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LANDSCAPE NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2018

We hope everyone had a fun, safe holiday. Getting all that rain here at Surfcrest after the New Year was a great way to start 2018. To conserve water our sprinklers are always turned off during sufficient rainy days then turned back on when the ground begins to dry out.

In the past we may have taken up to 3 months to finish a very large landscape project. Giving the soil a month to rest in between plant removal and replanting has always been beneficial to the soil. We have heard that this process has not been well received by all. This year we will try to complete large projects within 1-2 months if feasible. This means we will need to save up our monthly budget allowance for awhile to pay for the removal of old landscape, then replanting of the large project areas. Right now, we are working on the front entrance to the pool area. The existing landscape with the Giant Birds of Paradise and the beautiful Canary Palms have limited the choice of plants that can go in there due to the abundance of roots which will choke off most plants. Once that is completed new landscaping will go into the planter along the iron pool fence on Surf Drive.

Surf 1 will begin to address some of the 24 year old hedges along the oil field stucco wall and continue to take care of any individual dead or dying plants. In February/March alleyways on Surfset and Surfboard will get additional perennial color. Mulch will be added to the last area needing it along Surf Drive near the rear exit.

Surf 2 will finally finish the landscaping near 19311 Surfwave facing Surflanding. This will add curb appeal of the intersection of Surflanding and Surfwave. This month we will work on the 4 squares under the plum trees on the pedestrian walkway leading to Seapoint. We will place special netting over the dirt to prevent the constant shooters and weeds that grow there and then cover with attractive bark. We have tried several different plants and flowers to grow under these trees and nothing has worked. This should approve the appearance of that walkway. Our next project will remove 24 year old hedges along the pedestrian walkway leading to Palm and replant them with attractive plants.

As always, we ask for continued care of our grassy areas. Please keep all dogs off the grass. We all want Surfcrest to look the best it can and keeping our grass green and lush will help achieve that goal. Thank you.

Landscape Committee

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