest on the bench



**Back Issues** - Back issues of the **Sawgrass Community News** may be requested from the editor.



*I love the Sawgrass Condo Community.  
Thanks to Leon Greisen*

## Garage Sale

It's Time to prepare for the Annual Sawgrass Condo Neighborhood Garage Sale. This year our garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 18. Other than moving your treasures to your garage and tagging them, the only thing you will need to do is open your garage door a 9:00 am and prepare for a busy day. The sale will end at 3:00 pm, just in time to count your cash before dinner. If you are not planning to participate, please be aware this tends to be a high traffic day in the neighborhood. Keep in mind that visitors must not park on the grass. For additional information contact **Bruce/Janet Kalcic** 815-954-1047.

## Sawgrass Condominium Association References

### Board of Directors

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## Tentative Publication Schedule

If the *Sawgrass Community News* is distributed on a quarterly basis, the following publication dates could be established:

Winter Issue - January 1

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