

# **The Villas of Northville Hills - Community Update, July 2021**

## *News from* **The Green Team**

The Villas Landscaping Committee (a/k/a The Green Team) would like to provide an update on some of the things they are working on to make our community even more green and beautiful.

### **Plants**

The week of July 12, the Villas Landscape Contractor completed Phase 1 of the project by installing \$9,000 of plants that had sustained irreparable damage or died following the winter. Phase II is scheduled for August.

### **Mulch**

On July 21, the Greenlawn Landscape Company installed mulch around all the trees and planting areas that are adjacent to the streets and eyebrows.

### **Lawn Mowing Day**

Thursday is our scheduled lawn mowing day. However, due to rain and staffing resources, mowing day has been pushed back to later in the week many times this season.

### **Perennial Plants**

Please remember to submit a work order or receipt of an approved modification before removing any perennial plants.

### **Irrigation System**

We have been fortunate to have had good amounts of rain this season, yet our irrigation team continues to struggle with the day-to-day operation of the irrigation system. Our system is fraught with electrical issues that cause outages due to electrical shorts.

### **Weeding**

The committee is working closely with the contractor to resolve our concerns with weeds throughout the community. If you have concerns about weeding around your home, please complete a work order, and we notify Serene.

## Trees

We have had four Bradford Pear trees lose large branches during the recent storms. If you see a tree in your yard that has been damaged, please submit a work order ASAP.

The tree maintenance program that we instituted with Arbor Tree is showing great results as we have seen significant improvement in the condition of our trees.

We do have several Maple trees that appear to be dying. Fortunately, this is not the case, and our Arborist will administer an iron supplement to them in the fall. The protocol is for fall treatments when the temperatures are lower.

We have several Pin Oaks in the community that also receive a supplement of manganese this fall.

The Board has approved removing the Weeping Willow trees (5) that line the Sheldon Road entrance area. We have carefully monitored these trees during the past four years, and the roots of these trees are now at the foundations of two of our homes requiring removal. The trees also drop a lot of debris into the irrigation pond and adjacent drainage system, necessitating frequent pond cleanings. We plan to plant River Birches in the spring of 2022, where the Willows were removed. The River Birch thrives in our community, and with all the water in that area, they will grow fast and be a spectacular addition to our urban forest.

Looking down the road to the fall, if the budget allows, we will continue to remove Junipers and replace them with plantings common to our community (e.g., hydrangeas, boxwood, roses, hostas, etc., according to the amount of sunlight each area receives). We will identify and remove the Juniper bushes in the worst condition and visible from the street.

## Questions

If you have any landscaping questions regarding the Villas co-owners guidelines, please visit <http://www.villasofnorthvillehills.com/documents>.