

UPDATE ON LAWN MAINTENANCE

From Howard Weisberg, President

The Board is dedicated to the upcoming budget process. Part of the early process is taking look at existing contracts for possible savings. I have been taking walking tours of the neighborhood for a while and looking at the properties. I do not think it is a secret that our lawns are not looking great. There is a pretty large infestation of weeds. We are paying quite a bit of money for weed control and fertilization. It is obvious that it is not getting the desired results. The current vendor, Extreme Pest Control is utilizing zones for weed control. That does not seem to be working. All Florida, the low bidder, is capable of doing a blanket weed control treatment of all Leisureville to kill the weeds more effectively at one time.

I had asked Bill Cipriani to start getting bids from different vendors, we received bids, a couple no responses and the current vendor price. The leading contender, All Florida Pest Control, submitted a bid that will save over \$10,000 because he would supply his own chemicals.

At no cost to BLCA, All Florida tested our soil in several places No one can remember the last time our soil was tested. An interpretation of his results are as follows:

“I received the soil sample results back today. Your soil is very poor and is not retaining any of the nutrients, which cause it to leach into the lake. Your Nitrogen levels are not the issue it seems your Phosphorus levels are what causing the blooms. The (P) levels are high and with the soil not holding any of the nutrients it goes into the lake cause algal blooms.

I am prepared and have a plan in place to rebuild your soil to retain nutrients and bring it back to proper healthy soil. This will build the soil to hold nutrients instead of them running through the soil. Also, we will use products that do not add any more phosphorus to the lawn to slow down the leaching while the rebuilding process is taking place. Also, in many areas the nutrient levels are either very high or very low.”

All Florida Pest Control has also submitted data sheets of the chemicals that would be used. They are extremely safe noncarcinogenic and do not contain phosphorous. Good news for the neighborhood pets. His bid includes an increase in the number of fertilizations and amendments to the soil.

I have also talked to Yusef the vendor for lake maintenance. We hope to institute a plan involving lake maintenance, lawn maintenance and watering into a more organized attack on the weed problem and algae blooms. We are working for a healthier community for lakes, residents and pets. An added bonus would be a better control of nitrogen due to the amended improved soil and improvement for the ocean and environment.

I would like the Board to vote on this by Zoom if possible. Bill Cipriani is sending out all copies of the bids to Board members. I will talk to Jim Holmes and determine if we could set up a Zoom meeting and open it to residents. I would like to get this completed before the rainy season for a better result.

Howard Weisberg

President Boynton Leisureville Board of Directors

Sincerely,

William Cipriani
Property Manager