

**Shearwater Grounds and Landscaping Report**  
**January 2006**

**Tree Removals.** Several large pine trees were removed from the steep bank on the east side of Hawkins Cove (West side of Bldgs 13/14) by Bartlett Tree Experts. These trees had either fallen over or were in jeopardy of falling into the cove. The brush was hauled up the incline, shredded and hauled away. The larger tree trunks were cut into lengths that could be rolled along the bank and left there. Removal of these trunks either by barge or crane would have been a huge expense and was considered unnecessary.

The City requires a permit for removal of any trees in the 100 foot Buffer Zone and replacement per an agreement that is part of the permit. Shearwater obtained a permit and agreed to replace the trees with plantings such as hollies, laurel or other similar plants as compensation. The remaining pine trees on this bank are in an unstable condition and will eventually come down, either by wind or by gravity causing them to fall in the cove. The soil is sandy and there is not enough root strength to support these large trees. Aside from that, they serve no useful purpose.

**Pruning.** Bartlett also pruned the pine trees between the town houses and Bldgs 11/12. These trees were a hazard to the cars parked alongside because of the potential for snow or ice laden branches falling on the cars. The large Leylands alongside the pool were also cut back to reduce the possibility of the weight of ice and snow causing them to be blown over. Unfortunately, the owners of a couple of cars could not be located and the trimmers could not reach out as far as desired.

**Decaying Tree on Adjoining Property.** Minutes from the November 2005 meeting state: "Jim Behrens will speak to the neighbor regarding the removal of the large decaying tree near building 4." Request status of this action item.