

Shearwater Landscaping Committee Report

January 2016

As we prepare for the first major snowstorm of 2016, the Shearwater Landscaping Committee hopes that loss of our natural assets will be limited and that the blanket of snow will make way for a wonderful spring. Our activities have decreased as fall gave way to winter. They are summarized below.

LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE

Fall/winter activities included: trimming back overgrown shrubbery and grasses; pruning and trimming low-hanging tree branches; removal of fallen leaves, branches and other debris; cutting back invasive vines climbing trees and shrubs; other tasks to maintain our grounds in good condition. Most recently, Highlands has been on site trimming back faded winter grasses/shrubs and making preparations for the oncoming blizzard.

CANOPY TREES

Deadwood and branches touching buildings were removed from a number of trees throughout the community in the fall. We hope this will help to minimize damage from the winter storms, although some storm recovery work must be expected.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Many projects scheduled for FY2015-16 have been completed. A few projects were scheduled for winter, while trees and shrubs are dormant. Those projects will be completed as weather permits.

IRRIGATION. Nothing new to report.

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE. The Shearwater Landscaping Committee is comprised of the following volunteers: Deborah Birch (chair), MaryAnn Cummins, Pat Duval, Ron Faulkner and Charlotte Featherstone. If others are interested in joining the committee or contributing ideas, please contact us – we need your help!

As always, we encourage all members of the community to come forward with their concerns and ideas. *This is your community.* If you have suggestions, please contact: Deborah Birch, Chair, Shearwater Landscaping Committee, Email: dbirch@seagreenintl.com, Mobile/Text: 202-629-6035.