2022 MEADOWS LANDSCAPING YEAR END REPORT AND 2023 PROJECTS

The Landscape Committee had another very active year in the Meadows. Thanks to all committee members and volunteers who offered their time and talent to help us accomplish many of these projects.

- Park: Volunteers planted annuals, two additional Spirea 'Candy Corn', a replacement Pugster Blues Butterfly Bush, Grey Owl Juniper, Sedum, and additional perennials. Volunteers also took care of watering, fertilizing, spraying non-toxic rabbit repellent, and cut back and deadheaded perennials. The Carolina Jessamine vine at the Pergola will go through a rejuvenation process over the next few years since it has been cut back significantly to allow the carpenters free access to the structural repairs.

- Grub Control: As on ongoing effort to reduce the mole population, Bob LeBoeuf applied two separate treatments of a grub control product to reduce the moles' main food source in both the lawns and beds.

- TPS has provided landscape maintenance services in 2022. We will use them again in 2023 for all landscape maintenance services except lawn amendments and aeration, which will be done by TruGreen resulting in overall savings and a more efficient application process, including the addition of lime.

- Hemlock Health: Consulted with Carolina Hemlock for an inspection of the hemlocks in our community. No signs of adelgid were noted and the trees were deemed to be in good health. The next Hemlock treatment is on schedule for 2023 as it is done every three years.

- Leyland Cypress Disease: These plants continue to struggle from passalora needle blight and seiridium canker, particularly after this wet spring and summer. There is no treatment available that is guaranteed to cure the problem, and we previously reduced the number of Leyland cypress in the Meadows to minimize damage and allow for better air and light circulation. Any treatment would be ongoing and not assured to remedy the blight. Quotes to remove the trees & stumps and replace with appropriate trees have been obtained and a plan on how best to proceed from a budgetary standpoint is being developed over the course of the next few years.

- Townhome Landscape Renovations and Plant Replacements: A) #2/#4, #9/#11 and #36/#38 Installed soft touch hollies in driveway mulch beds. B) #50/ #52, Removed and replaced overgrown foundation plants and those near utility boxes. C) #2, Removed and replaced overgrown shrubs on side foundation, reduced bed size and installed sod. D) #30, Removed laurels along sidewalk and installed sod, removed unhealthy shrubs at mailbox and replaced with smaller scale plants. E) #46/#48, Removed dead dogwood and replaced with Rising Sun Redbud. F) #36, Replaced dead PJM Rhododendron below rear window and replaced with 3 Mr. Goldstrike Aucuba. G) #46, Replaced dead plant with Native Azalea at lower rear corner. H) #12, Removed failing pachysandra below Arborvitae hedge. I) #4, Volunteers cut down overgrown Hinoki cypress at sidewalk. J) #3, Removal of oversized panicle hydrangea and replace with 3 dwarf 'Bobo" hydrangea. K) #11 purchased 3 Clethra 'Sixteen Candles' to replace dead rhododendrons in rear of unit. L)#40 Removed liriope at sidewalk bed and replaced with transplanted Dragon's Blood Sedum and 3 Heather plants. M) #12 Replaced plant next to deck steps with a Dwarf Hinoki. Minor renovations at homeowners' expense were done in front beds at #34, #38 and #4.

- Developer Responsibilities: Raymond replaced dead dogwood with a new one on the slope behind #8. Developer worked with contractor to resolve drainage issues above wall and in the grass of #8 and#12.

- Love Grass Slopes: Worked with TPS on ways to improve the condition and appearance of the bank behind Units #2-12. Love Grass seed will be sown by TPS on the bare areas in early Spring 2023 and manual weed removal 2x/year will be performed on a more timely basis in June and August. TruGreen will apply fertilizer and pre and post weed control on the love grass slopes on Meadow Vista Court and behind #44.

- Pruning: The third and final pruning of the year will be done by the end of November.

- Homeowner Requests: Processed 16 homeowners' requests. 15 have been approved, 1 pending.

- 2023 Landscape "Other" Projects include: A) Hemlock treatment, B) Tree Pruning on select larger trees at #36, #38 and #50/#52, C) Removal of Leyland cypress hedge between #42/#44 with installation of alternate replacement plants, D) Removal of Leyland cypress and 2 Green Giant Arborvitae that are too close to the upper decks of #50/#52. Lower foundation plants will be installed.

- The quantity of mulch spread in the Meadows will be reduced by 50% from last year as there is an abundant layer in place already in many areas, which also results in a cost savings benefit.

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