
From: flintledge_board@googlegroups.com on behalf of Cliff M. Blondes [CliffBlondes@uReach.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2007 6:10 PM
To: flintledge_board@googlegroups.com; 'Ken & Gayle'
Subject: flintledge_board:1243] Re: City of Rockville Forester - Issues and Meeting - Tree Trimming, Berm/Entrance Maintenance, White Pines, Listing Tree

I met this morning with the City Forester, Wayne Noll, and Dwayne Jenkins, our Neighborhood Resources Coordinator, and discussed the issues identified below. The following are my notes from the meeting:

1. Request that the City of Rockville trim the Single Family Housing right-of-way trees from a safety standpoint, citing blocking of the light posts, overhanging the road, blocking view of drivers, hitting bike riders, etc., with the idea of the City picking up the cost:

Please see my earlier e-mail today to the Forrester and his response. I will recommend at the general meeting of the members that legal counsel be retained to evaluate a possible counter-argument. He suggested citing the homeowners under our HOA documents.

2. Opinion on what needs to be done with the pine trees between the townhouses where Clayton and William live, including drainage or the acidity of the soil:

With respect to the White Pines, the Forester thought they were in good condition given their age and tendency decline over time ("White Pine Decline") and need not be removed at this time. He suggested that the dead branches be removed and the areas overhanging onto private property be trimmed. He reminded us that any tree with a diameter of 12 inches or more requires a permit to remove. He also said that in the event that the trees were removed we would have to seek a variance from the existing Approved Landscape Plan in order to replace with something different and they will provide us with a copy for our files.

He thought that the Leyland Cypress recently used to replace was a good choice because it tolerates moisture conditions. He noticed that the northern most Leyland Cypress had bagworm infestation that should either be picked off or sprayed (I have told Superior Landscaping about it).

3. Advise on what plants will be best for the weather conditions for the common areas, especially the entrance:

The Forrester thought that the plants presently used in the front entrance area were a good choice as they are shade tolerant and thrive in acidic soil.

4. Whether the Large Tree on the Rear of the Property Located at 2403 McCormick Road is in danger of falling:

In order to determine whether it is likely to fall the roots need to be examined. In the past this was done by digging out the dirt around the roots that could and would cause damage. A new process called "Root Collar Excavation" has been developed that uses forced air to remove the dirt without damage to the root. Only a few contractors have this equipment. While he cannot give referrals, he spoke highly of the City's current contractor, Pogo Tree Experts in Olney, that has the equipment and when asked, said that they certainly are qualified to bid on the next contract RFP. Unfortunately, he thought it might cost a few hundred dollars to get the test done. Needless to say, that cost has to be weighed against the approximately \$600 to have the tree removed. I think that the letter needs to be sent to the owner outlining what we have found out and giving them the option of either removing the tree or getting a test from a licensed tree expert concluding that it is not unsafe.

5. Front Entrance Area Ownership and Maintenance:

Please see my earlier e-mail today to Dwayne Jenkins on these issues. He will be working with Diane Fasolina (Amy's successor) on this issue. Unless we hear otherwise, I think it is fair to say that the City owns this area and FLECA was granted permission to plant and maintain plants but not trim trees.

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From: flintledge_board@googlegroups.com [mailto:flintledge_board@googlegroups.com] **On Behalf Of** Cliff M. Blondes
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2007 11:54 AM
To: 'Ken & Gayle'
Cc: flintledge_board@googlegroups.com
Subject: flintledge_board:1030] City of Rockville Forester - Issues and Meeting

Gayle, thanks for the update.

HEY, please include the entire Board by sending to flintledge_board@googlegroups.com and try to keep the same e-mail thread running. I copied and pasted all that I could find into this one so that we can just review the most recent e-mail to have all issues concerning the City Forester in one place. THANKS.

My notes reflect that you are attempting to accomplish the following with the City Forester:

1. Approach the Forester about Rockville needing to trim the Single Family Housing trees from a safety standpoint, citing blocking of the light posts, overhanging the road, blocking view of drivers, hitting bike riders, etc., with the idea of the City picking up the cost;
2. Obtain an opinion on what needs to be done with the pine trees between the townhouses where Clayton and William live, including drainage or the acidity of the soil;
3. Advise on what plants will be best for the weather conditions for the common areas, especially the entrance; and
4. Whether the Large Tree on the Rear of the Property Located at 2403 McCormick Road is in danger of falling.

Unfortunately, I will be gone the entire week of the first week of April. I would like to attend this meeting and request that you schedule it for the second week of April. During the second week of April I am UNABLE to attend during the following dates and time:

Tuesday, 4/10 until 11:30 am

Thursday, 4/12 until noon

Thanks

Cliff

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From: Ken & Gayle [mailto:gkbrooks@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2007 5:17 PM
To: CliffBlondes@ureach.com
Cc: 'Brian Rogers'

Subject: RE: flintledge_board:1013] FlintLedge RE: 2455 McCormick Road - Mis-matched roofing shingles on front

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Cliff, I spoke with Dwayne last week. The forester plans to visit during the first week of April. He will have a better idea of what is alive by that time in the season. I will let you know when I have a specific date and time. Take care.

From: Ken & Gayle [mailto:gkbrooks@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 9:22 PM
To: CliffBlondes@ureach.com
Cc: flintlodge_board@googlegroups.com
Subject: RE: FlintLedge: city forester

Cliff, since this message I have not heard from Dwayne, but we have not had good weather on several Fridays. I have left him a message for an update. I will keep you posted.

-----Original Message-----

From: Cliff M. Blondes [mailto:CliffBlondes@uReach.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 1:49 PM
To: 'Ken & Gayle'
Cc: flintlodge_board@googlegroups.com
Subject: RE: FlintLedge: city forester

Gayle, can you give us an update on this and please "reply to all" so that the entire Board is included. (In fact, it would be great if you deleted my personal e-mail address so that I don't get it twice).

Thanks
Cliff

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From: Ken & Gayle [mailto:gkbrooks@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2007 5:15 PM
To: 'Cliff M. Blondes'
Subject: FlintLedge: city forester

-----Original Message-----

From: DJenkins@rockvillemd.gov [mailto:DJenkins@rockvillemd.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2007 11:25 AM
To: Ken & Gayle
Subject: RE:

Gayle:

Thanks for the response. I will check with the City Forester to see if he available on Friday and will get back to you as soon as I hear from him.

Thanks,
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Neighborhood Resource Coordinator
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From: Ken & Gayle [mailto:gkbrooks@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 28, 2007 9:32 AM
To: 'Cliff M. Blondes'
Subject: FlintLedge: city forester

Cliff, I am waiting to hear from Dwayne regarding a visit from Mr. Noll. I will keep you psted. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: DJenkins@rockvillemd.gov [mailto:DJenkins@rockvillemd.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 24, 2007 4:07 PM
To: Gayle Brooks
Subject:

Gayle:

I spoke with the City Forester about doing a walk through of the community. Mr. Noll is available anytime of the day, providing it is within business hours (8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.). As you can imagine, Mr. Noll said that now is a good time of the year , for he is not too busy.

When would you be available to meet with the City Forester?

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