Association Guideline: THE MEADOWS LANDSCAPING

Effective September 30, 2020

The goal of the Landscape Committee is to ensure that landscaping in The Meadows remains healthy and low maintenance, the appearance is tasteful and uniform, and no property stands out as being underdone or overdone.

Many townhouse residents have come to The Meadows from homes where they were used to maintaining the property surrounding their house. Please recognize that living in The Meadows means that the HOA is now taking on this burden and as a townhouse owner you have limited responsibilities in this area. Limited responsibilities imply there are still some responsibilities that are encouraged and others that are not required or allowed. It is with this in mind, the following Meadows landscaping rules have been developed:

Resident responsibilities:

- Caring for and maintaining all annuals, perennials, grasses, and ground covers currently planted in existing landscape beds around your unit.
- Keeping plants and ground covers in landscape beds inside the edge of the bed to allow landscape crew mowers and weed whackers to operate freely.
- Cutting potted plants and vines in containers so they do not attach to the ground and begin spreading.
- Communicating landscape issues **by email**, and not through verbal communication with committee members or to the landscape/tree professionals.

Residents are encouraged to:

- Plant **annual flowers** in the beds around their units.
- Add **shredded hardwood** mulch that matches the color of existing mulch installed by the landscaper only around newly planted annuals.
- Refrain from giving direction to the landscape/tree professionals working within the Meadows and Village Park.

Residents are **not allowed** to:

- Add, enlarge, or change the size/shape of landscape beds.
- Plant trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, grasses, or ground covers.
- Remove any tree or shrub.
- Communicate directly with landscape/tree professionals.
- Place permitted Yard Décor in turf/grass areas.

HOA (Landscape Committee) responsibilities:

- Maintain ongoing **landscaper relationship** and communications.
- **Resolve** resident reported HOA landscaping **issues** and problems such as damaged, dying or dead plants.
- Replace shrubs/trees that are damaged, dead, or dying.
- Initiate landscape renewal projects to maintain a fresh appearance in the community.

Members of the Landscape Committee include: Jane Blanc (chairperson), Ralph Buntyn, Lynn Caputo, and Jill Tourtellot.