

CEDAR HOLLOW ASSOCIATION, INC.



Put away your shovels, ice picks and sidewalk ice-melt and we all can finally welcome Spring! Summer is just around the corner. As you know by now, we have hired a new landscaping company. CJ General Contractors will be doing our lawns and landscaping and there will be some changes for all of us as he tries to clean up after an unusually difficult winter and some seriously neglected landscaping. In times of change, we won't be able to please everyone, but attempts will be made within our limits. The objectives are to clean up the property and address the many issues we have to tackle with plantings and maintenance which is best left to the professionals and our management company who have a lot more experience with what will grow successfully within each building's sun and shade abundance or lack thereof. Please be aware that just because you see a lot of work going on it is due to the care and work ethic of the vendor carrying out his contract and not the dollars involved.

In order for all the landscaping around the buildings to be taken care of by the landscaper we have agreed to work with their process. They have been contracted to keep the beds weeded and looking good which means we cannot put flowers (annual or perennial) into the front beds. The care of individual plantings is not practical for a landscaping company. You may place flowers in pots and place them on your porch if you desire. The landscaper is also trying to build up the areas next to the foundations with additional topsoil to help pitch the water away from the units to avoid any future problems with water in cellars. Many of the shrubs can be left as they are as he is trying to do a clean-up of damaged ones but others may also need to be removed or relocated.

Your choice of flowers can be planted in the back of your unit in the small space next to your steps if you agree to keep them weed free. Please ensure these beds do not extend beyond the base of your deck steps or into the space between the decks. In addition, flowers cannot be planted around the trees or lamp posts as this makes mowing extremely difficult and a safety hazard with the electrical. The landscaper will also be resizing the beds to their original dimensions for appearance and economic reasons. He will be edging the beds for a consistent look and the ease of mowing which means any current edging (wood, bricks, plastic, stones) will be removed by them and placed on your porch. If you wish to keep these items you must promptly remove them. If they remain on your porch after three days the landscaper will dispose of the items. We will transition all shrubs as money permits but for now we need to make it easy for labor to clean up, weed and mulch the areas. Please remember that small shrubs grow quickly here. The transition to get back to a landscaping plan that can be attended to by landscapers will take some time but we would like to work toward this end. We will report from time to time what our plans are and all are welcome to observe the board meetings.



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