

## **Shearwater Landscaping Committee Report January 2015**

### **❖ Welcome to new Committee Members**

The Shearwater Landscaping Committee is happy to announce the recent addition of two new members while regretting the loss of Frances Higgins to sunny Florida. The 2015 members of the Committee are as follows:

- Deborah Birch (chair)
- MaryAnn Cummins
- Pat Duvall
- Ron Faulkner
- Charlotte Featherstone
- LeAnn Myhre

If others are interested in joining the committee or contributing ideas, please contact Deborah Birch at [dbirch@seagreenintl.com](mailto:dbirch@seagreenintl.com).

### **❖ Update on tree work**

Tree removal and trimming operations were conducted by Davey Tree Experts in December, including:

- ◆ Removal of two large chestnut oaks in front of Buildings 15 and 16 along with a large dead pine tree on the side of Building 15.
- ◆ Removal of several dead or diseased pine trees on the side of Building 8 and one dead pine next to Building 13.
- ◆ Trimming of many trees throughout the Shearwater community to remove dead wood, clear branches away from buildings, and repair storm and other damage.

All trees that were removed will be replaced on a 1:1 basis per City of Annapolis requirements. The Landscaping Committee is in the process of identifying appropriate replacement trees and will arrange for the purchase and planting of replacement trees in the spring of 2015.

### **❖ Spring projects**

The Landscaping Committee is compiling a list of projects to be undertaken in 2015 in addition to the required tree replacements. Projects that cannot be completed in the spring of 2015 due to budget limitations will be pushed to the next fiscal year, and will mostly likely take place in the fall of 2015 to ensure viability of new plantings.

### **❖ Landscaping Committee Procedures**

- ◆ All changes to general common elements of the landscape (lawn areas, trees and shrubbery) must be submitted to the Landscaping Committee for review and approval. Changes must be consistent with the overall theme and plan for Shearwater's grounds.

- ◆ Requests for landscaping work in general common areas shall be submitted via work order. Work orders may be submitted via the Shearwater website at [www.shearwatercondos.com](http://www.shearwatercondos.com) or by other means as determined by Metropolitan Management Group.
- ◆ Metropolitan Management Group will review all work orders on a regular basis and will promptly forward all work orders that directly involve or may have an impact on Shearwater's landscape general common elements to the Shearwater Landscaping Committee for review and coordination.
- ◆ The Landscaping Committee will promptly review all work orders forwarded by MMG and will coordinate with MMG on appropriate action, within the overall context of Shearwater's landscaping theme, planned landscaping activities and available budget.

As always, we encourage members of the community to come forward with their ideas and concerns. This is your community. If you have suggestions, please contact:

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