

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 2016

MANAGEMENT REPORT

LANDSCAPING

- The proposal from All Tree was reviewed and accepted and trimming of the trees will begin mid-August. This is later than is usual, due to the change of managers and the scope of the bids provided.
- The June (2nd annual planting) has been completed.
- I met with Jeffery at 1423 to inspect the plants in front of his unit. I met later in the day with Safe Plant to inspect the plants for insect damage. Some aphids were found on the Crocus plants, but no other harmful insects were found to be creating damage. The affected plants were sprayed for aphid control.
- I met with the landscaper, a Board Member and a member of the Landscape committee to look at the grounds and to review growth in the lakes. After review, contacted Lake Masters to provide a solution to the expanding bull rushes in an effort to clear up the shoreline of the lakes.

GROUNDS PEST CONTROL

- Please note there is NO BLANKET SPRAYING of pesticides in the Delray Estuary. The property is totally inspected monthly during the summer months (every other month during the winter) on Safe Planet's IPM [Intergraded Pest Management] program which is recommended by the University of Florida to kill bad insects and keep the good insects alive.
- **WHEN SPRAYING IS DONE – signs put up can be removed after 3 hours.**
- **AFTER THE CHEMICAL SPRAYED IS DRY – approximately 30 minutes to an hour depending on weather conditions, once dry it is NO LONGER harmful to HUMANS OR PETS.** The same guidelines apply to herbicide spraying for weed control.
- **Homeowner are urged to contact Jason at 624.5888 to request a Work Order for any plant that appears to have damaging insects or is starting to look like it is dying.** Calling in to Jason for a work order will expedite service as I'm often out of the office. When I do get the message I have to forward it to Jason.
- Requests have been made for more aggressive mosquito control, but the Association does not blanket spray common areas, and each Owner is responsible for their own lots, so this is an almost impossible task. I have contacted the Delray Beach governmental offices to discuss options, as fogging is no longer an acceptable method for control.

IRRIGATION

- Work Orders are being addressed as problems are reported and the 'monthly wet-checks' to inspect all equipment (each sprinkler head is looked at while it is running to adjust to the correct spray) are being done on schedule. As sprinkler heads age, they will lose the ability to hold setting and they do get accidentally bumped from time to time.

- Irrigation schedule has been increased to three times per week, for slightly shorter periods, as the rain is not sufficient to keep the grass green. I have been working with Mike at Image in order to keep water costs at a minimum.
- Note that the ‘Carpet Grass’ weed has been in decline since the weed control experimental program began. It appears the program will allow us to improve the quality of the grass in the Estuary with minimal sod replacement.

LAKES

- Lake Masters will be Treating the lake water weeds and the algae in the lake is minimal. I have had one call from a concerned Owner that we may have some of the bad algae being drained from Okeechobee. But this is not an issue, according to Lake Masters.
- The Preserve where aquatic midges are allowed to grow unchecked without any treatments being allowed will increase the chances for the lake side patios to be affected with this insect.

PRESERVE

- Spot weeding in the Buffer Zone (along the wood fence) will done midway between this 2nd and 3rd quarterly contracted maintenance.
- A State inspection done in February found the Preserve Areas to be in “excellent” condition.

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