

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 2016

MANAGEMENT REPORT

LANDSCAPING

- Majestic Landscape mowed three times and will do the same in April as scheduled. The monthly trimming was completed and will be done towards the end of April as scheduled.
- Spring mulching will be completed mid-April.
- Majestic's owner and I toured the property to review specific plants for the **Annual 'Heavy Cut-Back' of plants that have become leggy due to age.** 80% of the Plants and overgrown Palms approved at the March Meeting have been completed.
- We have started taking bids for the Annual Tree Trimming for consideration by the Board's Executive Committee during May for a start date is targeted mid-June.
- The Spring Planting normally scheduled to be done was not required this month and was postponed. The June (2nd annual planting) will be schedule in late June/early July.
- The Spring Mulch will be scheduled for later this month.

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.
- There have been service calls to inspect specific locations brought to their attention by homeowners calling in to CRA reporting and areas seen by Majestic Landscape employees advising of a suspected problem area for treatment. Pest Control Spraying or treatment is done on an as needed basis, usually the day after reporting to Jason at CRA..
- **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.

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 loose the ability to hold setting and they do get accidently bumped from time to time.
- Watering Plants and Turf twice a week will result in healthier Plants and Turf that are more drought resistant as roots will be forced to grow deeper, which is a key aspect to strong healthy grass. Healthier turf will help keep weed seeds that the wind blows in from germinating and over time will result in fewer weeds in the grass with an improved appearance.

- Note that the ‘Carpet Grass’ weed has been browning due to the lack of rain in March. This browning is not due to lack of irrigation water. It is normal as this weed is affected during the cooler months, unfortunately it is not dead and will come back at the beginning of the growing season with rains.

LAKES

- Lake Masters will be Treating the lake water weeds and will be doing another treatment on them early next month, the algae in the lake is minimal and were put on notice that the quarterly fertilization was recently completed, fortunately the lack of rains washing fertilizer into the lakes helped prevent algae bloom from forming.
- Aquatic Midge treatments being done are expected to keep them under control as they did last year, the Board will be considering fish stocking of the lakes again if it is found to be needed. None were recommended by Lake Masters last year.
- 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 the last week of this month and will be done again midway between this 2nd and 3rd quarterly contracted maintenance.
- Some of the native plants have been approved by South Florida Water Management for trimming when they reach a certain height.
- Another State inspection done in February found the Preserve Areas to be in “excellent” condition.

SEAWALL CONSTRUCTION

- The final inspection of Building 6 & 11 were done by the Board, the General Manger of Murphy Construction and the independent engineer overseeing the construction project who approved the work completed at each step and each payment that was made.
- Murphy Construction has one small section in building 2 where the old seawall was not removed. The Association is withholding the final payment until this work is completed and may consider have the necessary work done a deducting the cost from the final payment.