

APRIL 12th, 2010 MEETING WITH MAINSCAPE

The meeting was opened at 2:30 pm by Sharon Rask. Those attending included: Dan Rooney, Tom Labota and Ron Houseman from Mainscape. Troy Kosinski- Maintenance Chair, Brian Bitgood- Waterside club II, Ed Alexander- Carriage Homes, Linda Owens- Villa 2, Don Oppenheim— HOPCA treasurer, Len Harvey HOP Board, Art Cinea-- Villa III, Jim Rask-- Villa IV, Bruce Keller—Villa I, Doug Blake & Betty Keller-- CDD, and several audience members.

1. Tom Labota gave a report on Shrub Trimming that started 2 weeks ago and will commence next week. Most of the plants have received a hard cut back, and many are showing signs of recovery from the freeze earlier this year. Residents are requested **not to pull shrubs** as it will be a few more weeks before it can be determined exactly what has died. Appointments were set up to tour several areas the first week in March to make determination of necessary plant replacements. Chairs/Presidents will tour with a Mainscape employee. (Plant replacement will be budget dependent according to area).

2. Lawns were discussed. We are seeing many “winter” weeds getting established and a few areas of Cinch bugs. **Tom Labota reported in an update following the meeting**---- a, “ Weeds in turf area have been sprayed. Most of the weeds present are Winter Annual Weeds. Do to lower soil temps we have struggled with turf weeds. This is not site specific problem. It has been a problem for all landscapers from Tampa to Naples. b. Chinch bug has been spot treated with Bifen. This is a contact spray. We have a blanket application for Chinch Bug scheduled for early May. We will also do our turf fertility at this time.”

3. Mowing: Residents have complained about the high speed of the mowers that has resulted in spotty mowing. The response from Tom's update:
a. “I spoke to employees on speed of mowing. Open fields are OK to use a higher speed. It is absolutely unacceptable for workers to use mowers at such a speed that it is a safety hazard and diminishes quality. Last warnings issued to workers. “

4. Tom distributed a list of plants that did not fare well in the freeze and those that did. The majority of “hardy” plants on the list are green and not

the more showy tropical plants. The list of recommended plants will be posted in the lodge. If anyone needs a copy of the list please let Brian or Sharon know and we will email it to you.

5. Leaves and drain cleaning were discussed. Ron and Tom will be working on estimate for removal of leaves this week. They will consider all aspects of the job including cleaning drains as needed.

6. Ron, Dan, Tom and Bruce will meet to determine cost for dealing with a large dead area of sod that had cinch bugs last year.

7. Sharon asked about a possibility of a demonstration of an air spade. Tom has contacted the Mainscape technical adviser Gary Hill. He is looking for a suitable sub that is professional and trustworthy. He will update us when he has more information.

8. Other: Mainscape will start using a smaller crew and will be here more days starting next week. Remember to call mainscape if your irrigation is running more than 15 minutes, it will need to be checked.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for July 12th, 2010 at 2:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Rask