

The Fleetwood Board of Directors has approved the following, effective immediately (April 4, 2019).

To date, we have no grounds committee chairperson following the resignation of Janet Marshall who has moved away from Fleetwood. However a group of volunteers has come forward to act as a “steering committee “for the grounds we enjoy at Fleetwood. The group reviewed and discussed many aspects of grounds maintenance. The drainage improvement project has left the fronts of our buildings and soon the backs of the buildings refreshed. To help with weed control black landscaping fabric has been placed under the rocks and mulch in fronts and island areas. Preservation of the landscape fabric barrier is important for reducing maintenance costs. The group is working to create a landscaping plan with the guidance of experts who can assist us in decisions for a unified, low maintenance, slow growing look to carry us forward.

The steering committee came to these conclusions and recommends to the board the following:

1. previous agreements between building neighbors on who cares for what areas around the building are null and void
2. Fleetwood assumes control of all building fronts and island areas between driveways
3. a moratorium is in place on ALL in- ground planting until August
4. the committee will revisit the planting moratorium at the end of July to re-evaluate the effectiveness of this practice
5. live plants in pots may be added to the front beds or used elsewhere around buildings, leaving the pots above ground, or under the roof overhangs as per the yard art guidelines (found on the website in “New Postings”)

Between now and the end of July the committee will seek out experts who can advise us on an overall plan for the building fronts and islands. The goals are to allow newly planted materials to grow and to avoid random planting in the ground.

Your cooperation is appreciated in advance as we move into spring and summer.

Kathleen B. Simkin for the Fleetwood Board of Directors.