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Dear Homeowners,

The Board asked me to write on behalf of the Landscape Committee to explain the policies and procedures we—Bob Donaldson, Garry Sauner, Karen Stephensen, Teena Rising, and I—have developed and which have been approved by the Board.

- We have selected a new landscaping company to take care of our properties—Curb Appeal. We decided to change providers after Living Colour gave us a new proposal with a 60% increase in price, explaining that we expected an unreasonable level of service; we felt we were only asking them to comply with the services laid out in their contract.
- Given our expectations for how we want our community to look, the Landscaping Committee had already decided—and the Board approved—that we would do much of the necessary trimming and pruning ourselves should we need to. Many of you saw a group of us out working on the properties in September and October. We want to make it very clear, however, that all trimming and pruning of Association property will be undertaken by the Landscaping Committee and the company we are contracting to do the work. Homeowners should not be pruning or spraying any trees or shrubs on the common grounds. If you have items needing attention, you should let me know.
- Similarly, homeowners should not be planting or removing trees or shrubs on the common grounds without Committee and Board approval. You may, however, plant annual flowers and bulbs in beds in front and back of your house, providing these plantings are in keeping with the Williamsburg character of our development.
- Work should begin soon on the replacement and/or removal of trees and shrubs as determined on a priority basis by the committee and approved by the Board. If you have questions about these priorities, don't hesitate to call me. A top priority, and the greatest expense, is removal of the Bradford pear in front of Edna's house and the dead white pine behind the Wilkins' house. Other priorities are replacing trees and shrubberies which have died at 102, 104, 107, 109, 113, 116, 122, and 133. We also are getting estimates on fixing a significant drainage problem affecting 116, 114, and 112.

Another costly priority, but an investment we feel we must make, is keeping our mature trees healthy and safe. To that end, trees needing attention will be sprayed, pruned, and, in general, given lots of TLC.

I hope this brief report answers some of your questions about the work the Landscape Committee has been doing. Please don't hesitate to speak to any of us if you have questions.

Terry Z