

Landscape Report ♦ October 2022

On September 28 Hurricane Ian hit landfall. There was a storm surge filled with debris that came within a foot of Sandy Pines condo doors. The grounds, parking lots and pool were flooded and covered with debris. Professional Green Care Landscaping began charging a hurricane clean up fee of \$350/hour to clean up. Volunteer cleanup crews led by Joe and Karen included Chris McLaughlin & Louise Taylor (15330#203), Joe & Connie Labella (15470 #101), Arlene Manta (15400 #202), Tam Carlson (15400 #103), Bill & Sandy Stopps (15330 #101), Dave Johnson (15330 #102), and Mark Phillips (15400#104). They put in many hours of volunteer work saving Sandy Pines thousands of dollars.

The debris was moved to the entrance of the driveways and hauled away by Copeland Disposal the week of October 10.

The pumps and control boxes for both the pool and grounds irrigation were affected by the flooding. Mike Heiser is currently doing repairs with the help of Joe and Mark. The pump for the 15470 building needed to have a relay and the control box replaced. That work was done on Friday October 14. We are not sure how much the motor of the pump was compromised. The pump is currently working.

The pump for the 15450/15400 buildings needed the control box replaced and a broken pipe fixed. That work was completed on Tuesday October 18. We are not sure how much the pump motor was compromised. The pump is currently working.

The pump for the 15330/325 buildings has a problem with the power line that runs from the pump to the control box. The 300 foot power line needs to be replaced and involves digging a trench through the palmettos—not an easy task. Parts to do that replacement have been ordered and we are awaiting delivery.

The life expectancy of the pumps has probably been shortened due to the flood.

The motor for the pool pump/filter was replaced by Mark Phillips and the pool is currently up and running.

Once the irrigation is up and running the pending landscaping project is to landscape the area around the sidewalk to the pool. It will involve bringing in fill, putting in plants and resodding that area. There are several other areas around

Sandy Pines that need to be resodded and those areas will be looked at as well.
Bids are being requested and will be submitted to the board for approval.

Hopefully we will have Sandy Pines looking as good as new soon!

For the Landscape Committee,
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