

## **Weekly Update & Plan: December 5<sup>th</sup> – December 9<sup>th</sup>**

### **Leaf removal:**

- As we move through the community we will blow out and mulch up leaves as needed around the homes and COS. We will try and focus our attention on the areas that have the heaviest leaf accumulations, which is typically the older sections of the community.

### **Perennial Cutbacks:**

- We will begin winter pruning with ornamental grass cutbacks once we get through our leaf cleanups.
- Once the ornamental grasses are completed, we will then move onto the other perennials and rotate through the homes as well. This will occur mainly through the month of January.

### **2023 Opt-Out List Sign-ups:**

- With 2022 winding down. We will soon be removing the old Opt-out magnets from around the community
- Sign-up can begin now and will end January 31, 2023, for the 2023 growing season.
- The Opt-Out Program identifies that you wish to care for your Front and Side Foundational beds. This means that you will provide the pruning and weed control for your home. Brightview will not prune nor apply weed control.
- Brightview will still pine straw your home if that is what you have down.
- There is no Opt-Out list for Turf Application.

**Thanks for your time and have a good weekend!**

**Southern Springs HOA has contracted BrightView Landscapes to provide the landscape services for the common areas and your home. The contract includes the following services around the homes:**

- **Mowing:** Weather permitting, mowing happens every 7-10 days during the growing season, beginning in March and ending in November, as temperatures dictate growth.
- **"Hard Edging":** Hard edging is done around concrete (walkways, driveways, and patios) every-other mowing during the growing season.
- **"Soft Edging":** Soft edging is done around landscaped beds and decorative landscaped hard edges every-other mowing during the growing season.
- **Grass Blowing:** Blowing is done during each mowing service; walkways, driveways, and non-enclosed porches and patios.
- **Pruning:** Pruning of builder-installed plant beds, in the front of the home, is done up to three times per year, plus an annual cutback of perennial plants in the winter months.
- **Removal of Leaves:** Done up to three times during the Fall and Winter months.
- **Weed Control:** Planting beds will receive weed control (as needed) to include; front, utility and street trees (builder installed beds).
- **Turf Applications:** Five times per year, applications include fertilization, pre-emergent weed control, and post-emergent weed control, as fit for the timing of each application.
- **Pine Straw Application:** Twice per year, Spring and Fall, pine straw will be applied to front planting beds, utility box, and street tree (builder installed beds).

**Opt-Out Provisions:** Residents who would like to opt-out of Bed Maintenance for the calendar year will need to do so in the month of January. Opting out of this service will be applicable for the full calendar year. Contact the Lodge front desk for the necessary form by calling 931-489-6111. **Opting out will not reduce your HOA fees.**

Brightview will place a magnet on the mailbox post to signal the landscapers to the service you are opting out of:

- **RED:** OPT-OUT of Bed Maintenance (no pruning or bed weed control)
- **GREEN:** Noting a Fenced Back Yard

# Landscaping Services

## Things to Note:

- Mowing in fenced back yards is included, if gates are left unlocked prior to crew coming to mow each week.
- Crews will not move furniture or any property owned by residents in order to perform lawn service.
- Please do not address any questions or concerns directly to the crew members working in the community. This disrupts crew schedules and does not always provide a fully comprehensive answer.
- Any questions or concerns can be reported directly to management by calling the Lodge front desk or submitting through the NABR network website.
- The contracted scope of work BrightView's work is evaluated monthly for review with remediation provisions in place to address concerns.

## Irrigation:

Homeowners are responsible for watering all lawn and landscaped areas on their property as well as the boulevard strip, the area between the sidewalk and the street, directly adjacent to their property. Keep in mind you need a minimum of 1-inch of moisture weekly during the growing season. •

The Spring Hill Department of Water has a WATER CONSERVATION POLICY, which they will be enforcing. This policy establishes an Alternate-Day Outdoor Watering Schedule. No watering should take place on Fridays, unless you have an exception as stated in the policy. If you questions about policy, please contact the Spring Hill Water Department at 931-486-2252.

How does the water conservation policy effect my mow day? When possible, allow 24 hours between your last run day and your scheduled mow day. If your mow day falls on a watering day, you should set your system to run in the evening on that day, instead of in the morning. This will help reduce mower damage and tire tracks in the turf.

