

## POND REPORT NOVEMBER 2018

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

Thursday November 1, 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 wants to assess the north pond fountain's performance after the north pond dredging is complete. If the fountain continues to have problems after a reasonable amount of time has elapsed, GAIA will submit a recommended replacement.
  - GAIA will continue visually to inspect for mosquitoes. So far none have been cited.
  - By the end of November GAIA will have removed the two fountains and placed in the pump house.
  - Bullfrog traps have been removed for the season.
- 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. Responding to a request by a resident living close to the south pond, GAIA will be shearing and shaping the conifers bordering the south pond to help improve vehicle vision. Future pond improvements will consider removal and replacement of some or all of these conifers.





- GAIA applies bridge granular fertilizer (organic and synthetic) in the spring and fall.
- GAIA's previously-submitted and Board-approved pruning project is complete.

II. North pond plantings damaged. During our walkaround we discovered the Yellow Twig Dogwood was cut to the ground and the Red Twig Dogwood and Scouler's Willow "cut." NLS stated they did not touch any of the pond plantings. GAIA will replace the Yellow Twig Dogwood and the other two as needed and call it "contractual obligation."

North pond plantings damaged:



III. Completion of 2018 pond improvements. The remaining 2018 pond improvements will include the following:

- Bullfrog trappings and removals for 2018
- Replacement of 4 dwarf water lilies (in pots) in the south pond
- Addition of a rockrose jester in the front of the pump house



- Dig up and transplant Purple BeautyBerry (currently between the Mugho Pines and pump house) and place south side of pump house



- Add boulders in front of pump house and near south pond Willow
- Designs for potential 2019 improvements