

The Villas
Landscaping Committee Report
September, 2021

The Villas Landscaping Committee is made up of volunteers in our community, who serve the Executive Board by receiving and responding to residents' requests for approval of their proposals to create or modify the landscaping immediately adjacent to their foundations, decks and patios. Our group deals mostly with projects involving plantings in mulch beds, some trees and some mulch bed ornaments. At times we offer advice and physical assistance to our homeowners. We do not deal with architectural hard-scaping such as patios, decks awnings, etc. We are an advisory committee to the board members, who decide ultimately whether or not to approve our recommendations.

During this past year we have advised for preliminary and final approval to several project proposals, which are in keeping with our Landscaping Rules and Regulations guidelines, and also in line with township, county and state laws, which we are compelled to uphold.

If you plan to propose creating, modifying mulch beds, or adding or replacing trees, please consult our Villas R&R Manual for guidelines, for directions and plant selection, then submit the proposed project by:

- visiting our community website at www.tvillas.org
- clicking on the FORMS link
- clicking on the Landscaping Architectural Request Form link
- opening the Adobe Acrobat document and
- reading the directions for completing the Review Request, located on page 3, then:
 - printing the 2-page document, or
 - making a copy of the form in the R&R manual, or
 - using the actual form in the R&R manual,
 - adding an additional page(s?) of specifications for the project according to the **Description of the Project** as directed on page 3.
- 45 days is the allotted time for completion of approved projects, after which a new request proposal must be submitted.

Our community features well-maintained, neat and attractive lawns, lighting, shrubbery, trees and common areas, and the required, consistent maintenance of these items has continued over the past seventeen years to help significantly in retaining good property value.

Each spring our committee organizes a cleanup of all of our community grounds, and some of the ground immediately adjacent to them. Please look for the flyer announcement in early spring and join us.

Current Landscaping Committee Members:

Neva Bryant
Al Grau
Shirley Litrenta (ad hoc)
Mike Lucas

If you are interested in joining our committee, please contact Darla Robinson at Bennett Williams:
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We thank Wayne Bryant, Gary Holley and Art Rutledge for their continued cleanup efforts: weeding various common areas, spraying of weeds in driveways, pruning dead and dying branches from common-area trees and the never-ending picking up of trash and debris, often following storms throughout our neighborhood.

We thank Wayne and Toni Averbach for their continuous efforts to visit with and assist residents who request or need help or advice with various landscape projects and other issues as they arise.

We thank Wayne for his continual maintaining of the landscaped area around our front Villas community sign.

We thank Paul Weber for his very prompt response in replacing bulbs and sensors in our lamp post lights, sometimes in cold or hot weather. The new LED bulbs last longer, but still must be replaced when they fail.

We thank Steve Benson for trimming some of our common area trees of suckers that pop out endlessly, and for weeding the mulched areas around these trees.

And we thank Neva Bryant for maintaining and continually updating our suggested shrub and flower plant list.