

**Sprucing the place up:** A hearty thank you to volunteers Joe and Debra Troescher, Darlene Rozario, Antonietta Witte and Ray Sciog and Vesta Property Management for the following and similar ongoing activities....

- A new process for building lighting has been employed to replace bulbs with LED lighting in a warm white color, and to clean and paint fixtures as needed, contracted through Vesta. 20% of the buildings have the new lighting, the balance will occur as needed when old bulbs burn out. Our entrance sign is also now equipped with matching bulbs and a new fixture.
- There is a new towing contract in place and a new warning sign at our entrance to minimize parking of vehicles that conflict with Berkshire Lakes and Windsor Place parking restrictions.
- A new agreement is in place that allows the Collier County Sheriff's Office to enter and patrol the Windsor Place community.
- Volunteers have been busy! They've cleaned the pool area (furniture, railings, fixtures), cleaned out our pool equipment room and added donated shelving, planted annuals along the entrance gardens, and painted the FPL light poles a fresh shade (of black). Coming soon, new cork on the bulletin board by the mailboxes, and replacement of missing end caps on the stair rails to the 2nd floor entrances, and cleaning/painting the FPL transformer enclosures. People who are interested in joining our happy crew of Windsor Place volunteers should email Debra at [debratroescher@gmail.com](mailto:debratroescher@gmail.com) or call her at (239) 206-1070.

**Fountain update:**

After extensive negotiations with vendors, the small lake fountain is scheduled to be repaired and functioning by August 14.

**Landscaping:**

- 16 new coco plum bushes are filling the gaps in the east hedge, sod was placed in a few really needy spots, and some drainage areas were fixed. More new plants are planned for the near future.
- The combination of regularly maintained irrigation systems, pest control and related treatment, and summer rains are allowing our turf (a Floratam cultivar of St. Augustine grass) to fill in nicely. With no shortage of weeds, it

was decided not to kill the weeds until after the summer, thus allowing grasses to fill in as much as possible. We expect a major weed kill exercise late this fall and that event will likely reduce the green look for awhile, until the grasses spread into those otherwise weedy areas.

- Due to what some would call "aggressive historical edging of our mulched areas," those areas are a bit larger than practical. In an effort to combat that problem, it was decided to minimize edging for a few months. Edging now resumes and, over time, additional actions will be considered to reel in the size of mulched areas and to remove mulch where it is not warranted (around utilities, far beyond bush lines, etc).
- Some residents have expressed concern about the apparent "hard-cut" trimming of some bushes and small trees. This is generally done with care and planning that generally results in fuller, healthier and more attractive foliage when the growth fills in. Such pruning is also often necessary to minimize hazard development and control pests.
- Due to time and costs, personal gardening preferences cannot be accommodated for individual buildings.