

What We Did This Week (4-10 thru 4-15)

- **Mowing:**
 - o **Crew 1** completed the mowing for Area 2 starting on Patriotic, Independence, Cascabel, and Salient E. They then moved to Area 1 mowing Antebellum, Bugler, Battle Flag, Infantry, Grey Place, Schooner, and Calibre. They then went back to Area 2 mowing N. Privateer, Palisade, Sutler and Palisade.
 - o **Crew 2** completed the mow for Area 2 beginning on S. Privateer and Paixham. They then moved to Area 4 mowing Southern Way moving to Area 3 to mow Bastion South, Citadel, Salient W., Scout, March, and Dahlgren.
 - o **Crew 3** began in Area 5 completing the mow for the Clubhouse, the Sports Complex, and Rutland Rd. They then moved to Area 4 mowing Old Towne, Blockade, Inaugural, Cottonwood, Bastion, Cannon, Navy, and Battalion.
- **Irrigation:** Irrigation startups for the common areas has been completed, though the systems have not been activated at this time. You will notice orange flags around the property - these are marking items that need to be repaired or replaced and will be scheduled.

Plans for Next Week (4-17 thru 4-22)

- **Mowing:**
 - o **Crew 1** will start Area 1 mowing Antebellum, Bugler, Battle Flag, Infantry, Grey Place, Schooner, and Calibre. They will then mow Area 2 beginning on N. Privateer, Palisade, Sutler and Palisade, Patriotic, Independence, Cascabel, Salient E. S. Privateer and Paixham.
 - o **Crew 2** will start in Area 4 mowing Southern Way they will then move to Area 3 to mow Bastion South, Citadel, Salient W., Scout, March, and Dahlgren.
 - o **Crew 3** will start in Area 4 mowing Old Towne, Blockade, Inaugural, Cottonwood, Bastion, Cannon, Navy, and Battalion. They will then move to Area 5 mowing the Clubhouse, the Sports Complex, and Rutland Rd.
- **Round 2 Turf Apps:** Round 2 turf apps will begin on Wednesday the 19th. We will begin in Area 1 starting on Antebellum, moving to Area 4 beginning on Old Towne. This 2nd round will consist of both a pre-emergent and post-emergent for turf weed control along with an application of iron which will help with greening up the grass. You will notice signage on the corners of the streets where the application has been completed. This is to give notice that the area has been treated. Once the grass has dried it will be safe for you or your pets to walk on the grass, but until the area has dried, please keep yourself and your pets off the grass.

Upcoming Tasks

Flower beds will be changed out for the Spring/Summer with fresh color on Saturday, April 29th.

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Pine Straw

We have received several inquiries and LMR's on pine straw that has been blown out of the beds after it had been installed due to the weather. Please understand that once the pine straw has been put down in your beds, it is not the responsibility of BrightView to come back and put this straw back in your landscaped beds if it becomes dislodged. We are not able to control the weather, whether it is the rain, snow, or in this case the wind. You can try to water the straw to add some weight and help it settle into place. How much watering or for how long is up to you - there is not a guide for this, but it could help.

Items In Your Yard

Please be mindful of any items left in your yard such as garden hoses, electrical cords, dog cables and stakes, etc. The crews do their best to keep a lookout for these types of items, but it is each resident's responsibility to make sure there is nothing in the grass where the crews are mowing. When they notice these items, the crews cannot be expected to stop and move your property, nor should we be expected to repair or replace these items if they get damaged during the delivery of services. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in keeping the yard clear of any obstructions for our crews when they are mowing.

Freeze Damaged Plants/Trees

Question: What will the effects of December's zero-degree weather be on plants and gardens this spring?

Answer: We really won't know the effects until spring arrives.

Plants are just like us, plants adapt. But because the freeze happened so quickly, we might have problems, but we will not know until mid to late May. What can happen during the freeze was the water froze inside the cells of the plants which caused them to burst, so they did not have that winter preparation that they might otherwise have.

But it's not just the winter storm to blame, the brutal summer heat also heavily impacted plants. The unprecedented drought and heat temperatures that we experienced over the summer left plants in an already stressed state. So, if they're not healthy going into winter, for one it's already a big issue experiencing the freeze, but they're already weakened by the drought and the heat conditions that we saw over the summer.

U.T. Extension Agent, Amy Dunlap, said that plants are normally able to adapt as the temperatures gradually drop. However, with the drastic drop in temperature, they couldn't do so and were left defenseless. [U.T. Extension](#) is a part of the University of Tennessee Knoxville Institute of Agriculture, providing educational services and resources in agriculture and horticulture in all 95 counties of Tennessee.

Thank you, and have a great weekend!

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