



**NEWS
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THE
NEIGHBORHOOD**

June 15, 2008

We are trying to figure out how to get news to you in a timely way without incurring the costs associated with too many mailings. Each mailing costs approximately \$115.00 just for postage. Since we cannot put any unofficial notices in our mail boxes or under the red flags, we need suggestions for where we can leave community notices. The Landscaping Committee has divided the neighborhood into six zones and its members are agreeable to hand deliver notices, however we have to work out the logistics of printing, etc. Initially we will post notices on the website, although we know not everyone has access, but we are relying on you to share information with those who do not.

- ⇒ Currently the sprinkling system is on a three day per week schedule, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, and runs approximately between the hours of 3:00 am to 9:00 am in 30-minute segments. In order to take advantage of substantial rains and to save on watering expenses, the system is sometimes manually turned on and off. Members of the Landscaping Committee have volunteered to do this as the need arises and they can be seen walking around the neighborhood. If you notice any sprinkling activity outside of the above schedule, or any damaged sprinklers, please report it to Peter Bylen at 800-990-3536, extension 310.
- ⇒ Mastercut will begin trimming bushes that were originally provided with your home the week of June 23rd. If you wish to have them trim any personal bushes at your own expense, please contact Todd Dykstra at 708-878-1831.
- ⇒ Forever Green will begin applying a granular grub control to the landscape beds around June 16th, and then they will do a separate application to the lawns in mid-July. Hopefully, this will help to eliminate the Japanese beetle population. In September, the lawns will get a general fertilizer with weed control and our last application for the year will be in late October/early November, which will be a winterizer with nitrogen to get us through the winter.
- ⇒ Finally, the Landscaping Committee has prepared a list of plants, trees and shrubs to consider when you are planning some additional landscaping. They tried to select plants with color, that would not grow very big, and would be easy to maintain. These lists can be viewed on our Website under the Exterior Modification Request section. Please take into consideration any maintenance issues related to gutters, siding and roof shingles that would be created by what you do, and most importantly, complete the Application for Exterior Modification, send it to Peter Bylen, and wait for approval and a permit to display in your window before you start.