

Landscape Maintenance - update March 16, 2015

Desert Developers have now commenced our landscape service, initially attending to the most urgent issues. We are all aware there currently are a lot of annual weeds but please be assured they will be dealt with over the next few weeks. As soon as possible, Desert Developers will be moving to operating a 4 Zone maintenance plan which aims to provide service to each lot once every 4 weeks. To view the community map they will follow and see which Zone your home is in, [click here](#).

As previously advised, the Board and Desert Developers have jointly agreed that all contact with the landscape team is to be through Chris Bruyn at AME. That is the only method by which Homeowners should address any concerns or make specific requests. The landscape team cannot respond to direct approaches from Homeowners, nor are they able to accommodate styles of pruning to meet individual requests.

Rather they are instructed to follow good horticultural practice, in line with both our community's desire for an pleasant environment and the long term well-being of our plants, shrubs and trees. That does mean that at certain times, shrubs and planting may be trimmed back hard in order to promote future growth, or, may sometimes be left alone for longer periods in order to protect the next flowering season.

'No pruning / No podar' signs. A few Homeowners have placed such signs by their property. Where these signs are on the front walkways and relate to planting by the walkway on Homeowners private property, they will be observed by the landscape team. However signs placed in 'Common Areas' (including areas of front, side and back yards which are not on Homeowners private property) will not be observed and will be removed.

As with all changes to service providers, and especially with landscaping, there will be an initial 'settling in' period, and challenges to overcome. Desert Developers are familiar with our community so we expect this transition period will be brief, and we look forward to a return to the previous pristine appearance of our neighborhood.

Please feel free to contact AME with any comments or concerns. If you have previously lodged your e-mail address with AME to receive Villas news, then you should have received much of this information in an e-mail circulated by AME on 4th March. If you would like to receive such e-mails in future, then please ensure Chris Bruyn has your e-mail address and permission to contact you via e-mail.

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