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Landscape update

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To: Montclair HOA Board <board@montclairdrive.org>

Hi All - Here's Nancy's landscaping report for the HOA meeting on Thursday.

Bonjour everyone

I will miss the board meeting because of traveling so I am providing an update on the status of the landscaping. To start, I want to say that WD Yards has been very easy to work. They have taken care of what they had planned. It has not been 100% perfect but I expected some growing pains. When there has been issues they have take care of it or we discuss it and it is addressed. Weeds have always been hard to control and stay on top of but they are getting use to our landscaping.

There has been some needed repairs which they take care of an bill us. Sandy sends me the bills to review and I approve them. I do not know if they cost are reasonable or not because I am not educated in time and materials costs of landscaping. Perhaps at the end of season we should review all the cost and see where we stand.

I walked the neighborhood with Will a couple of weeks ago. Here is a status of what's

1. The decorative grass' seeds of germinated and sprouted in the lawns. Will sprayed the grass around Walt's, Leslie's (Elie's), and Ruth's. The seeds germinated every two or three years. Of course this was an additional charge to spray.
2. This month they will maintain the tree rings and create any they may of missed. I propose for next year we put down fabric, mulch and and put down edging to all the trees.
3. Ray's concerns next to his house. They can not edge the walkway because there is not good edge to edge along. There is gravel so they can not even string edge because the gravel will fly everywhere. The low spots in the grass has been looked like they missed this area so they will take special care to make this area consistent with the surrounding areas. The rest of the missing areas they missed mowing has been brought to there attention
4. The fourth and final turf and weed control treatment is scheduled for this month.
5. The shrub pruning is scheduled for this month. I asked them to trim the tree branches which touch the houses. They will do any they can reach from the ground with tree trimming tools.

Other things around the hood.

A. The decorative prune bushes will need be cut down to near the ground in the spring but will recover and grow through out the 2017 year. They have gotten out of control because of lack of trimming. These are the purple trees like the ones on the north side of Leslie's house.

B. I suggest we send out a letter to everyone asking two things. For those who have dogs, please have the dogs urinate out back of their units. The front yards have many massive burn spots. The other is item to discuss is to use an alternative product for de icing ice on concrete.

I assume it is salt which is pitting and ruining the driveways, sidewalks, street gutters and pans due to the corrosive nature of the salt. The failing sidewalks and street gutters will need to address in the near future.

C. We can remove the stakes which help support newly planted trees after they have been there two years. Especially the 3' green ones and wooded stakes from last year which are not doing any good..

D. The basketball goal has been moved on to Leslies property. Thank you Leslie. Now we have to address the bag of sand which has imploded and the bag is not longer there but the sand is still there and spreading freely around the base

of the stand on to the walk and the grass. I think we should enlist the help of the families who has be benefiting from this piece of equipment.

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