

JANUARY 22, 2013 HOA MEETING  
Landscape Committee Report

First and foremost, Happy New Year to all from the Landscape Committee (LC)!

**Parkside Roots: LC Newsletter:** Ronna Ellerbeck has completed the first LC Newsletter, Parkside Roots, ready for BOD approval. Once the BOD has reviewed and approved the premier issue of Parkside Roots, it will be distributed at the Clubhouse (containers provided by LC and presented for approval by BOD at 1-22-2013 HOA meeting) and posted on the Parkside web site [www.highlandsoft.net/pphoa](http://www.highlandsoft.net/pphoa). Parkside Roots will be a quarterly publication. This is a huge undertaking – Ronna thank you!

**Parkside Survey Electronic and Hard Copy:** The LC determined there was only 1 copy of the Parkside Survey, and it was hard copy. The Landscape Architect has provided electronic and additional hard copy. The LC recommends that at least 1 copy of the survey be kept off-site. All copies of the Survey turned over to BOD at 1/22/2013 meeting.

**Rocks at South Pool Entrance:** The LC has looked at the Rock issue and confirms that loose rocks in the highly trafficked area create a liability. To date, the LC has reviewed solutions ranging in price from \$450 to \$2000, including rock removal and adding cement/decorative borders. We would like to find a less expensive approach. Susan Hall has agreed to look at this area and give us some suggestions at no charge. Since the community has waited at least 4 months for resolution of this issue, once we hear from Susan we will email the BOD with a recommendation and the BOD can select the solution of their choice ASAP. The solution can be posted in the Clubhouse and on the Web Site via MR.

**MR:** DPM has made some welcome changes to the MR Spread Sheet categories, and there has been improvement in the MR process – thank you DPM! Currently the primary problem categories are **Oak Sprigs, Irrigation, Hammock Maintenance, Palm Removal, Stump Grinding, and Killer Vines.**

**Oak Sprigs:** This is a problem community wide; however, Unit 1502 – Ms. Yandel, has the most unsightly problem. The LC asked Susan Hall, Landscape Architect, to look at this area during her walk-thru to make a suggestion. Susan Hall will address this at the meeting, her best solution is planting Asiatic Jasmine groundcover and keeping it all trimmed. Ms. Yandel we thank you for your patience while we researched a solution to the problem.

**Irrigation:** Irrigation moved into the number 1 slot for resolution. Bob Fleury is taking the lead for the LC and is currently working with Bill (DPM employee) to check/review all sprinkler heads. Reference the wells, one well has already been replaced and there is a possible issue with a second well. The Parkside irrigation system is 20+ years old and we need to better understand our exposure for future problems/expense. The LC goal is to be proactive in identifying problems before they happen. A big thank you to Bob!

**Hammock Area:** The BOD requested that the LC provide them with a Hammock Policy for review and acceptance. The LC reviewed the GroundTech contract, page 3, Section B states: “ Contractor will maintain the perimeter of the hammock area in accordance with guidelines for other plantings, and to maintain their current garden boundary. Once per year during the winter months, contractor will have a crew service the interior of the hammock areas for up to 3 days under the direction of the client.” The LC Policy recommendation is attached and ready to review, changes, and acceptance, and our recommendation is that GroundTech begin and complete work by mid-February. Please note: The LC recommends that DPM confirm and oversee the clearing for proper pruning vs. buzz cut.

**Stump Grinding:** The LC is recommending that all stumps in the community be ground out and that every time a tree is removed, the stump is removed as well. The LC identified at least 5 areas where we have unsightly stumps. Estimated cost is \$75 per stump. The LC recommends the BOD direct DPM to count the number of current stumps and solicit estimates for removal of all current stumps from at least 3 vendors.

**Killer Vines:** Thank you Andrew Weeks for pointing out the growth of damaging vines in common area. The LC will work with Mr. Weeks and DPM to discuss a solution and cost. We will have a recommendation to the BOD by the February HOA meeting.

**Budget:** The LC goal is to work within the 2013 Budget, as such, we need detail on line items 6200 – 6270 to determine what Budget funds are “committed” vs. “available.” Bob Fleury has offered to work with DPM and the Budget Committee for clarification. Thank you Bob!

**Landscape Rules/Policy:** How is policy documented/distributed to the community and officially recorded, i.e., Hammock Policy? Was the attached “DRAFT 11-15-2008” Policy Adopted?

**Mulch:** In the process of getting a second quote.

**Sidewalk and Driveway Damage from Live Oak:** Is the BOD or DPM aware of any units that have had damage to the sidewalk or driveway other than unit 1508, John Davren? Do we anticipate other units will have the same problem? Is the only solution to cauterize the root? Since the root is from a tree in common area should the root cauterization and sidewalk/driveway correction be paid for by the Association? Does the Association insurance cover damage from common area trees?

**Possible Sink Hole:** While walking the property with Bill to look at Irrigation System, Bill and Bob Fleur identified what could be a possible sink hole. SW corner near Publix fence (wet, stick went down 6 feet). Bob did some research and the LC recommends that the BOD direct DPM to call Todd at City Hall (ext 142) to investigate.

**Communication:** A big thank you to Charlotte Duplissey! Communication is crucial to good community relations. Charlotte will contact homeowners who have submitted a MR to confirm it has been received and will be addressed by the LC. She will keep them informed on plans for resolution, and closure. We welcome this personal touch!

**Volunteers:** We welcome any new volunteers for the LC!

**Every Owner is Important!** Improvement is an on-going process, if we have missed any owner issues please let us know. We are working hard to be organized and responsive.