

Beautification Monthly Meeting
February 17th, 2024

Attending meeting: Brenda Hart, Pam Behrensprung, Pete Behrensprung, Louise Sanders, Anne Neel, Kim Snook, Betty Denall, Preston Becker.

So we are hearing that our weather pattern is going to change in the near future. El Niño has been our weather pattern and is getting ready to leave. It brought us some rain during the dry season. Helped us after a terrible drought that gave no rain during our usual rainy season. New forecast prediction is La Niña will be replacing this system earlier than usual. This may bring more activity with tropical storms. So we may have an active rainy season. Good for the grounds and lake. Let's see what happens. We have several projects that we will be working on and we covered them today.

BUDGET:

So we are proud of this little committee that continues to generate donations that contribute to the beauty of our community. Our beautification budget is still at \$5800.00 for 2024.

Compost soil reserve funds are currently at \$795.00. We look for a bit more money by the end of the month. Donations in our Beautification checking account \$912.33.

(Because of Christmas Extravaganza we must hold some cash for the end of the year.) Nice if we could decorate our own tree this year with nature lovers ornaments.

RECENT DONATIONS:

Michele Strunk, Thank You! Deposited in bank account.

THINGS TO ACCOMPLISH NOW:

Calusia trimming along parking lot/Outside the entrance on south side.

Basil etc for the herb garden.

Add a large mint garden. Discussion was on taking the raised bed left of the cook shed and making it into a mint garden.

Gardens weeding still needed. Need designated areas of responsibility. It would be wonderful to create a zone for different areas. Create a group of two or three team members to care for the area.

Drop soil as needed on new plants and trees. The soil has proven to be better for our seeds than mulch.

Push to get soil sold or use now.

Purchase 30-40 yards of soil with soil reserve funds. This soil will still be available for sale to residents.

We agree the soil is rich and provides great nutrients to our current soil.

PROJECTS TO COMPLETE WHERE EXTRA HELP IS NEEDED:

Complete the planting of bushes in front of clubhouse. Guessing this will cost approximately \$500 - \$700 for one front wall. The front wall needs cleaning and painting. Preston will coordinate the power washing with Danny Hart and set up a painting schedule. Once complete we can move forward with planting.

Cleanup the Asheboro cul-de-sac. We discussed the current condition of the cul-de-sac. Problems were with vehicles parking on or running over the grass areas. The plants are doing fine. New soil must be added. A plan to bring this area back by protecting the area from vehicles is underway.

CUL-DE-SACS:

Baton Rouge:

Thank you Mary and Sam for caring for the Baton Rouge area over time. Thank you Lori Eisenmenger for allowing us to use your water to maintain this cul-de-sac. We hope to work a system with new buyers that will let us purchase water so we can properly water the garden. Usually we pay \$100.00 a year to use water on Baton Rouge.

Asheboro:

Peter and Pam Behrensprung have continued to care for this cul-de-sac. Pam continues to trim and weed this beautiful area. They contribute to our community by providing water for plants. Any one on this cul-de-sac please remember this your front yard also. Find out what you can do to help maintain this landscape.

WATER IN LAKE:

Condition as of now is not good. Water is still 65ppm. It would be nice to see it below 30ppm.

We have turned on the irrigation and watching our plants how they are tolerating the lake salinity.

Bill Bowling. Has suggested testing water at pet store. Great idea. We will continue to monitor our water and add as needed city water to our plants.

WATERING:

Pattie Melvin and Gary King continue to water the orchard area.

George Vukich keeps the fountain filled with Pattie.

Larry and Vicki water the pool area.

Louise Sanders waters front pots of clubhouse.

Pam Behrensprung cares for deck pots and raised beds.

Raised beds outside pool Brenda maintains.

Brenda weeding and spraying as needed around trees and gardens etc.

Weeding around grounds is being done by Bruce Haley and Brenda Hart.

Brenda all other areas that need water.

This is physical work. Not everyone wants that commitment. So, take a small area that you only need to worry about as needed. Garden yoga is good for you!

WEEDING:

The weed fairies show up as needed. Fingers crossed.

Anne Neel weeds front entrance garden as you enter the clubhouse. Gail Swenson also cares for this area with Anne. I e to have committed folks that enjoy nature.

POWERWASHING:

Watch for scheduling from Danny Hart. Next, we need to clean the pool area. Followed by the upper level of clubhouse and lower level.

As mentioned Preston will get with Danny Hart to power wash the walls at the clubhouse. This will prep the area for painting the outside walls of the clubhouse.

Once this is completed, we can move forward with planting of shrubs. We will select scrubs that will provide minimum care.

HOW CAN WE GET NEW RESIDENTS INTERESTED IN GARDENS:



Convince everyone that they are doing garden yoga?

Orientation of new residents:

There is a possibility that the community will start doing an orientation for new residents so they feel included. Possibly provide a new small plant to someone when they move into their home. Provide information on what beautification does in the community.

DONATION TREES:

These are all donation trees. They will be added this month.

Royal Poinciana Orchid Tree Palm Tree Powderpuff Bush

We have a memorial gift tree that will be planted also. This will be a Wheeling Bottle Brush.

See the attached information on upcoming planting schedule.

(A drawing of the clubhouse was shared showing future plantings for clubhouse.)

LOOKING FOR FREE PLANTS:

Does anyone have a starburst tree producing babies? (Blooms this time of year.

May be nice at entrance.) Beautiful but a messy. This plant needs to be a right area.

Variagated grasses behind Duane & Gail Swenson are ready to be donated.

They are nice for spot planting. Recently we saw at a local nursery in their landscape. Striking with the bright yellow and green. We need to take cuttings and place as need in our landscape. Also discussed using at the front wall near the welcome sign.

APRIL DAY TRIP:

We discussed a day trip we can take for the day. We will decide at our next meeting. Suggestions included:

Mound House Six Mile Cypress Slough Cabbage Key boat trip.

We will gather information and make arrangements to pick a wonderful trip to remember.

Our next meeting in March will be announced.

Please join us. No shovel required!

