

Landscape Committee Report to Board of Directors Thursday, April 23, 2015

Volunteers Don Glover and Gene Bisol pruned the White Periwinkle along Saratoga Blvd. as well as other plants. White Fly Control treatment was placed at all the Christmas Palms. Blooming plants were fertilized and top soil was placed in lawn areas damaged by tire tracks (suspect from garbage trucks) and in other turf holes and indentations.

Volunteer Gene Bisol surveyed the pavers to identify lifted pavers in need of repair which will be scheduled.

The Irrigation clock continues to malfunction, cannot be repaired, and will be replaced.

Spring plant replacement needs were determined during a walk around with the landscape contractor and will be replaced or planted in the May-June timeframe.

Landscaping crew picked up several empty beer cans and soft drink containers in the rock and Hibiscus area at the pool deck.

At John Jensen's suggestion, 3 trees will be placed shortly in the area along Celeste Dr. to increase the sightscreen in anticipation of the future Rt. 951 commercial build up at south side of the Lely entrance.

Arboricola Trinette will be added to the Celeste Dr. side of the Ficus hedge, in areas where they could not be placed on the Saratoga Dr. side. This will provide a double screen for the Celeste Dr. area Ficus which is subject to White Fly damage.

The third Washington Palm near the clubhouse damaged by lightening last summer, a Queen Palm between building 15 and 16 infected with Ganoderma, a wild palm next to the pool deck, and a Buckles infected Hong Kong Orchid at the rear of Building 20 were removed. Various stumps were ground. A Date Palm (similar to palm near the pool entrance) will be placed at the right end of the bed.

Several Eugenia plants located under the first floor unit number sign (buildings 7, 8, 13,17, and the main water control pipe screen across from building 23 and utility screen at Building 20) continue to show the ill effects of "rust". Instead of replacing with similar plants, they will be replaced with Green Arboricola which has been used to screen utility pedestals. Green Arboricola is performing well, and not yet subject to disease or infestation.

With advice from a Senior Environmental Lakes Specialist from the County and the Botanical Gardens, and working with the Lake Committee Chair; the Fakahatchee beds and the Spartina beds by the lakes will be expanded in an effort to reduce turf area and control erosion.

Magnolia in front of building 16 is underperforming, has been given extra nutrients. Performance will continued to be monitored. The other Magnolias are also being monitored.

Hard pruning for plants and ornamental grasses is schedule for May. Pruning of the hard woods, palms, and paver repair is schedule for the summer.

The Muhly Grass in the elevated beds has not performed well. Although this has not been a good year for Muhly Grass in the Naples area, after hard pruning, if they do not perform better, alternatives will be sought.

Stan Mohn replaced 8 building lights, is working on repairing the outside front door building light fixture at 903 and will replace the GFCI outlet at the water feature.

Bobby Kelly has agreed to be summer liaison with our landscape contractor.

Respectfully Submitted, Bob Kelley and John Ruscito