VILLAGE PARK LANDSCAPING HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021

- The VP common landscaped areas have once again been maintained by TPS Landscaping. Though they have been challenged by the current labor shortage, they continued to make strides in new hires and have served our property well per the terms of our contract.
- TPS has completed a second general pruning and a final pruning should be complete by December.
- TPS cut down one hemlock toward the front entrance as it very quickly shed needles, had branch dieback and the plant suddenly succumbed. No evidence of wooly adelgid was on this tree nor the remaining two. Replacement of this tree is not needed due to its location. Carolina Hemlock continues to monitor the remaining trees and will treat if adelgid are spotted.
- After a slow start, the firepower nandina plants at the front entrance rallied and are presenting a good display of color.
- Thanks to our volunteers who planted and replanted the beautiful lantana for a great summer show of color at the main entrance. Volunteers also repaired irrigation breaks and lighting, and regraded and moved plants and a large rock that were displaced in the first island at our entrance. This occurred from truck tires going over the same median twice this year in the same spot.
- Several arborists have been consulted regarding the Leyland Cypress row inside the gate as well as in The Meadows. Some of the trees have developed passalora needle blight and some have presented with seridium canker. A summer shedding of needles occurred as a result of these pathogens after the wet conditions in spring and summer, but the plants are still viable as a screen for the time being. We are developing a management plan for the next few years to help mitigate the problem or substitute a different screening plant in future years. In general, experts recommend no longer planting the Leyland cypress in our area.
- We are evaluating the feasibility of making enhancements to the second island as you enter VP by eliminating unnecessary electrical posts as well as a change in landscape plants.

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