

Villas West Grounds Committee Report

November 9, 2021

Subject: Grounds report

To date, all plant markers in the cactus garden have been installed and identification flyers have been placed in the kiosk. It has been fertilized, grubbed, and watered for the last time until March.

Also, we have worked on the 25 circles by cleaning them out, removing dead or over grown plants and in many cases, replanted cactus in needed areas. We will be also fertilizing, grubbing, and watering all the circles in the coming week.

Next my plan is to gather unused large rocks and developing a raised bed around one of the saguaros in the cactus garden. Presently, I have cuttings of many different varieties propagating on my patio. They need at least 3 months to root so this project will be continued in early spring.

Thank you to all who have donated cactus for our circles. Also, all the positive gratitude you have given us while we are working. It's very encouraging to meet everyone and appreciate helping to keep Villas West a beautiful community where we live.

A great suggestion was to have an open area where we could put our plants for the propagation process. I think it's a wonderful idea with the offer of a couple villa owners willing to help tend to it. This will be a project after the winter because it must be done correctly. We have pack rats and mice, and they love to munch on the tender growths. Also, the javelina are to be considered. We would need the area to be fenced and traps set. For this winter, the plants are fine on my patio.

The landscape crew has been working zone to zone cleaning the grounds, trimming, and working on the requests submitted. Thank you for your patience. We have a limited crew, more work because of the storms and then the green space seeding. We are back on schedule providing grounds maintenance.

Respectfully,

Lou Kifer