

Landscape Committee Report

Yorkshire Homeowners Annual Meeting

January 15, 2017

Your Landscape Committee members, Mary Ann Dallas, Cherri Spellmeyer, Jean Fox and Martha Jean Howell, worked hard towards achieving our goals: Keep it simple, healthy, neat, tidy and within budget. Sharing the responsibility of maintaining and improving our aging 25 year old landscaping has become our largest association expense. Therefore, we thank all the volunteers who contribute their time to benefit all of us. I estimate at least 200 hours were happily given by numerous Yorkshire neighbors to improve our common areas.

Thank you, Bob Grossman, you lead by example to us all, as one who works tirelessly to make Williamsburg a more beautiful city.

Bill Pearson, Ken Lewis and Jerry Hedgepeth get our flags up and down for President's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Election Day, Flag Day and Veteran's Day. Ed Brandt, for maintaining our lighting and Christmas decorations. Hedgepeth's for hosting the Christmas Eve luminaries pot luck. Rick Nagle for thoroughly cleaning up leaves in the common area along Jamestown Road. Also, 17 neighbors worked together for 2 clean up days. We appreciate you all!

Yorkshire received the Mayor's Beautification Award for neighborhoods at the October City Council meeting for our entrance improvement project. It took 3 years of planning and budgeting to complete. We removed diseased junipers in 2014. In 2015, we applied for a City Neighborhood grant and were awarded \$2000.00. This enabled us to plant at least 6 months earlier than we had planned. In 2016 we completed the project by adding drip irrigation at the corners and island. We appreciate the City of Williamsburg's contribution and investment in our neighborhood. Also to be commended is Daniel Pinney, owner of American Dream Landscaping who worked tirelessly to complete installation of beautiful plants to our exact specifications.

We have been awarded another \$1000.00 City grant for our next project: Landscaping the common area to screen the Walsingham Fence. We are planning this now to be installed before June 1, 2017. Your support of this year's budget will enable us to enlarge the scope to include the shaded areas at both ends of the fence and use hydration bags for watering during the critical first year of planting.

2017's maintenance budget will include: Mowing bi-weekly beginning March through October with sidewalk edging and weed control in mulched areas and along sidewalks. Leaf removal twice a month in November and December.

Mulching common areas, clean up, edging and weed control prior to mulching early this spring.

Fertilization of ligustrum along Jamestown Road, the camellias and rhododendrons, boxwoods in the island and new plantings. Trimming of the ligustrum along Jamestown Road twice to ensure safe left turning onto Jamestown Road from Yorkshire because the City may no longer be able to help us with this important safety issue. The stacked walls at the entrance need some straightening.

Improvements include: Plant material for the common area project, removal of diseased plants/plants impeding the growth of desirable plants and limbing up trees to improve light for desirable plants.

In conclusion, the support of our homeowners and the board has enabled this committee to maintain and improve our common areas to award winning levels, thank you! A very special thank you to the Howells. We will miss your patient guidance regarding the numbers Jerry, and Martha Jean's enthusiastic support.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Dallas

PS Boxwood Blight has definitely arrived in Williamsburg. For more information see Mary Ann Dallas