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Rain:

We are currently short on our rainfall amounts for this time of year. Now is the time to give some supplemental water to trees and plants that need it.

I highly suggest that people look into getting rain barrels to put under their scuppers. I have them and have collected 200 gallons of water so far. There are many decorative rain barrels that match the style of our townhomes.

If you would like some suggestions as to where to look for rain barrels, please feel free to reach out to the landscape committee.

Projects:

There have been many projects that have been started and are ongoing as well as some that have been completed. The neighborhood nursery area has been created outside the pool area. There were over 40 cactus, and 5 saguaros moved to the nursery area as a holding area to await transplanting. Those cacti have all been planted and we have moved more cactus to the nursery area to await planting.

If any one wishes to donate cactus or cactus starts to our nursery please contact the landscape committee.**

The front of the pool has been cleaned up, junipers removed, dead plant material removed, Texas rangers removed, ground reworked for water retention and rock waterways redone. Nandinas have been planted on the north side to match the South side to make the area more aesthetically pleasing.

Many people have asked what has been happening and where the crews are now. The focus the first year is to remove all dead rotting material, fire hazards, rodent infested materials, downed branches, trash, invasive grasses and Texas rangers and other bushes that require extensive trimming that takes a large portion of our budget to accomplish.

What has been accomplished:

The removal of 85 Texas Rangers. We have about 40 more that need to be removed.

The few Texas Rangers that will be left will be in areas that they can be regenerated and allowed to grow to their natural size for more profusion of bloom and health.

The Rosmarino corridor has been cleaned up, Texas Rangers removed and harvested cactus put in their place. All the cactus that were planted on Rosmarino were harvested from natural areas. There was not a single cactus that was purchased.

Rosmarino is complete other than rock for street scaping that needs to be placed.

Common area- The common area along Rosmarino and down in the drainage area has been cleaned of downed branches, invasive grasses, and dead material. The waterway has been re-dug to allow the water to move through there and on down to the larger drainage basin, rather than flowing over the road which it was doing.

Trees are being trimmed and mistletoe removed from the palo verdes and the mesquites that were in the common area along Rosmarino and along the common area behind Via Vigna.

The common area on the south side of the property along the dirt road will be cleaned up, invasive grasses removed, prickly pear taken out, trees limbed up, and mistletoe removed from them. This will be completed by the end of March.

Continuing progress: The common area (wash east of Strada de Rubino) and the common area on the south east end of Strada de Rubino will be cleaned up by the end of April.

May 1 forward the crews will focus on cleaning Territory up, removing rotted and infested material. They will remove inappropriate plant material that requires a considerable amount of trimming and continue to ready the area for replanting.

The heat is coming, it is already getting to be the time of year where replanting areas with appropriate material will not be possible. Replanting and harvesting of material needs to take place during the cooler months (November-March) for it to establish itself.

The crews have made tremendous progress. With a one-year timeline in place they will be done with the bulk of the cleaning out by the end of summer.

The crews can then focus on rebuilding waterways that actually move water, and getting areas prepped for replanting.

Dumpster- The dumpster in the neighborhood is for vegetative material and our landscape crews use only. So far, over 10 dumpster loads of material have been removed from the neighborhood. Huge progress!

Reminders:

Clippings- please do not throw your yard waste over your walls into common areas or into wash areas. This is still happening, and the crews must take extra time to pick this up which takes away from the time that they could use cleaning the neighborhood.

Cigarette butts and trash- There have been a fair amount of cigarette butts and trash items cleaned up in parking areas and areas surrounding parking areas. Please keep these areas clean. Do not throw cigarette butts out in any area in the neighborhood. If you have visitors using these areas, please notify them as well.

Common areas- The common areas are for everyone in the neighborhood to use and walk through. Please make sure that trees, bushes etc. on private property are trimmed up and not encroaching on common area.

If you would like to plant in the common area you will need to submit a request to the landscape committee for approval. The request form can be found on our neighborhood website under landscaping.

Trees- Please keep your trees trimmed up 13" off the street, and back from the street so that trash trucks and other vehicles can get under them.

We are aware that we have many elderly residents in the neighborhood. If you need a hand, let the landscape committee know and we will try to get some volunteers together to help.

And THANK YOU!!

A huge thank you to the following people:

Champa Carr for donating the beautiful cactus that is planted outside the pool area.

Mary Lou Higgins for the large dessert spoon that was donated out of her yard.

Lesley Roberts for spending countless hours helping me trim and clean up areas in between townhomes.

Jim Olsen for helping trim bushes and for donating cactus starts to the neighborhood.

The landscape committee (**Betty Brainerd, Jim Olsen, Claire Connolly**) for spending countless hours developing a master plan for the neighborhood and a list of plant materials to be used going forward.

A final thank you to all homeowners for your patience as we work through the cleanup of neglected areas.