

Requests to Board:

Provide lawnscapeing contractor's contact information to grounds chair. Chair needs to be liason with grounds work. This is key to groundskeeping other than the front entrance. Chair should verify work done prior to any payment.

In the meantime - there are two piles of debris at the pond (near current picnic table site) that I am requesting the lawnscapeing contractor move to a collection point (my front yard is fine) the Tuesday before yard debris pick up day.

Requesting that the lawnscapeing contractor NOT throw debris into common ground, but to take away or pile up for collection. A lot of my cleaning up is removing what they've thrown "out of sight".

Requesting that the lawnscapeing contractor not blow leaves. Instead, they should be gathered (raked in rows) and mulched at roadside edges.

Requesting public announcement to homeowners when a request for tree removal is submitted/approved. Others may require services at the same time thus reducing costs. I would like to know so I can look at the plants that may get trodden on.

Provide weekly updates with beaver trapping. The information is key to active restoration work areas.

Culverts on Silverwood still need to be repaired and heavy trees removed.

Requesting permission to remove broken dog poop collector (I think it was given, need confirmation).

Requesting permission to move picnic table to a central location off of the pond path.

Requesting permission to remove rotten plant containers on the bridge. Suggesting not to replace. I'm working on landscaping plan around it, and the wood needs air circulation. The wood bridge is showing signs of repairs needed, one board in particular may need to be replaced soon. I have the tools, wood, and will ask for volunteers. Please do not hire out for this simple repair.

Requests to Neighbors:

Please do heavy yardwork on the weekend before the Wednesday's yard trash pick up day.

Please join with a neighbor who has more space for one big pile rather than several small piles. It helps with road visibility and reduces clam shell claw damage. Everyone is welcome to use my front yard for yard debris (near the lamp post).

Please do not put any yard debris piles at the main entrance or on the graveled sides. The clam shell claw can damage it. It was very expensive.

Please do not put yard debris in common ground. It adds to land stress.

Please remove coral ardisia red berries at your leisure. The berries can go into the trash (they won't grow deep in a landfill). Remove berries first then pull/cut the plant. Helps reduce the spreading of new plants.

Please protect native plants and erosion/flood issues by hand-removing invasive plants. Bulldozing is bad on your own property and on the common grounds.

We have a problem invasive here, Japanese Fern. It kills whatever it climbs. Cover it with a plastic bag to remove! Seriously - when touched, this fern shoots off tiny spores into the air! It's high on the Florida Invasive List. Google for more info. I try to spray it with water before bagging to reduce the spore coverage.

Please stop bagging yard debris. I'll show you alternatives! Bagged coral ardisia can go in the garbage.

If anyone has a yard they're not quite sure what to do with - call me.

Last month was a successful clean-up day. Remember, it's hard for everyone to get together one day a month to clean and protect our neighborhood. We can all help daily by: picking up cigarette butts, picking up any trash we see (your yard or common grounds), report a broken sign or fence, help an elderly neighbor collect debris, help a vacant home look occupied, etc. We have several homes for sale here right now, we need them to sell as high as possible to increase our own value! Yay!

Thank you Ruben, Mike, and Kevin for helping with the planting of two white oaks last weekend! Thank you Kevin, for agreeing to water the one behind his house at the pond edge. I need a volunteer to water tree at bridge/Red Maple side....? Kevin has also agreed to maintain the common area of the bridge-to-pond at Silverwood....after I remove the coral ardisia! LOL. I'll get it done...reminds me - watch out for poison ivy. It was ferocious last year! I see a lot of it again. "Leaves of three, let it be"! It can grow as a small bush or you'll see it climbing up a tree....

It's all looking beautiful!

This concludes grounds report for 4/2/19.

Thank you,

Tracie Priest, Chair