

ASSOCIATION NEWS

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From the Landscape and Tree Committees

Mowing, trimming and weed abatement are proceeding. Mosses are turning brown in turf areas as a result of earlier spray treatment. Areas around tree bases and utility structures have been sprayed to halt weed and grass growth.

Inventory of curbside tree wells and turf conditions is complete. Landscape Committee is prioritizing and shall be recommending treatment options for areas of highest need.

Owners may occasionally see orange tags or orange spray on plants or trees. The marking is to help NLS, our landscape services provider, see and remove weeds/invasive seedlings/overhanging branches, etc.

Thirty new plants are in place along Country Club Drive. These native species have been selected for their variety of foliage, interesting and varied bloom periods, fruiting, and suitability to help fill in the embankment among existing laurels and mughos.

The Native Vegetation Demonstration Plot North of the Pool and Club House is fully prepared to receive its mulch layer. The bark will be blown in on May 27.

The Tree Committee understands there is a possibility the turf and perhaps landscaping behind the Club House may be altered in an effort to prevent surface runoff from pooling on the sidewalk. We think this is a good idea; but feel we should defer further action on our tree-planting project until plans for this area are more clear.

Following are the NLS landscaping goals for May.

- Finish irrigation audit and repairs
- Cut all irrigation donuts
- Aerate – Dethatch – Overseed
- Weed and feed fertilizer
- Continue our standard edging and mowing
- Weed control as needed in beds and turf
- Turn on the irrigation system as needed
- Continue to battle morning glory in tract K and other areas

Village Mailboxes

The exterior of many mail boxes around Stoneybrook Village are dirty and moss covered. Some of the mail boxes are owned by The U.S. Postal Service, others are owned by SVOA. We asked the Postal Service if they would clean the boxes. The representative said they no longer have the resources to clean any mail boxes, either Postal Service owned or privately owned ones. Some Village mail boxes are very clean, but others are not. If we all would share in cleaning the boxes we use it will spruce up the entire community. Most basic cleaning products that contain some bleach, along with a brush will clean off the moss and dirt.