

Landscaping Committee

August 2015 Update

August has been another busy month with a number of large projects completed:

- Bushes and plants were replaced throughout the community. This project had been identified as a priority for the Committee because homeowners had reported the dead plants to Taylor Morrison and/or Pope Management more than a year ago. It was particularly gratifying to see this ***one-time only*** project completed.
- Wax myrtle bushes were planted along the exposed south border off Jacaranda and along Clermont. These fast-growing bushes will eventually fill in, providing screening of homes and serve as a deterrent for unwanted foot traffic into Verona Reserve.
- Tree stakes were removed along the newer sections of Capulet and Terracina, except for those supporting trees in place for less than one year.
- New sod was laid throughout the community. There are just a few yards yet to repair.

The Committee provided the Board of Directors with a quote for the replacement of dead palms throughout the community and Taylor Morrison is obtaining an additional quote. The Board has been negotiating the replacement cost with Taylor Morrison on this, as well as other issues, since turn-over and this would be a ***substantial savings for all Verona Reserve owners***. We hope to have this project completed by mid-September.

At the July 30th Board meeting, the Board approved a budget of \$300 for the purchase and installation of colorful plantings at the main entrance sign. It's the first thing people see when turning in on Portapolo so we would like to showcase our community. Committee members Bob Beuther and Dawn Natole are developing a plan to enhance the visual appeal - selecting a combination of annuals and perennials. Work should be completed by the end of September.

With Board approval and at the Committees request, Lighthouse solicited bids for Verona Reserves grounds maintenance for 2016. Five companies responded and representatives met with Rhonda (Lighthouse) and Jodi (Committee Co-Chair) and then toured the community. Sealed bids are due August 31st. Committee members met to discuss, among other things, a reference form that will be utilized and to schedule the bid opening meeting.

The Board approved the extension of the ITS contract for pump station maintenance and daily flow guard monitoring, but they tabled a proposal from ITS on a full irrigation system audit - instead opting for an independent evaluation by an engineering firm.

Jodi (Committee Co-Chair) and Tom (Valley Crest) walked the grounds in mid-August, this time focusing on landscaping in the single-family area.

And finally, Committee members received a number of compliments from owners and also responded to owner concerns and questions.

Open Items: Monthly community “walk-through” with Tom (Valley Crest) and Jodi (Committee Co-Chair).
Replacement of dead palm trees, pending successful negotiations with Taylor Morrison.
Main entrance flowers.
Review of bids for 2016 grounds maintenance contractor.

Board Action

Required: N/A

Respectfully submitted,
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