



Spring Newsletter

Hello!

Hoping Spring is right around the corner! Below you will find an overview of the services and projects that have currently been approved by the board members.



Morton's Landscaping /Scope of Services Contracted

Services continuing as in past seasons.

Weekly Maintenance

Beginning April 15th and as conditions dictate through November 30th, the following services will be performed:

- Mow all turf areas. Appropriate mowing equipment and alternative mowing patterns shall be employed to limit soil compaction and permit recycling of clippings where possible.
- Line-trim all turf areas adjacent to buildings, posts, and other obstructions as needed.
- Machine edge all concrete sidewalks, drives, and curb edges as needed to keep property looking neat.
- Blow or sweep clean all driveways, sidewalks, patios, beds, and steps to remove grass clipping or other yard waste
- Note: Northeast Ohio's "typical" growing season is 36 weeks. Morton's Landscape Development Company's standard mowing programs include the following occurrences beginning in mid-April through November.

Pre-Emergent

Apply pre-emergent herbicide to all currently mulched shrub beds and tree rounds.

Spring Clean Up

As soon as weather conditions permit, the following services will be performed in completion:

- Remove all leaves, trash, and normal winter debris from lawn and bed areas and dispose of properly.
- Deep-edge existing shrub beds and tree rounds. Plant beds and tree rounds (front beds)will receive bed edging in the spring with a hand spade or mechanical shaper to produce distinct edges. Indistinct foundation areas, beds, and tree rings lacking an apparent edge or that have recently been managed as vegetation areas will be similarly managed. Debris will be removed on the day the work is performed.
- Apply pre-emergent herbicide to all currently mulched shrub beds and tree rounds. This is typically done right before mulch is applied
- Blow or sweep clean all driveways, sidewalks, patios, beds, and steps.

Mulch

- Supply and install double-shredded mulch to a depth of 1 1/2 – 2" in all established shrub beds and tree rounds. Proposal is based on color/quality of currently installed mulch.
- The reduction of existing mulch depth or removal of incompatible mulches is not included in this
- Beds that the Landscape Company has not mulched will not be maintained with weed control services, unless specifically listed on proposal summary

Seasonal Pruning Please contact Board Member Paul (paul.kapur@emerson.com) if you do not want this service.

Plant material will be pruned when it is most beneficial to its particular growth habits. Generally, it's understood that shrubs will be pruned twice if needed, once in the spring/summer and once in the fall.

Pruning will be done using correct horticultural practices to encourage healthy growth and create a natural appearance compatible with past maintenance procedures practiced on site or by the design of the plants. Operations are intended to concentrate on the current season's growth.

- Hand prune and/or shear all shrubs up to 6 feet to remove current season's growth and any dead or damaged branches.
- Spot prune trees to remove sucker growth and dead / damaged branches to be performed as required.
- Pruning is limited to that which can be reached from the ground.
- Dormant, Restorative, or Rejuvenation Pruning is not a part of the standard service agreement. IPM programs for tree and shrub care are available upon request.



Lewis Landscaping/Scope of Services Contracted

They are hopeful to begin their season towards the end of March, early April. They will provide notice to the board via email at least 2 or so days beforehand and then the board will notify Falcon Ridge HOA via email.

Fertilizer/Weed Control

- Round #1: Early Spring: Balanced, slow-release fertilizer with pre-emergent crabgrass control.
- Round #2: Late Spring: Balanced, slow-release fertilizer and broadleaf weed control
- Round #3: Summer – slow-release fertilizer and broadleaf weed control, as needed
- Round #4: Late Summer – slow-release fertilizer and broadleaf weed control.
- Round #5: Fall - slow-release fertilizer and broadleaf weed control.

Grub Control: Season long control of white grubs

Planning new landscaping? Plantings?

Please submit any proposed landscaping plans to the HOA Board President, earleol@aol.com, with specific materials listing and a drawing of the proposed work (PDF format). Board may request plan be staked out for their review. Pre-approval must be obtained before work can begin.

Planning new exterior renovations?

Any construction changes to the exterior of your home needs to be approved by the Lake Reserve Architectural Board. Please contact Earle Olson with any questions.



Reminder about tidying up after your dogs

Just a reminder to always pick up after your dog, recognize that we are not the only folks walking their dogs on Forest Lake, Falcon Ridge and Eagle Point and hoping our signage reminds all to be good neighbors will help.



Medina Speedway---Better Known As Lake Forest Trail

The Board has submitted a letter to the Medina Township Trustees calling their attention, once again, to the speeding on Lake Forest Trail. In the letter the request was made for additional speed limit signage on Lake Forest Trail between the north Falcon Ridge Drive entrance and the southern Falcon Ridge Drive entrance. The Trustees have acknowledged our letter and have contacted appropriate township departments to review. Additionally, requesting police presence to deter speeding (police monitoring has occurred)

Any questions or concerns please contact a Board member, we look forward to continuing to serve our community.

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