

## Stanton Farms Townhomes Landscape Committee Report

April, 2010

Thursday, April 8, 2010 7 PM – 9 PM

Those present –

Members – Marty Bender, Amy Berg, Cathy Bowen, Darlene Enger, Mary Garfield, Janet Gradowski, Helen Hilley, Dawn Lipstreu, Theddora Luyten, Susan Sands, Libby Simmons

HOA Board Members – Gary Bowen and Jerry Garfield

Pancho's Landscaping has begun the Spring Cleanup. The large piles of leaves that remained from last year's incomplete fall cleanup have killed the grass in some areas. Pancho's is cleaning the leaves out of the gutters prior to cleaning up the leaves on the ground and will do a flushing of the gutters later if necessary. Because of the extent of cleanup and other landscaping issues, it may take weeks before improvement is evident.

There are members on the Committee who are willing to offer help to those who would request assistance in cleaning up the areas inside their enclosed entrances and patios.

Four members of the Committee evaluated the bushes in the Community and set some guidelines for how much trimming should be done this spring. The basic direction to the Landscape Company will be to do more trimming than has been done in the past, if possible, to bring the bushes down to a more manageable size and improve their appearance so it is not necessary to have to remove them. Some of the bushes have become too large for the areas where they were planted. Also, if bushes have grown up too close to the siding, that can be detrimental to the siding.

Long term recommendations -

1. Replace bluegrass in the large grassy areas around the perimeter of the property with native grasses (lower water requirements and less maintenance)
2. Replace some of the split rail fences with large rocks and boulders
3. Plant evergreen trees to break up the views of parking areas, between buildings, etc.
4. Replace the edging and rock in areas around the buildings

5. Replace plantings in the islands and make changes to conserve water
6. Replace the signs at the two main entrances

Short term plan – Replace the evergreens in the medians at the two main entrances for approximately the first 30 feet with more attractive, drought tolerant plants

Several members of the committee are gathering suggestions and bids from various nurseries, garden centers, and landscaping professionals. The Committee will review the bids at the next Landscape Committee Meeting on April 22, 2010.