

## Landscape Committee Report

4/25/2017

**Goals:** Use organic gardening methods and products. Use Texas native plants as much as possible. Native plants provide food and shelter for pollinating wildlife (birds, butterflies, bees) and, once established, need minimal care.

**Fordshire Entrance Rose Bed:** - Four roses and 2-4 yaupon holly bushes (native) pruned and fed early Feb. Liriope – consider planting additional clumps for improved border.

**Fordshire/Brick Wall Bed:** Remove/replace ligustrums with native shrubs (Turk's cap and American Beautyberry). This project is paid for from insurance landscape repair funds.

**Additional plans for Fordshire Entrance: Additional bed (mirror of rose bed) on south side of sign for different plantings; good sun exposure. Two stone paths from curb to wall. South end of bed left alone for now (crape myrtles, ligustrums, grass).**

**Stonehouse Entrance Bed:** Weeded and dead foliage (ruellia) removed. Rock border expanded using existing rocks. Four lantana and 4 ornamental cabbage planted. Hedges trimmed. Consider removing ruellia (invasive). Replace with a native ground cover. Consider additional plants for remainder of bed, especially middle and frontage road sections. Entire bed to be mulched.

**Bassoon/Woodshire Bed:** Woodshire side appears in relatively good condition. THM (east bed) was void of plants. Native plants (salvia, gulf muhly grass) planted on THM side.

**Breakwood #3 Courtyard:** Weeded and dead foliage removed. Small clumping grass planted around lamp post, St. John's Wort around outside perimeter. Rock border planned between outer perimeter and lawn.

**Pool:** Bare spots sodded.

**Bassoon Common Area bed:** Weeded and dead foliage removed.

**Breakwood Courtyard #1:** Bare area near curb to be sodded (Texas Lawn).

**Concerns regarding owner plants/beds:** 1. Sago palm insect infestations (white powdery can be treated effectively with Garden Safe Insecticidal Soap. Best to remove heavily infected branches. Texas Lawn treating only common areas. 2. Several beds need weeding, removal of dead foliage.

**Special thanks to our Landscape Committee: Sandy Maun, David Reed, Wendy Jordan, Lizy Stewart.**

**Special thanks to THM residents who take care of common area beds and/or provide water/plants.**

Local examples of native plant residential beds: 1. Corner of Underwood and Braes Blvd, across from Mark Twain Elementary School (near Weekly YMCA). 2. So. Braeswood near Buffalo Speedway. Non-residential: esplanade at intersection of Braes Blvd/No. Braeswood (newly-planted).