

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR CY 2023

TEAM MEMBERS

- Jerry Sparger - Committee chair 703-395-6161
- Ann Menig
- Judy Bisson
- Colleen Royle

We welcome volunteers to help with watering and planting as needed.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

We interact with our professional landscaper to coordinate monthly maintenance of plants on Thuncaster grounds, defined as all grounds outside condo sidewalks. This includes routine trimming of cacti, in-ground plants, trees, and bushes outside of the sidewalks around the condos, and picking up plant debris. We also ensure all plants are trimmed back from the association sidewalks. We coordinate special projects such as thinning out large trees, planting new plants, and removal of dead plants.

We coordinate pest prevention throughout Thuncaster grounds, and inside patios and garages, providing occupants open their garage and patio doors to allow access.

WHAT THE COMMITTEE DOES NOT COVER

We do not address landscaping inside of condo property, maintenance of plants between the condo outer walls and the sidewalks around the condos, trimming of plants hanging over condo patio walls, work on potted plants, and pest control inside condos.

EXCEPTIONS

We will request the landscaper maintain plants inside condo sidewalks if so requested by occupants, and if occupants show our landscaper in person what they want done. If occupants do not make themselves available when the landscaper comes we will use our best judgment to trim said plants.

Should anyone wish to hire the Thuncaster landscaper for private, for-fee work, let us know and we will introduce the landscaper when they come for monthly maintenance. The committee will not be involved in private landscape work.

Occupants can meet directly with pest control to have the inside of their condos treated for a fee of \$10, paid to the pest control employee. Homeowners must meet them and let them in when they come for their monthly routine maintenance.

ACTIVITIES FOR 2023

We took clippings of plants in the courtyards and propagated them. Will bought several plants at the Desert Botanical Gardens. Leanna donated several of her plants. We planted these plants in both courtyards and attempted to water them through the hot summer. We lost several to heat and replaced them this fall. As it stands now we have finished planting in both courtyards.

Bougainvillea at the Dune pergola and the end of the courtyard fell due to excess weight. We had them staked to avoid further problems.

All trees on the condo property were thinned as they had overgrown, and felled limbs were removed.

We walked the property with the landscaper and directed his activities. This worked well outside the condo sidewalks. We did have the landscaper trim some plants inside the sidewalks but found it difficult to satisfy occupants' vision for their plants. So we backed off further trimming unless an occupant guides the landscaper when they come or agrees to accept the landscaper's work.

ACTIVITIES FOR 2024

We will continue routine monthly maintenance and tree thinning when needed, and landscaping within the condo sidewalks if occupants meet with the landscaper to explain their wishes, replace dead plants as needed, and continue with monthly pest control.

We will be available with the landscaper and pest control technician on the second Monday of each month at 6 AM (summer) and 7 AM (winter).