

POND REPORT DECEMBER 2018

1. Walk around with Tony Livermore, Supervisor, GAIA Landscapes, Inc.

Tuesday, November 27, 2018, Tony and I walked our ponds and surrounding landscaping for which they are responsible under contract. We reviewed all aspects of the contract and observed the following:

- SVOA Ponds.
 - GAIA has removed the two fountains and placed them in the pump house.
 - Residents have comments that the Magnolia (grand de flora) has looked poorly. GAIA periodically applies fertilizer and other treatments to encourage health. Note, this species does not like its feet wet so is struggling to survive surrounded by water.
- SVOA Landscaping around ponds. Performed bi-weekly.
 - Lawn Service – edging and weeding GAIA is spraying with post emergent to control the crabgrass (Quinchlorac brand). GAIA has been spraying crabgrass weekly.
 - GAIA has thatched and aerated the lawn as part of their lawn health program, adding gypsum to raise the ph. level.
 - Shrubs & Beds Service – weeds are under control; shrubs pruned. In our walkaround we discussed whether GAIA could trim/shape these conifers sufficiently to improve driver vision and concluded that the amount of pruning/shaping required would turn the conifers brown and they would die. Therefore, as part of GAIA's biweekly maintenance, GAIA will remove the 2 conifers closest to the sidewalk, cutting the 2 stumps to ground level, and cover the bare area with mulch.

