

Landscape Report, April 2005

Building 15/16 Sycamore Trees - Met with Sigma Engineering landscape designer, Vernon Husted, regarding preparation of a landscape plan to submit to the City that would permit removal of the sycamore trees. He is to come up with a rough conceptual plan to discuss with the City. If they appear to be receptive, he will submit a proposal to us for actual preparation of the plan. He believes our mitigation plan would have to include tree replacements at a 2 to 1 or 3 to 1 ratio plus additional shrubs. Rather than spread the trees out equidistant as currently is the case, he intends to propose grouping two or three replacement trees and some shrubs away from the deck areas to the extent possible so that views would be less obstructed. This process is going to take some time so residents of Bldgs 15/16 should be forewarned that their waterfront views are going to be adversely affected during the coming months because Shearwater has been warned NOT to prune the sycamores. My most optimistic estimate to resolve this issue with the City is three months, and it could well take a lot longer.

Deodora Cedar - The fire-damaged deodora cedar tree to the right of the entrance will not be removed as previously planned, at least not for now. The fire-damaged limbs will be removed and the tree will receive a special fertilizer treatment designed to overcome the effects of the damage to the extent possible. The decision to cancel plans to remove the tree was made on the basis of cost versus degree of appearance improvement of the inboard deodora as well as the small amount of insurance reimbursement that we were able to obtain.

Spring Plans - Andino's Lawn and Garden has chemically treated the lawn and begun grass cutting for this season. I expect to have Bartlett Tree accomplish some spring pruning and treatment of dogwood trees in the near future. Pruning requests should be forwarded to Jim Nunneley at jkn52usna@verizon.net or 410 626-2588.