

August 28, 2015

Dear Turtle Creek Resident,

Our entrance islands landscaping has served us well for over 30 years – 10 years longer than expected – and is now clearly in need of refreshing. The Homeowners Association Board of Directors has set aside a portion of association dues paid in recent years in anticipation of this project. A Landscaping Committee was formed earlier this year and they have reviewed designs from 4 vendors. One plan stood out in its adherence to our core design principles: beautiful in both the near and long term, with interest throughout the seasons; incorporation of a winding dry creek bed; use of drought tolerant plants; easy/low cost to maintain; and priced within budget.

At our annual meeting this year, we will formally seek your approval to proceed with this project.

Between now and then, the plan will be shared with Turtle Creek residents and key City of Novi resources to validate the design approach and lay the groundwork for implementation in spring 2016. There are many details to work out. For example, the current sign posts are compromised. Replacing and moving the signs closer to the road to improve visibility requires two variances from Novi's Zoning Board of Appeals, which the Landscaping Committee will seek at their September 15 meeting.

If you live within 300' of the entrance islands, you will likely receive a letter from the City of Novi notifying you of our variance requests so that you may provide your input should you choose to do so. Several of you have already expressed support; thank you.

On Monday, August 31, members of the Landscaping Committee will be at the Meadowbrook entrance island at 6:30 p.m. and the 9 Mile entrance island at 7 p.m. to answer any questions you may have. Please stop by to look at the proposed design; we welcome your comments and questions. In case of rain, the meet-up will be held on September 3rd.

We are actively working to get information up on the Turtle Creek web site, in our next newsletter, at the upcoming subdivision picnic, and at the annual meeting. Feel free to contact members of the Landscaping Committee directly with your questions.

The Homeowners Association Board of Directors, in its stewardship role of the Turtle Creek subdivision, believes that maintaining welcoming, beautiful entrances attracts potential homeowners and has a positive effect on our property values. Thank you for the many things you do to make Turtle Creek a wonderful place to live, and for the confidence you place in us.

Sincerely,

The Turtle Creek Landscaping Committee

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