

Greetings Villas Co-Owners,

Please see the 2024 Landscape Updates from the Villas Landscape Committee.

- The juniper removal and plant replacement project were successfully completed in the fall of 2023. The project was initiated in 2016 following a recommendation from Arbor Tree to remove the junipers to assist with the health of the Bradford Pear Trees that line the streets of the Villas. The juniper bush is a host for a fungus that moves to the Bradford Pear trees and causes a damaging tree rust. With the removal of the junipers and focused treatment of the Bradford Pears, we are seeing a huge difference in the health of the Bradford Pear trees.
- Overall, the condition of the landscape in the Villas is excellent this spring, thank-you in large part to the consistent rains and cooler temperatures we have seen this spring.
- The Villas Board of Directors decided during budget discussions this past fall, to NOT purchase and lay down mulch through out the Villas. The mulch will be layed down every other year going forward. If co-owners are inclined to purchase and lay their own mulch, please be reminded that the only mulch that is acceptable is a double shred brown mulch.
- We have about \$7500 dollars' worth of new plantings going in in the next few weeks which includes two trees being removed and replaced. We are also installing two Norway Spruce trees along the Southwest perimeter of the Villas property as the mature trees in that location are in bad shape and will eventually be removed.
- We are seeing a lot of benefit from the anti-desiccant applications to the Villas Boxwoods as evidenced by the lowest Boxwood replacements that we have seen in any spring since 2017.
- Our landscape contractor Green Lawn will be administering two chemical treatments to the Villas Boxwoods this season to help prevent the infestation of the Boxwood Tree Moth.
- Arbor Tree completed another round of Tree Trimming this past winter and the canopies of the trees are looking very good. We continue to focus on keeping trees trimmed away from buildings and maintaining clearance on the streets to prevent damage from truck traffic.
- The irrigation team has the system up and running and we are currently on a once per day watering cycle.
- Our landscape contractor Green Lawn has indicated that they will begin the first round of hedge and bush trimming in the next two weeks, contingent on the weather.
- Special thank-you to the Flower Committee who created a plan and worked with Green Lawn to execute. The flowers at the entrances look great!

Kind Regards,

Villas Landscape Committee aka "Green Team"