

Project Update News from Grand Haven CDD

Common Area Landscape Renovation and Rejuvenation

As announced in the e-blast of 5/27/10, the Grand Haven CDD has embarked upon a multi-year program to redesign the common area landscape to an upscale, high-end yet environmentally and Florida Friendly condition.

Daniel Minton, Account Manager, and Scott Barnes, Senior Account Manager, have been newly appointed by Austin Outdoors to supervise the project.

Daniel has provided the following update:

“We are steadily progressing with the enhancement projects at the Main and South Gates. By the middle of this week, we will have finished all plant removal and demolition at both entrances. Immediately following, we will begin transplanting trees from throughout the community to the Main Entrance. We expect to finish these transplants by Thursday midday. Once these transplants are done, we will proceed with the plant layout and planting at the Main Gate. All planting should be completed on the Main Gate by the end of this week. Mulch will follow for the Main Gate next week. Therefore, the Main Gate should be entirely completed by the middle of next week.

At the beginning of next week, we will commence transplanting trees from throughout the community for the South Gate. Transplanting will be followed by plant layout and planting on the South Gate. We expect to complete all planting on the South Gate by the end of next week. Mulch will follow that following week (the week of June 21, 2010).

I know we are all looking forward to the aesthetic enhancements these projects will bring. We appreciate the community’s patience as we work to complete these projects.”

The end result of the entire project will be a beautiful landscape, which will also save money in reduced maintenance, reduced water and fertilizer demand, and less negative impacts on our storm water ponds due to run-off from the surrounding common area landscape.

More detailed information can be found on the CDD Website: www.grandhavencdd.org. Click the Reports and Forms page and go to the Common Area Landscape Section.

Wildfire Mitigation

Timber Weller, Florida Division of Forestry Wild Fire Mitigation Specialist/Ranger, reports that the contract for Phase 2 of the project is currently out for bid. Phase 2 will include areas requiring either machine underbrush mowing, as was done before, or hand cutting in areas inaccessible to the machines.

Timber is anticipating the contract to be awarded by the end of June and underbrush mowing or hand cutting to commence in July.

Information regarding this project, including notes and maps of areas to be treated in Phase 2, can be found on the CDD Website, www.grandhavencdd.org. Click on Reports and Forms page and go to the Wildfire Mitigation Initiative Section.