



SUMMER 2026

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 are limited to shrubbery and tree trimming; mowing and lawn care; sod, tree and shrub removal and replacement; mulch; and irrigation repairs.

DID YOU KNOW?

What should you do if you notice an irrigation issue on CDA property?

IN AN EMERGENCY, such as a sprinkler running non stop or a large leak, the best thing to do is to immediately contact **Brian Rivenbark, Community Association Manager, Sunstate Association Management Group**, which is our property management company.

Phone: 941-870-4920

Email: brian@sunstatemanagement.com

Address: 228 Ponce De Leon, Venice, FL

Website: <https://sunstatemanagement.com>

For non emergency landscaping or irrigation issues, please contact the CDA Landscaping Committee at landscaping4cda@gmail.com.



Live Oak Trimming

In mid June, 35 of the most needy live oaks on CDA's property were trimmed. There will be 3 oak-trimming phases. A second group of oaks will be done in 2027 and a final group in 2028. Each tree will receive a 3-year trim, meaning that it won't need to be trimmed again for 3 years. After phase 3 has been completed, the trimming cycle will repeat itself. There are 80 live oaks on CDA's property.



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Thinning out the canopies and cutting off or trimming back long limbs provides many benefits:

- Helps keep our live oak trees healthy and makes them less susceptible to storm damage
- Promotes healthy turf by allowing filtered sunlight to reach previously heavily shaded areas
- Helps protect properties from storm damage caused by tree limbs, denies roof access to wildlife and discourages surface mold formation

Oak leaf mulching - This was done in June to reduce the amount of fallen live oak leaves laying in the grass, which can smother it.

Semi-annual palm tree trimming - This was done in May, in advance of hurricane season, to remove dead fronds, fruit pods as well as fronds too close to roofs, lanais and windows.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Reclinata palm base trimming - This will be done in the coming weeks to remove the bushy undergrowth at the bottom of several of these lush palms scattered along the perimeter of our neighborhood. This trimming will create a more manicured appearance.

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE CHAIR: Deb Sauders **MEMBERS:** Nancy Bloms, Lorraine Chimento, Kathy Donatucci, Judy Eppard, Mary Eve, Al Faella, Neil Fair, Carolyn Washburn

Have a CDA landscaping question or concern? Email landscaping4cda@gmail.com.