

## **Lafayette Place Newsletter #2023-16 / Reminder - May Dues, Landscaping & Vehicle Break-In**

*A complete listing of the Governing Documents and Rules and Regulations for Lafayette Place can be found at our website, [www.lafayetteplace.net](http://www.lafayetteplace.net).*

### **Reminder – Payment of May 2023 Dues & Electricity**

Please remember that today is the final day to pay the May 2023 monthly dues and electricity without incurring a late fee of \$50. The monthly dues and electricity should be paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### **Landscaping Challenges**

As most of you know, we recently removed dozens of bushes from around the property, most of which had been marked by the landscape committee for removal due to being old and no longer attractive.

We've received questions from several residents as to what the plan for replacement of these bushes is, or for other areas which have either unsightly, old shrubs, or in some cases, nothing planted at all.

With the removal of the shrubs, we have discovered many areas where the soil has eroded at the foundation of the building, and it is very important to regrade those areas to direct water away from the foundation to avoid damage to the building itself. The integrity of the building foundations must take priority over landscaping.

We also must face the fact that San Antonio Water System has increased the price of irrigation water tremendously in an effort to force commercial properties to xeriscape. Last month, the irrigation bill was over \$2,000, and that was with only about 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the system being used. We simply cannot afford to run all the sprinklers long enough or often enough to maintain grass and shrubs in front of all 55 buildings.

Our plan is to work with the Texas A&M Bexar County Gardening Extension and other landscape experts to devise the best plan for replacement of shrubs with more water-conscious ones, which not only thrive in this area but require much less water.

In the meantime, we will work on regarding the areas that are in need, and we hope that by Fall, when the weather is cool, we can begin re-planting in some of the bare areas.

### **Vehicle Break-In**

We recently had a report of a car being broken into behind Units 261-264. Thankfully, nothing was stolen nor was the car damaged.

Please remember to always lock your vehicles and not to leave items in plain sight inside.

If you see something or someone suspicious, please report it to the police.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Thank you.

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