

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT
APRIL 28, 2020

Rainette Bannon co-chair
Margaret Levatino co- chair

The Landscape Committee underwent several transitions in March 2020

- * 7 new members were added to a newly created committee, the Beautification and Gardens Committee. This Committee will work as fine landscape gardeners to supplement the work of our grounds landscaper, Highlands. The goal of this group is to shape and modify the Shearwater public properties by hand planting primarily native perennials, hand pruning bushes and shrubs, transplanting perennials as required, hand watering to supplement the irrigation system during seasonal droughts, and selectively enhancing the symmetry at Shearwater property with new appropriate perennial flowers and shrubs.

Carol Ashford	Tom Spiegel	Oliver Schwab	Brenda Zimmerman
Connie Cadwell	Pat Duvall Johnson	Terri Resce	

- * 2 well qualified members agreed to create a strategic long range plan and design for all aspects of the landscape at Shearwater.

Mark Weitechka Barbara Beelar

The Landscape Committee is responsible for all aspects of the Shearwater Landscape, including Grounds Maintenance, Irrigation systems, Strategic Design and Planning, and Beautification and Gardening.

Mike La Fortune resigned as Director and is now heading the newly formed kayak subcommittee under the Marina Committee. Ron Faulkner retired after many years of dedicated service heading the Landscape Committee. Lynn Maichle left to form a separate Trees Committee.

In the first 6 weeks of introduction and working assignments, the new Beautification and Gardening Committee (B&G) members have accomplished the following:

1. Walked the property several times taking notice of unit front yards, public spaces, bare or neglected patches needing attention, types of plants and shrubs doing well, varied ground covers thriving, unit owners who have dedicated time and effort to their individual front yards,
2. Met with unit owners when possible to hear their concerns and engage their interest to help achieve our vision for planning and symmetry and greater community spirit throughout.

3. Pruned, transplanted, removed old stragglers and purchased/planted new perennials at the front entrance and are planning for perennials at the circle and triangle on the great lawn. Planted Lenten roses along either side of the entry path into Shearwater beyond the gate. Planted hostas along the new path near the dog park. Took note of unit owners requesting specific additions.
4. Total 35 hours to date of hand work by our skilled resident volunteers in shaping, pruning and planting.
5. Barbara Beelar has created a detailed planning design and made suggestions that we have acted on since she joined the Landscape Committee. Her joint effort with Mark Wietecha has been interrupted by his CEO position with Children' Hospital Association and the Coronavirus epidemic.

Margaret and Rainette sent two e-mail outlines in April to all residents of our a) evolving plans to all residents and b) guidelines for summer annuals planting.

We plan to have the bulk of any planting completed by the end of May.

Margaret has met with the Irrigation company technician and updated all sprinkler, spray equipment which is timed to run periodically throughout the summer. Areas covered include the front entrance, pathway into Shearwater, and individual unit fronts.

We encourage all residents to plant annuals if they enjoy particular flowers over the summer.

We always welcome your input.