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# AROUND the GROUNDS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CASA DI AMICI COMMUNITY'S LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

## LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE ROLE

This group of community volunteers coordinates landscaping needs of our condo community with the contracted landscaping company within an annual budget provided by the board. Areas of responsibility include: trimming, mowing, sod, tree and shrub removal and replacement, mulch, and irrigation repairs.

## 2026 PRIORITIES

While we are committed to keeping our grounds as beautiful and lush as possible, past and present drought conditions, hurricanes, plantings exceeding their prime, an aging irrigation system and budget constraints all have an impact on our landscaping.

With these factors in mind, the landscaping committee has established the following priorities for 2026:

- **Ensuring the irrigation system is mapped out and working properly** must be the top priority. Having a properly documented and functioning irrigation system is critical to making our grounds look their best.
- **Other issues** (not in any specific order) include: tree trimming, shrub and sod replacement, mulch, cutting out and trimming garden beds and establishing regular communications with residents.

## LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**CHAIR:** Lorraine Chimento

**MEMBERS:** Judy Eppard, Kathy Donatucci, Neil Fai, Deb Sauders, Carolyn Washburn, Sherry Jasper, Mary Eve, Al Faella

## EXPERT'S CORNER

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PROMOTING AWARENESS ABOUT LANDSCAPING TOPICS

### PALM TRIMMING

The best time to trim palm trees is during their active growth phase (May - June). This allows for quick healing and reduced stress. Trimming in late fall or winter can cause cold damage and nutrient loss.

Late spring/early summer trimming enables the tree to recover quickly and prepares it for hurricane season by removing heavy, old fronds. Only brown, dead fronds, flower stalks, and fruit pods are typically removed. Removing green fronds (those above the 9 and 3 o'clock position) stresses the tree and limits its ability to create food. Dead fronds can be removed at anytime.

## PLEASE AND THANK YOU!

- Remember to pick up after your furry friends.
- Remind contractors and visitors to **NOT PARK ON THE GRASS**. There are sprinkler heads buried in many places that could be damaged from car tires.
- Treat landscape workers respectfully. Do not report an issue to them, ask them to do a specific task or berate them.
- Remember landscape committee members are volunteering their time to benefit our community.
- **Report CDA landscaping concerns to [landscapingcda4@gmail.com](mailto:landscapingcda4@gmail.com). We will respond with a reply as quickly as possible.**