

Crown Harbor Landscape Annual Report 2013

The following is a summary of the work that has been done this past year. We once again would like to thank the Crown Harbor residents for their suggestions and comments. We also thank the HOA Board for their continued support.

Tree Removal and Replanting: We continue to have pine trees, pear and acacia trees either die or fall down. As they die or get sick they are removed. We also lost the large willow tree in the front lawn area. That stump has been ground and additional plantings will take place once the sawdust and wood chip compost a bit.

Front Gate: The area at the entrance is looking much improved. There will be some additional plantings done this spring.

Queens and Kings Road: Work to prune and remove overgrown bushes and tree along two roads was continued this year. This action has given us better water coverage and opened up two very large over grown areas along our property lines.

Hard Pruning: More cut back and pruning of bushes along both of the large lawn area has been done with the intent of opening up the bushes, finding sprinkler heads and adding new plants.

Sprinklers: Our old system continues to give us problems. We have had to fix several broken main laterals. The cause usually is just old age or a tree root lifting the pipe. The old backflow anti-siphon valves continue to fail. If residents see a sprinkler zone sticking on, or a lateral line gushing water try to contact David Eck at 522-5010 before calling Massingham. There are manual turn-off valves and we can save the cost of an emergency visit from Massingham.

Water Conservation: The Committee has continued to plant drought tolerant plants. We are currently trying to limit out watering days. The efforts to save water saves our HOA money and also keeps us in line with the environmental goals EBMUD suggests for us. We have successfully met their goals. This year promises to be a limited water year and some water restriction may be put in place. Crown Harbor will continue to do our part to conserve a valuable resource.

Mulch and Compost: The work during prior "Mulch Madness" days has resulted in many areas of the grounds having a very nice layer of mulching material. It has helped with the watering needs, our weed control and provides a very pleasing look. This year's version was done in early March. The main effort of the volunteer who showed eager to work was to upgrade the areas along the Bay Path. The 10 yards of material really spruced up those areas. Many thanks to those who volunteered to work on a nice Saturday morning.

Resident Plantings: Before making major changes or new plantings in any common spaces check with the Committee for approval. The main concerns are the size of the plants, maintenance requirement, and water needs.

Reserve Account: The Committee was able to cut cost and transfer much need funds to the reserve account.

Respectively submitted, the Landscaping Committee