

SEPTEMBER 2014 LANDSCAPE SUMMARY

1. I recommend we budget \$400 yearly to pre-treat **all** the trees in the neighborhood in April for aphids, Emerald Ash borer, and other insects. If we have 4 people volunteer to do ¼ of the neighborhood, this would be a manageable project. (Skip at 823 said he may be willing to volunteer). Also I think we need to have a professional spray the crab trees for insects next year, they are worse each year. The tree in front of 852 also needs spraying. The '**Bayer**' treatment worked well on most of the trees this year, but not the bad infestations mentioned above. If we pre-treat yearly, it may prevent bigger problems and we won't need to spray. Todd recommends Mike James at '**Mt. States Tree Service**' at **242-6679**. He sprays Todd's own trees and Todd says he is fairly priced. Todd doesn't contract with anyone for tree spraying, so we would need to do this on our own.
2. I think overall Todd has done a good job this summer. I meet with him most weeks to stay ahead of problems. We had one leak that Ed Stehlin fixed recently, but it was above ground so it was an easy fix. **Do you want me to get a bid from Todd for next year?**
3. We had bad algae in the pond which Todd treated with an algaecide. I had Todd buy an extra gallon to have for next year since it always seems to be back-ordered. I have it in my garage for now.
4. So far we have not had signs of grubs (and a lot less skunks in the neighborhood), so it seems the grub treatment is helping, but the next month will be the true test since Sept is when we get the most damage.
5. Todd suggested someone from the Board call the Town of Palisade about putting tar in the road cracks, he thinks it's the Town's responsibility. Does someone want to do that? I am not volunteering.
6. Autumn shrub replacement project... Teri and I have emailed about this, she can bring you up to date regarding her conversation with Julio.

7. The new landscape area north of Wilma's house is slowly improving. Not as fast as I would like, but Ed insists the grass will thicken and improve. Ed redid the drainage soon after our last meeting.
8. I noticed that the gate to the pump-house is left open regularly. I think per the 'liability insurance' we need to have this closed and locked. There is a lock on the gate but I don't know who has the key. Anyone know about the key? Any idea where to put that key so Ed, Todd, and the pump man can easily get to it? Maybe inside one of the sprinkler control boxes?