

HOA 5
Landscaping Board Report
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Lawn Renovation Project: Will resume sometime in April depending on weather.

HydroBlox: We have been waiting for a good rainy period to test the product that was installed last month. After last week's heavy rain there is some consensus that the ground does seem firmer after last week's rain. We will be meeting soon to discuss whether to use the HydroBlox rather than traditional drains running perpendicular to the homes for the drainage problems everywhere.

Landscaping Maintenance: Please use an Additional Services Landscaping Request if you would like to call special attention to something on your property or landscaping in general, and deposit in the mailbox of the Landscaping Vice President prior to the next scheduled landscaping service day. Rain or Shine's goal is to address your request that week if possible or by the following week. The *revised* form is posted on our website.

Schedule for March: mowing, blowing and debris removal will occur three times this month, Edging one time, fertilizing grass and shrubs, spraying and removal of weeds in lawn and beds is ongoing, moss control and added lime to grass and beds, cutting back grasses in beds.

January and February still to be completed: edging, dormant tree pruning and gutter cleaning if needed, moss treatment and removal of moss from lawns and beds.

Moss Reminder: If you have not already addressed this issue please remember that in addition to being unattractive and not in keeping for our HOA standards for our beautiful property, moss growing on sidewalks and driveways is a hazard for a trip and fall liability claim against your own homeowners insurance policy, the HOA #5 policy or the SCA policy. It is the owner's responsibility to make sure sidewalks, driveways and walkways be kept free from moss to prevent an accident. Please let me know if this is something you would like to have added to our contract with Rain or Shine.

Landscaping Resolution Reminder: It is almost spring, so another reminder of owner responsibilities:

Excerpt from the Resolution:

"...BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following items are property owner responsibilities and are not provided by the Association:

- *Keeping patios and beds uncluttered so workers can easily access them for maintenance.*
- *Irrigation and Maintenance in front areas and courtyards*
- ***Plants** Weeding or removal of dead or dying plant materials in those portions of the beds containing flowers, bulbs and/or groundcover. Owners must choose between providing ongoing maintenance in that portion of a bed themselves OR removing them.*
- *Deadheading of rhododendrons, azaleas, and camelias unless current maintenance company provides this service.*
- *Treatment for insects and/or disease*
- *Care of roses or other plants that require maintenance outside that provided by maintenance company."*