



Snippets 8 – February 2020

There is so much activity going on in Cascades. Board members are getting lots of questions, so here is an update:

Garage Roof Washing - As covered in the last issue, it was decided that a good cleaning was a better way to go. There is enough life left in them to defer replacement for a few more years. After much advance work by your Board, the project started on January 25th. It should be finished by February 1st.

Landscape Major Cleanup Project - Again, there has been much advance work here and still much more is required by our Landscape Committee. The project began on January 11th, and is still underway. This first step involves removal of vegetation that is overgrown, dead, out of place and such. Consider this work as a catch-up project after years of gradual plantings by man and nature. Some plants have been selected to be kept, which is a demanding and ongoing task for the Committee throughout the duration of the project.

This is a tough job and we cannot give a completion date, though we suspect mid-February. Even after the main clean-up is done, it will require a two-week treatment of remaining roots before any new planting can begin. Fields of Green is our vendor for this project and are invited to our **February 13th, Association Meeting at 2:00 pm.** (You should be there anyway).

Major Landscape Planting Project - There will be one.

Irrigation Side Effects -The irrigation system is taking a beating from the removal of the old plants. We have a number of reports of water spouts as shovels hit irrigation pipes hidden under mulch. If you see one, no need to panic. The timer turns them off after a while. We are following up on this for the whole system.

Garage/Mailbox Lights Pilot Project - This project was supposed to start sooner, but we needed snowbirds to arrive because inside access to garages/attics is needed. The lights will be similar to the ones on the garage fronts and will light mailboxes and three very dark passageways.

The lights will be installed at mailboxes by 2036, 2055, 2068 and 2100 and by the passageways at 1941 #10, between 1972 and 1940 and 2100 #7.

This work is set to be done February 3rd and February 4th by our vendor, Pure Electric.

Utility Room Door Locks - You may recall that the Naples Fire Department requires special locks on each of the doors of the utility rooms next to each building. The installation is now set for January 31st by our vendor, Cintas.

Fire System Inspection - Part of our fire safety system are the sprinklers inside your units. This requires a Cintas person to enter your unit for just a few minutes and look up at your ceiling! Please expect this to happen on February 14th.

Water Feature Lights - The project to replace water feature lights is very gradual as we are doing this with volunteer labor. There are many lights that need replacing. We began doing the worst ones first, but are finding virtually all are at the end of their useful life. Again, since we are using volunteer labor there is so no ending date for this project.

Collier County Walk Through - If we pass the inspection for our tree citation, this should close the tree citation issue. This is set for January 31st.

Cascades Party - Once again our party planners have stepped up and our party is set for February 9th. If you haven't already signed up, stop in at the Clubhouse on Monday, January 27th from 2:00 – 3:00 pm. After Monday, the party will be open to other Falling Waters communities.