

VGC Board April 28, 2021  
Common Area Maintenance Committee

1) Improve Appearance of VGC West Entrance.....Arborvitae Removal on GVW Between Larch St entrance & V1 & V2 Parks

- Arborvitae are old & "shabby" in appearance. Plan is to remove them & replace with the Jasos'-recommended aesthetic & lower maintenance plantings.
- Ike's crew has removed the arborvitae on the south side of GVW; plan is to remove arborvitae on north side of GVW later this week.
- Sides of fencing facing GVW to be power-washed &, if necessary, stained. Then the Jasos'-recommended plan to be implemented. Will probably require new or reconfigured irrigation.
- All costs to be charged to Reserve subaccount, "Tree Care-GVW".

2) Arborvitae on GVW Between Village 1 & Village 2 Parks West Toward SE Creekside Dr.

- These arborvitae are in somewhat better condition than those further west toward Larch St.
- Board decided to retain these arborvitae & increase maintenance to determine if they can be fully revitalized. If this fails during the coming year, the Common Area Committee will recommend removal of these arborvitae & implementation of the Jasos'-recommended plan next year.

3) Village 8 N & S Parks...Conversion to Lower Maintenance Landscaping Theme

- Last year, maintenance of the extensive planted beds in the V8 parks became very difficult/very costly due to weeds choking out bedding plants in the irrigated bedding areas. Also, many of the trees in the V8 south park had low-hanging limbs that deterred mowing. Last year, the Board approved Ike's \$3,600 plus tax estimate to correct the problems.
- Ike's crew removed problem shrubs & trimmed problem low-hanging limbs last fall & this spring.
- Ground where shrubs removed & low tree limbs removed have been prepared for grass seeding, which will be done in the next couple of weeks.
- Will require some irrigation re-work (included in \$3,600 cost estimate).
- Ike will submit invoice for all work done last fall and this spring when the project is complete.

4) Removal of Fallen Weeping Willow Near Village 9 at 354 Whimbrel Adjacent to Cemetery

- Fallen limb and limbs overhanging 354 SE Whimbrel have been cut at our request by the Funeral Home.
- Some of the cut limbs have been removed after we followed up with Funeral Home owner, Matt Maher....but some debris remains on hillside.
- Will continue follow-up with Maher, but our leverage is limited because the remaining debris apparently lies on Cemetery deeded land, not VGC common area.

5) VGC Volunteers' Tree Removals Along Walking Trails

- Last month, the Board approved the Common Areas Committee - recommended project to remove selected overgrown, over-crowded &/or nuisance trees along Trails 1, 2 & 3.
- Tree removals thus far have been done by VGC volunteers.
- Near term priorities for volunteers include the removal of 3 aspen trees along Trail 1 between Bridge 1 & the V5/V6 alley; 1 aspen tree NE of the small pond, and; removal of a problem crabapple tree in the small park adjoining Trail 3.
- Will obtain bids for additional recommended tree removals from tree removal contractors & return to the Board for approval to proceed...all costs to be charged to Reserve subaccount "Tree Care-Non-GVW".

6) Removal of Storm-Damaged Tree in Common Area Near Trail 1 Bridge, Adjacent to 920 SE Creekside

- Windstorm broke one large fork of tree which fell into the Trail 1 common area but did not block the walking trail.
- The remaining large fork of the tree is at risk of breaking and possibly falling onto residence at 920 SE Creekside
- Volunteer crew to remove downed fork and remaining fork of tree within the next week.

7) Village 9 Hillside Area

- The small flat portion near the V9 mailboxes to the base of the hillside will be mowed every 2 weeks to provide a small, groomed park area.
- The remainder of the V9 hillside will be weed-wacked in late May/early June &, if necessary, repeated in the fall for weed control.

8) VGC Volunteers' Tree Plantings

- John Jaso has been directing this project....John, can you please report details?

----John Jaso reports

- In summary, the 10 seedless red maple have been paid for & the costs for the trees & miscellaneous associated costs (to be reimbursed to John Jaso) should be within the \$3,000 budget approved by the Board. All costs are to be charged to the Reserve subaccounts "Tree Care- VGC" and "Tree Care-non -GVW" as appropriate.

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