

## Welcome!

Welcome to The *RCCTA Newsletter* for Red Cedar Canyon Townhome Association (RCCTA) homeowners. Two issues, Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter, will help inform homeowners about activities in the Association. If you don't receive timely emails about association business, contact [info@citiesmanagement.com](mailto:info@citiesmanagement.com) or 612-381-8600 to add your email.

## It's Mulch Time

West Canyon Drive home numbers 189-263 will be mulched this year in June by Willow River Landscaping. One-third of our homes are mulched every year, so your home will be mulched by the Association once every three years. You may add mulch to your home at your expense any time, but it must be **Premium Cedar Mulch**, sold at Menards. You will be asked to remove and replace any other mulch or rock you use.

## Landscaping – Never-Ending Work in the Association

The landscape project to remove and replace unsightly and aging low yews and spirea shrubs continues this summer and likely for one more year. Homeowners whose plants have been earmarked for removal and for replacements have been notified by Cities Management. If you receive new shrubs this year, please help them adapt by watering them daily for at least 10 days to make sure they thrive!

Fifteen maple trees were planted in the Association this Spring--14 along West Canyon Drive and one replacement on Deerwood Court. This planting was recommended by the previous Landscape Committee to address the loss of several aspen and ash trees. The maples also provide a consistent and planned landscape look with the trees already on the opposite side of West Canyon Drive.

Are you interested in volunteering for the Landscape Committee? Currently there is no committee, and landscaping is an ongoing project that needs to be managed. Please contact [info@citiesmanagement.com](mailto:info@citiesmanagement.com) or 612-381-8600 to volunteer/ more information.

## Don't Just Start Digging!

If you want to remove or add ground plantings *in your mulched areas only*, you must submit **Architectural, Landscape or Irrigation Modification Request**, to Cities Management. This is for documentation and board approval, and to ensure protection of buried irrigation lines, etc. (No approval is required for flowerpots in the mulched areas!)

But first, review the **Guidelines for Modifying Landscaping Within the Mulched Areas**. Guidelines and form are both on the Cities Management website. Print the form, complete it, and send it to Cities Management. If you cannot print, call Cities Management, 612-381-8600, to make your request. *Remember, don't start digging until your request is reviewed and approved!*

### **How to Find the Cities Management Website and RCCTA Policies**

At [citiesmanagement.com](http://citiesmanagement.com), click on My Account at the top. Click on "Cities Management" in the list of branches. Sign in or click on "register" to set up an account.

To find landscaping information and the form once signed in, click on "Community Information" in the left menu, then click on "Property Information" in the drop-down menu. You'll see "Guide for Modifying Landscape Within the Mulch Area." Read this first. Then click on "Architectural, Landscape or Irrigation Modification Application" (the form). Scroll down to see lists of approved perennials, shrubs and small trees. Print, complete and send this form to Cities Management. The address is on the form.

### **Asphalt Lane Replacement Project to Begin this Summer**

An informational meeting with FPI Paving Contractors and the RCCTA Board will be held June 11, 6 p.m., cul-de-sac near 85 DWC. Bring a chair. Social distance. More information is at [citiesmanagement.com](http://citiesmanagement.com), under Association Business, Communication.

### **Patio Enjoyment with Fire-Table Units**

Grilling, eating and sitting outside on our patios in the summer and fall months is fun. Besides your grill, you might be thinking about adding a fire table to your patio for enjoyment as the evening wears on.

Please note that in-ground firepits are prohibited. Firepits (fire-table units) that are allowed must be portable and fueled by electricity, propane or natural gas. (Don't use wood, paper, cardboard or other flammable material to ignite or maintain a flame). Firepit Policy is under Community Information, Property Policy, on [citiesmanagement.com](http://citiesmanagement.com).

### **It's A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood!**

This year has been like no other, but our beautiful neighborhood still beckons us to take walks. Spring and Summer are vibrant times! Trees that for many months stood still and barren in the snow, like statues, have exploded with leaves. Flowers will quickly burst through the ground into an array of pinks, reds, oranges and purples.

Keep walking and you'll notice flowering crabs, lilacs, deciduous and coniferous trees, lilies of many colors, ferns, hydrangeas and more. Notice homeowners' creations in pots and hanging baskets. It all adds to the beauty of our Red Cedar Canyon townhome neighborhood. Mr. Rogers would be proud of us!

### **Signs and Bricks...**

It's the time of the year when home sales increase. Within our Association, for-sale signs can be placed only on the owner's property, until sold. Also, it's fine to use open house signs, but please remove these signs right after the open house to respect the landscape we all share and enjoy.

The Architecture Committee inspected home exteriors this Spring to note any damage to **bricks or mortar** caused by attached items. Homeowners will be notified about removal of attached items and repair of damaged brick or mortar, at Association expense. To avoid further damage to exteriors, going forward, approvals will not be granted to homeowner requests for exterior home attachments.