

SYCAMORE HOMES ASSOCIATION

c/o Homeowner Association Services
2266 Camino Ramon
San Ramon, CA 94583
(925) 830-4848-Office/ (925) 830-0252-Fax
rritter@hoaservices.net

June 9, 2021

To All Homeowners,

Pool Update

Effective June 15, 2021, all Contra Costa County Environmental Health Services Department Covid Restrictions at the pools will be lifted. There will be no social distancing, no pool reservations, no masks, no pool monitor requirements and no capacity limitations. **All areas of the pool and recreational facilities will be open for use.**

Landscape Update

Following a walk-thru with Artistic Landscape, who took over the Association's landscape services May 1st, the new Landscape Committee and management, to assess the condition of the property and prioritize projects, Sycamore would like to provide homeowners with a landscape update. The park grass has a lifespan of 20 years and it has been more than 40 since it was planted. A lot of clover has crept in over the years and grass has died off where tree roots have taken over and it can't grow. In addition, following last year's irrigation pump failure, the parks still have many brown areas. Due to the summer heat, increasing EBMUD costs and their recent request to voluntarily cut water usage 10%, we will not re-seed until the fall.

Where grass has died off in a shady area to the left of the Park Hill playground entrance to the park, in an effort to both reduce grass and water usage and improve aesthetics, sweet woodruff ground cover will be planted and decomposed granite will be added around the tree bases. This may then be replicated in other areas of the parks. Decomposed granite will also be added to the "triangle" area around the wood post, near the 559 and 567 Old Orchard entrance to the park, which gets muddy every winter. The main pool area is also scheduled to be improved. Dead or missing boxwoods will be replaced and ivy will be added where it is missing. Shrubs will also be added along the fence line where they are absent.

Considerations for improvements include installing irrigation in the round planters in the main park so that plants versus just bulbs may be added and planting more ivy around the Tweed Drive side and parking lot sides of the annex, which are barren. Long-term improvements include renovation of the mound along Tweed Drive near the annex parking lot and tennis courts to match the plantings around the clubhouse and renovating the Old Orchard and Camino Tassajara entrance to the Association.

As we only have \$15,000 allocated in the budget for improvements each year. Projects will need to be prioritized. This year those funds might be spent on getting our parks green again and smaller projects mentioned above to help keep Sycamore beautiful. The committee will continue to meet regularly and make those decisions.

EBMUD Update

EBMUD as requested a 10% voluntary water reduction of all of its customers. We ask all owners to balance this reduction for the condition of your yard. We will continue to conduct monthly drive thru's to ensure everyone is upholding the standards of Sycamore but will be reasonable in our approach.

If you have any questions, please contact the Sycamore Office or our property management team, Homeowner Association Services.

Sincerely,

Sycamore Homes Association Board of Directors