

Saratoga Landscape Committee Report to BOD Thurs Feb26, 2015 (this report covers period from last report in Dec 2014 through Feb 2015)

Mulch placed in Dec.

Wet Irrigation Check completed in Jan. Sprinkler heads were adjusted, several were replaced. Two leaks were repaired. The system is calibrated to provide sufficient irrigation to maintain a viable landscape while conserving water by reducing overlap and overspray.

Despite an average annual rainfall in the Naples area of over 55", most of which falls in the May to Sep period, the dry winter months present an irrigation challenge.

In Dec, a lightning damaged, and a diseased Washingtonian Palm, as well as a damaged Queen Palm were removed. The other Washingtonian Palm by the pool damaged by a lightning strike was removed this past week.

In Jan. Sod was replace/added at areas between Buildings 3 and 4 and Saratoga Boulevard.

In Jan. Palm fronds were trimmed away from building and lanais.

In Dec. uplifted/uneven pavers were repaired at several units. Additional pavers continue to pop up and will be addresses. It is expected this will be an ongoing issues as the roots of an aging landscape expand.

Our community is most fortunate that Stan Mohn is our full time resident electrical volunteer. Stan recently replaced the flood light at the Saratoga Dr. entrance to the Clubhouse and replaced the light sensor at Building 11.

Stan had a busy 2014 replacing 74 building light bulbs, 4 light fixtures, 26 other bulbs and lamps. He maintains the low voltage landscape lighting system and also maintains a spread sheet documenting repairs and replacements.

Please join in thanking Stan Mohn and Michelle Mohn for their dedication to our community. Stan's volunteer work results in reduced down time and enormous savings to our community. As a reminder, if there is an outside lighting issue (other than the light directly over the unit entrance door) , contact Stan Mohn 239 774 3405.

In Jan. our landscape contractor treated ants in the turf and gardens. Volunteers continue treatment to control ants in the pavers.

In Feb. volunteers planted Sweet Potato Vine at Lady Palm Pots in front of Clubhouse and Lobelia near the Saratoga Dr. Clubhouse entrance.

Gold Mound and Awabuki inflicted with Dollar Spot Fungus have been treated and continue to be monitored.

White Fly damage to Ficus between building 5 & 6 is being monitored and will be replace this spring if they do not recover.

4 Cocoa Plumb were replaced on the small lake, 4 Clusia added to the large lake. 3 Bougainvillea were added across from Clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Kelley and John Ruscito. Landscape Committee Co-chairs