

Windstar Master Association

Grounds Update

February 2020

A new Firm for our Maintenance

Weed control had become a problem around a year ago and when our then landscape vendor could not rectify this issue we elected to change firms. Last June the replacement firm came in but unfortunately could not provide us with a consistent site manager and thus this important responsibility was not adequately addressed and we swiftly moved on.

We selected Juniper landscaping who took over this month. A key reason for using Juniper was their in-house turf management. Juniper's other accounts locally include the Arboretum property next door as well as The Isles of Collier Preserve. We have been extremely pleased with their work over the past few weeks. Their communication and reporting has been exceptional and exactly what we need to get our grounds looking great again.

Turf improvements

Winter is a good time to choke out undesired weeds & grasses and we have applied treatments to do this. An unfortunate side effect is the browning of our turf. But this is temporary and we anticipate that throughout the spring the desired turf will begin to recover.

Replace with new sod

Some pockets of turf are too far gone for weed treatments. The first area we planned to replace with new turf is a section along the Yacht Harbor Drive wall. The previous vendor agreed to replace an area of turf at their expense along the wall. In planning for this they unfortunately killed off the turf and weeds in the wrong section! At this point we have given them legal notice to complete the job in both places. Either they will complete it or we will have Juniper do it. In either case, we plan to complete this by the end of March

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Struggling Annual Flowers:

We currently install annuals twice a year. A fair portion of our winter annuals have not made it to late April as planned due to unusually high temps and irrigation issues. Our Grounds committee is going to replace the old flowers in the next few weeks. We are also developing a long term plan which will involve converting some annual beds to perennial plants and perhaps changing the number and frequency of flower replanting. The goal is to have beautiful, seasonal appropriate flowers year round.