

## **Update On 3 Chisolm Homeowner News**

Dear Friends and Neighbors

May 21, 2018

As we enter the last month of Spring I want to bring you up to date on some of the issues that your Board is dealing with, and ask for your counsel and support as the Board makes its decision on improving our environment.

### **Landscaping:**

We have had major problem with the irrigation system of our planting beds, possibly caused by dysfunctional controlling valves, the breakage of old pipes, and simply the age of the system. Apparently, we have 9 irrigation zones, I know not why? The Mt. Pleasant Pleasant has been working on it, under Tommy's supervision, since the beginning of May and they have been laying new driplines, and hopefully the new system will be functional by end of May, Fingers crossed!! In the interim, Tommy and I have been watering the courtyard and the beds in the front of Main building to preserve our planting.

The New wall in front of Gym and Main building has been a great success, and we have received many compliments from our neighbors. We hope it will do its duty in protecting us from major flooding, but in the meantime, it protects our plants from the dog dropping etc.

The courtyard beds are now surrounded by very attractive boxwood bushes, which gives the courtyard a clean and classic look. The pool fountains are all functioning and we have goldfish surviving in our pool, finger crossed!!

On request and recommendation of number of homeowners we placed a green turf in front of the Cottage building, as the area had turned into a muddy and unattractive mess. This decision may have been a mistake as we have had number of complaints from homeowners that the turf grass-look does not conform with the traditional look of our environment and neighborhood. I personally sympathize with this view, but was persuaded by those who argued for the clean look of the AstroTurf! In the interim, we have had a gracious homeowner volunteer who would like to attempt developing a lush tropical garden in front of the cottage, nurture it and maintain it, as a gift to the HOA. It is an extremely generous offer and the board will consider this gracious request in its next meeting. Please feel free to drop me a note for any thoughts you may have on this issue.

### **Painting/wall-papering of Main and Gym building halls and staircase**

The Board has solicited a number of proposals to refresh and lighten the dark halls and the stairwell of both building, but has been hampered by the large expense of the project. One again, we are fortunate to have one of our neighbors offer to contribute significant help with the cost of the project, making the project affordable to the HOA. The Board will consider this proposal in its next meeting and will accept proposals and plans for paint color etc. from the interior designers. I would greatly appreciate your thoughts and suggestions on this project too and urge you not to be shy about expressing your thoughts and proposals to the Board.

Let me wish you all a very happy and healthy summer

Martin Morad, President of 3 Chisolm HOA