

POND REPORT OCTOBER 2017

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

Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 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:

- PUMP House Paint –GAIA has completed painting the pump house one coat same color.
- SVOA Ponds.
 1. Both fountains are working well. If you noticed the north pond fountain not operating this week, the reason is that GAIA turned off the north pond fountain to spray the water clover and spreading parts of the cattails. The browning of the clover indicates the effect of the spraying.
 2. GAIA sprayed the Filamentous Green Algae in the south pond.
- SVOA Landscaping around ponds. Performed bi-weekly.
 1. Lawn Service –spring applications of thatch removal, soil loosening, seeding and lightly covering with organic mulch performed. In June 2018 GAIA will add pre-emergent to reduce crabgrass growth. GAIA completed aeration of the lawns; next will be the dethatching.
 2. Shrubs & Beds Service – weeds are under control; shrubs pruned.
 3. Thread Branch Cypress at south sidewalk by electric box NLS improperly pruned, which will require GAIA to correct. GAIA's review of this bush indicates it needs to be removed. GAIA will provide Kurt with an estimate to remove and not replace at this time. Please provide NLS with instructions not to prune SVOA POND area.



- Irrigation.

Prior to completing the north pond improvement project in 2017, GAIA will be contacting Kurt to ascertain the location of the controller and zone to test the irrigation to ensure sufficient irrigation is available.

II. The Board approved at its September 2017 meeting GAIA's Proposal #411 for \$1,053.50 to remove the diseased and dying (7) *Taxus x media Densiformis* (Yews) on the north pond island that surround the Evergreen Magnolia, install replacement soil, and plant species similar to those currently installed around beds of the pond, such as *Juncus*, *Cornus*, *Carex*, *Gunnera*, *Wapato*, *Lobelia*. The Board determined that this project would be funded through the account established for SVOA-wide landscaping. GAIA has determined that to ensure the young plants

have the best environment in which to thrive, GAIA will undertake this project in early spring 2018.



- III. The Board approved at its September 2017 meeting GAIA's Est. 412 – reserve item to drain the south pond, remove hydrilla and nymphaeaceae (overgrown lillies), excavate, remove sludge - \$8,735. GAIA will measure the sediment in the south pond as part of this project. Timing will be 2018 early spring before rains stop so rains will fill up south pond after all work is completed. The north pond will be drained, etc., the following year, same time frame.