

## POND REPORT JANUARY 2019

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

Wednesday, January 2, 2019, 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.
  - Turbidity from the massive amount of water that flowed through our ponds mid December caused the water to lose its transparency due to the presence of suspended or dissolved particulates. The more total suspended/dissolved solids in the water, the murkier the water appears and the higher the turbidity. As the particulates settle out/dissolve, water clarity will increase.

Pictures – mid December 2018



- 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. Note – regarding spraying for weeds, GAIA is investigating a new chemical to remove weeds – an organic spray composed of clove oil and other ingredients. Given the World Health Organization’s finding of glyphosate being “probably carcinogenic”, this is a positive change to weed control.
  - 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 December as part of its biweekly maintenance, GAIA removed 2 conifers closest to the sidewalk, cutting the 2 stumps to ground level, and covered the bare area with mulch. Result is improved driver vision turning west at the stop sign onto Hollyhock Circle from Stonebrook Street.



- GAIA completed removing and replacing the Ash behind 4773H (overlooking the Pond in the easement); grinding the stump and lateral roots below sight level; replacing with owner-selected Crepe Myrtle. ARC completion submitted December 14, 2018.

12-13-2018 Picture Crepe Myrtle 4773 H easement near pond border

