



Villas Landscaping Update April 2016

A number of points were raised about landscaping at our recent Annual Meeting, along with acknowledging the importance of maintaining the good appearance of our neighborhood.

With the owner of Desert Developers Landscaping, Members of the Board this week walked front and back of around 50% of Villas properties, and the remaining areas will be inspected with Desert Developers over the next couple of weeks.

One of the main areas discussed was outside the pool complex, fronting Johnny Miller Dr, where some while ago old planting had been removed. Now the risk of frost can reasonably be considered to have passed, Desert Developers will be submitting a re-planting plan for consideration and it is intended to implement this swiftly.

Among numerous trimming and tidying points noted by Desert Developers, there are several instances where large Texas Ranger and Myrtle shrubs have grown to such an extent they are extending over the roadway or over garage driveways and pathways.

Following advised horticultural practice, these now need to be cut back. Some of the Texas Rangers having reached a significant size, respond best to a hard prune – back to some 18” from the ground– following which they will re-grow from bare stems.

The Myrtle bushes can be treated by a less drastic cut back but the Landscapers will need to ensure they are well back from driveway lines to allow for re-growth.

Owners may therefore expect to see extra trimming activity as part of our normal landscape maintenance schedule over the next few weeks. Some of the shrubs will not necessarily look their best for a period after this trim, but all cutting back is being done in order to promote the best long term health of the plants concerned whilst maintaining essential clear access to driveways, roads and pathways for all users.