

THVI Homeowners and Neighborhood Landscaping December 2023

Townhouse VI is blessed with 20+ acres of Common Area between our homes and streets. This area is maintained as Sonoran Desert which offers desert beauty outside our doors, walking paths, and wildlife habitat. Also, it must be maintained for safe walking, fire prevention, erosion prevention, weed encroachment and for a balance between tree growth and view maintenance.

The Landscape Committee is charged with the Common Area maintenance. It has the option to do this by contracting with outside Landscapers to the tune of around thirty thousand dollars (over \$300 per household) or by using resident volunteers. Since Covid the weekly landscape crew has numbered around ten people. That is not enough people to do a complete maintenance job each year. The committee continues to contract out certain jobs where its skills are lacking, and when its budget has been increased to do more of this.

One idea brought up at the recent Town Hall meeting was to reach out to homeowners for maintenance help in their neighborhood. This could be done by individuals or a neighborhood group working on their own schedule. The Landscape Committee has developed a list of very helpful tasks that could be accomplished:

1. Keep fire hydrants and electrical boxes clear of bushes and weeds.
2. Trim/remove roadside weeds and grass.
3. Sweep up road sand and put it back in the common area.
4. Identify any dead plants/trees/limbs in the fall before the leaves come off for removal by the landscape crew.
5. Identify or pile up any dead brush and limbs lying on the ground for removal.
6. If you or your neighbor have an exposed side wall, remove any brush within 5' that could dry out and transmit fire.
7. Keep rear paths clean of weeds and brush.
8. Please see a Landscape Committee member if you need any specific tools.
9. If you see actions that you think should be taken but are unsure if they fit within the above actions, please stop and consult a Landscape Committee member.
10. If you would like to make a donation to a landscaping project or in general. Send it to our Treasurer earmarked accordingly.

Please feel free to accomplish any of these helpful tasks in your neighborhood and ask your neighbors if they want to join you. Your efforts along with the landscape crew and the use of outside resources can allow us to maintain the common area each year.

Landscape Committee

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