

Communication #5 – Landscaping Update July 31, 2023



Dear Greenhorn Creek LLD Owners,

Your LLD committee is fully aware of the recent issues with damaged foliage in bushes and trees in some of our community planters, and irrigation issues that have arisen.

They are due to multiple factors:

1. An audit of the irrigation system by our new vendor shows us it is in worse shape than we were led to believe by our previous vendor. One problem is the system was not fully turned back on after the usual winter shutdown. That and other failures to perform contracted tasks led to the previous vendor's contract being terminated. We are accelerating our new contractor's work to fix controller, line, and valve problems they are finding. This work is beginning to show results as dried out areas begin to green up, though it will take some time during the hot summer months for the complete recovery. For example, the lines servicing the lawn from the "triangle" to the main entrance have been repaired and re-activated. We are monitoring the vendor's work closely as more affected areas have irrigation repairs completed and regular watering restored.

2. We contracted with our new landscape vendor prior to the July 1 start of their three-year routine maintenance contract to spray weeds and aphids due to the neglected condition of our community plantings. The deferred maintenance resulted in weeds that were extensively intertwined with the plants. To treat these weeds some of the spraying also affected the plants where the weeds were growing through the most, and this harmed the plants. We have met with our contractor and his spraying vendor to identify places where this overspray seemed excessive. They acknowledged this issue and have begun pruning the affected foliage to preserve the plants and will replace at their expense any plants which cannot be restored. With the planned routine weeding performed on schedule in the future, we don't expect the infestation of weeds to be so invasive, so the spraying will be able to be effectively applied more selectively, sparing damage to the plants.

We will continue to update the community as these actions progress. Please let us know if you see other landscaping concerns in the LLD common areas.

Your Owners LLD Committee