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Landscape Update

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Happy Thanksgiving!

Future Meeting Dates

ANNUAL MEETING

December 10, 2008

7:30 PM

Duvall Fire Station

The Board of Directors meet on a quarterly basis. Please check TR's website for future dates.



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This summer, we have had a good deal more rain than last summer. As a consequence, most of the neighborhood lawns are green and flourishing and the increased rainfall has led to a decrease in the water bill for the association.

Last year, we noticed a fungus that infected many of the maple trees in Taylors Ridge. After consulting with some sources, I recommended that we pursue a course of "watchful waiting", since some trees are able to respond on their own. Moreover, once a fungicide program is begun, it must be renewed in every subsequent year. I believe that most trees have recovered.

Another problem we have observed this year is a disease known as Verticillium Wilt that has attacked several trees in the neighborhood. The following web site provides a lot of information: <http://ohioline.osu.edu/hyg-fact/3000/3053.html>.

From the info on that site:

Symptoms: Wilting of leaves and dieback of branches, often one at a time or on one side of the tree, are the most severe symptoms. This can occur over a number of years, with remission of symptoms in some years, or can rapidly progress to plant death in a year or two. Other symptoms of Verticillium Wilt may include: marginal browning and scorch of leaves, abnormally large seed crops, small leaves, stunting, poor annual growth, and sparse foliage.

Disease resistance: If Verticillium Wilt is diagnosed at a particular landscape or nursery site it is prudent to replant into that area with a plant that exhibits resistance to this disease. A few common examples of plants typically free of this disease include: crabapple, mountain ash, beech, birch, boxwood, dogwood, sweet gum, hawthorn, holly, katsuratree, honeylocust, oak, pear, London planetree and sycamore, rhododendron, willow, and zelkova. **The red maple cultivars Armstrong, Autumn Flame, Bowhall, October Glory, Red Sunset, Scarlet and Schlessinger have also been reported as resistant.**

Control: Keep plants as healthy as possible. Proper transplanting practices, proper water management to avoid droughts, a good fertility program, and pruning out dead branches are all good plant health care management practices. These can help limit infections and help limit the effects of these infections to some extent. Pruning out infected branches is useful as a general horticultural practice for overall plant vigor and aesthetics, but does not eliminate Verticillium from the plant since infections spread from the roots. **Note: Fungicides are not effective for control of this disease.**

Several of the Board members have been asked what type of trees should be bought if the maple tree dies and must be replaced. We have voted to approve two of the more resistant types listed above, namely, October Glory and Autumn Flame. Autumn Flame has a round shape while October Glory has a more pear-like shape. See the links below for pictures. Choose the one that best matches your other trees.

<http://treegrowersdiary.com/octobergloryredmaple.html>

http://www.naturehills.com/product/autumn_flame_red_maple.aspx

Finally we have been able to do some one-time maintenance to the landscaping areas near the detention pond and pumping station. I'm recommending that we continue to maintain these areas since the city says it does not intend to include these areas in its plans.

Dave Buchthal

Board Member Update

We regret to announce that Rob Parnell is resigning from the Board as President at the end of the year. He has done a fantastic job for our Homeowners' Association for the past 3 years.

Also, the position of Landscape Committee Chairperson will be up for renewal in 2009 and our current chairperson, Dave Buchthal, would like to pass on the torch. He has been doing a great job for 6 years now and feels it's time to move on.

We will miss you both and wish to thank you for your service to this neighborhood. Best of luck to you and your families!

With that said, we need to field nominees for both positions as well as the current vacancy for the 2nd Member-at-Large position. Please submit your interest or nomination of a neighbor by December 1, 2008 to Rob Parnell (robert_parnell@hotmail.com). We hope to fill all three of these positions at our Annual Homeowners' Meeting on December 10th.

If you would like more information about any of these positions, please contact Karen Gilbert (kg.gilbert@verizon.net).

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Roofing Update

The Board has approved two alternate roofing materials that can be used instead of wood shingles. One is a slate type of material by Monier-Lifetile called Madera. It is very heavy.

The 2nd type is shingles by DaVinci Roofscapes, New Cedar Blend, and are of a man-made material. These shingles are very light weight and come in different sizes.

Marketing materials are available through Dennis Schauls, our Architectural Control Comm. Chair (dschauls@johnlscott.com). A picture can also be found on the Taylor's Ridge website.

Budget Update

A budget update will be given at the Annual Homeowners' Meeting on December 10th. This information will also be updated on the TR website shortly thereafter. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact our Treasurer, Roger Porter.

Holiday Lights

This is just a reminder that there will not be a lift for our holiday lights this year unless someone is kind enough to step up and take on the challenge of operating it. If you are interested, please call or email Karen Gilbert (kg.gilbert@verizon.net) as soon as possible.

Garbage Collection

Please note that garbage will not be collected on the Friday's following Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day but will be picked up on that Saturday instead. Also, starting December 5th, yard waste will be collected every other week through the end of February 2009.

