



This is the \_\_\_\_\_ edition of the 2017 e-newsletter for the Villas at Andover HOA. Below is an update on the board's activities and projects since March.

## BOARD ACTIVITIES

1. **Landscape Maintenance for 2017:** We think **Great Scapes** is doing good job of taking care of the lawns. Its been a very wet spring and early summer, and our contractor has been mowing almost every week. Because of the change in the contract pricing, we seem to be running a bit ahead of the schedule developed that would allow us to stretch the 27 mowings over the season. At the urging of Great Scapes, we will need to reduce the frequency of the mowings beginning this month (July). Look for the mowers every 10 days or so through July and August. The good news is that they have been mowing the lawns very long (4-5") which helps the grass tolerate the summer heat. It also would be a good idea to hope for a little LESS rain during this time frame☺

On a related note, we have had to repair the sprinkler system on the north end of the street (the circle). It should now be operational.

If you have any issues with the service, be sure to bring it to Gregg Slater's attention. He has been doing a great job of communicating our needs and desires with the contractor.

2. **Update on Andover Country Club Status:** As most of you know, there have been multiple meetings with the members of the Andover communities. I hope you had an opportunity to attend one or more of the meetings. If you are unaware of the "framework" we have been trying implement to assure a stake for all homeowners in the future, a video of the major community-wide meeting is available on the Andover Hills website ([www.andover.org](http://www.andover.org)). You will need a passwork to get to the meeting video, so if you do not have one, simply sign up and you will be assigned one. Our attorney, Nathan Billings, has been doing a yoaman's job of representing our interests in the numerous legal proceedings that have occurred in the past 3 months.

The course remains closed, but Whitaker Bank has been mowing the course property for the past 2 and a half months. They are not maintaining it as a golf course, but have hired Danny McQueen as a consultant to assure the communities of Andover that the course will not sustain irreputable damage over the summer. The previous greenskeeper is providing oversight to the mowing crew.

Unfortunately, the legal battle between Whitaker Bank and Ball Homes-Troy Thompson/Lochmere Development continues to preclude any resolution to the situation and is currently preventing the Bank for selling the property to anyone. We continue to be hopefull for a resolution this late summer/fall so the course can reopen next spring.

- 3. Architectural Committee:** The committee will be providing their recommendations to the board for action at its next meeting in August. As was the case last year, many owners have been busy making repairs and updates to their homes this spring and early summer. In general, the properties on the street have never looked so good. Thank you to all who have invested in their homes this year. This goes a long way toward keeping our home values as high as possible.

## REMINDERS

1. If you are planning to make updates or repairs to the exterior of your home that will change the original appearance, please let the architectural committee know **before** you begin the project. A form to describe the proposed changes and completion instructions are available on our website [www.villasatandover.com](http://www.villasatandover.com). If you have questions as to whether any project requires review, ask Lee Sims. We are very fortunate to have such a top-notch, community involved architect as a neighbor.
2. Parking is always an issue on Andover Village Place. Although we were annexed as part of the city, it is a **very narrow street**. Thursday night/Friday parking is always a challenge because the trash trucks need extra room to maneuver. The three rules for parking on the street are:
  - don't park in front of someone else's drive;
  - don't park directly opposite another car;
  - and don't park in front of a mailbox during the daytime or on the street on trash pickup days (Fridays).
3. And finally, watch your speed as you drive up and down the street. Even though school is not in session, and we still have a number of children on the street. So please be careful as you drive and while backing out of your driveway.

Have a wonderful rest of the Summer!

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