

Devonshire Trees & Trimming

At the last Board of Directors meeting, the annual tree trimming project was approved for 2023.

In conjunction with the certified arborist from the vendor (DWC), a walkthrough was conducted and trees that are the responsibility of the Association were examined for appropriate servicing. Not every tree receives (or needs) servicing every year. **Those that do, were identified and are to be trimmed later this winter.**

The cost for maintaining the trees this year has been quoted at \$7,500.00 plus an additional \$770.00 for the replacement of a diseased tree that is being removed. The cost of the tree replacement will be funded by our Reserve funds and the trimming will be funded from our Operating account.

A bigger concern, identified at the meeting, was the lack of care given to trees that are homeowner responsibility. As we have communicated numerous times, the so called "front trees" are the responsibility of the Association. **Trees on the homeowners' property are the homeowners' responsibility.**

It would be wise for each owner to examine their own tree(s) to be sure that they do not pose to be any potential threat to their property or to the property of their neighbors. If there are any doubts, feel free to contact your Devonshire neighbor, Lynn Topel. Lynn has worked with our arborist in the past and can assist in making a decision on rectifying any problems. **The Association is not responsible for the cost of any residents' trees.**

One of the most quoted reasons new owners have identified as to why they bought in Kings Ridge is trees and landscaping. Good maintenance of these things are what makes our property values what they have come to be.

Lawns & Landscaping

Another concern discussed was the condition of our lawns and some landscaping issues.

It has been suggested that our vendor, Down To Earth, has not been providing the level of care that we have become accustomed to receiving from them. Several residents have observed that the lawns have fallen into disrepair with weeds, bare spots, and other problems..

To begin to rectify the problems, understand that Devonshire pays for a certain level of care at a price that you might not be aware. Currently, the vendor is compensated at a cost of \$17.21 a week per residence. Who would cut just the grass for that amount? Nevertheless, we negotiated a contract with DTE and they are expected to deliver all the services that was agreed to provide.

The vendor has been contacted and the concerns reviewed with them for corrective action. Over the next several weeks, you should expect that weeds mitigation, fertilization, and trimming should be improving.