

Tollgate Fare

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Landscape News

Flores Landscapes seems to be still doing a good job with the grass and shrubs. Complaints are way down over last year. However, the region is in the midst of a 4-year drought and Flores is not responsible for watering the lawns and trees. With over a month of little or no rainfall, the grass is parched, the shrubs are showing the strain of drought and the trees continue to suffer.

Please, Please, Please, water your lawns, shrubs and trees. Watering is best done in the morning, but if evening is the only time you can do it, fine. The shrubs need a good soaking at least once a week. Letting your hose run slowly under the canopy of the plant to ensure that its roots get a good watering is the best method. A large tree could use an hour or more of such watering once a week.

Drought affects our trees most severely, although it takes a long time to show up. The decline in some of our trees over the past year or two is from the effects of the drought over the past 3-4 years. Even mature trees need a good soaking at least once a month. PLEASE water the trees!

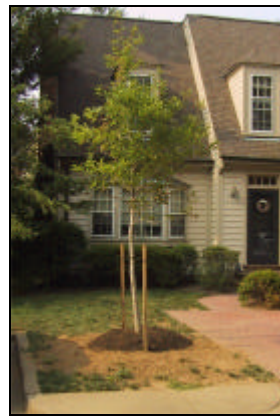
Caught in the Act



Many thanks to Tom Nasiatka (131) for his dedicated work in maintaining the lampposts. Here he is painting the lampposts this summer. Tom also replaces the bulbs as they burn out.

Tree Replacements

In early June we contracted with Cornerstone Landscaping to plant the replacement trees. After reviewing several bids, Cornerstone was the only one who offered large enough trees to meet our requirements. They committed to plant the trees before the end of June but the hot dry weather caused nurseries to delay deliveries. The new trees were planted 7/19/02.



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Driveways, Walks & Parking Pads

As many of you know, the driveways, walks and parking pads that are made of molded concrete, are in need of repair, sealing and staining to prevent further damage and provide a uniform appearance in Tollgate. In June the Board decided to experiment with one home to see what was involved in the job and see how it would turn out. The Architecture committee will be meeting later in the summer to discuss options and will then make a recommendation to the Board. At that point the Board will evaluate the issues and make a decision as to the best way to proceed. In order to get the maximum input, we urge you to contact members of the Architecture committee or the Board of Directors with your views on the matter.