

TOLLGATE ASSOCIATION
FALLS CHURCH, VA 22046

Landscaping Report—Annual meeting Nov 12, 2000

- Under the leadership of Terry Zawacki, the Landscape Committee, consisting of Terry, Bob Donaldson, Garry Sauner, Karen Stephensen, and Teena Rising, met three times to request, review, and set landscaping priorities. The Committee agreed to divide responsibilities for general landscaping and for trees. Terry oversees general landscaping while Bob Donaldson has oversight for trees. (Look at the website he designed which includes every tree on our property and will eventually include links to explanations of the features of those trees.)
- The Landscape Committee worked several Saturdays and Sundays to trim and prune common properties mostly in the back but also along the fronts and sides.
- Terry met twice with Beth Lawless from Living Colour to get recommendations/estimates for priority work and to make sure that Living Colour was living up to its contractual agreements. In response to those meetings, LC spent a great number of hours here doing the work it had not done in the past. A byproduct of the Committee demands for better service, however, was a 60% increase in the cost of services for next year's proposed contract. We determined to seek other providers and will most likely sign with Curb Appeal.
- Keeping our trees safe and healthy will be a major expense in the landscaping budget. This year, for example, approximately 10% of our annual budget will be spent to remove the Bradford Pear in front of Edna Frady's house and the white pine behind Ray and Pat Wilkins' property, and stumps throughout the common area. The Board approved contracting with Davey Tree for tree pruning and removal. Tree spraying is another major expense, but one we feel is justified in order to keep our beautiful, mature trees reasonably healthy. The Board approved contracting with Guardian Tree for continued spraying and fertilization.
- We have a significant drainage problem in the area of 118, 116, 114, and 112. Bob Donaldson has been seeking advice and estimates on the most efficient way to solve the problem. The Board approved contracting with PBL Landscape Professionals to connect down spouts to the sewer system. In addition Bob and Garry will be doing some of the recommended landscape work to save the Community over \$1,000. We may also have a similar problem behind 109.
- The Board has approved an expenditure of \$500 for a landscaping design for the entrance to Tollgate Way. The plantings in the entrance are overgrown and unsightly. Poor shearing has made them even more unattractive. We will ask Curb Appeal to give us a design in keeping with our Williamsburg community and incorporating any of the current shrubberies it can. We also wish to arrange for planting seasonal bulbs and annuals at the entrance.