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Hammocks Beautification Committee

**“TO HAVE COMMUNITY DRIVEN
PARTICIPATION, THAT RESULTS IN THE MOST
BEAUTIFUL COMMON AREA AND HOME
LANDSCAPING IN RIVER WILDERNESS”**



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Introduction:

The Hammocks Beautification Committee would like to communicate with our community to let them know what has been accomplished and what we would like to accomplish, to solicit more volunteers, to fund raise for small donations, and provide some helpful gardening tips.

The Committee has a core team and those members are listed in the right-hand column. However, we have ad hoc members who participate in cleaning our common areas in conjunction with committee members.

The Beautification Committee picks up where the BrightView landscaping contract ends.

2020 Projects Completed:

May -MRD circle rearranged pentas and added new



flowers at the base of the palm trees

May – Pond 44 (dead duck pond) common area – added bromeliads around the oak trees

May– Pool house roof – power washed the roof and added Spray N Forget

May – WFD oval – repositioned liriopes and added donated sun bromeliads and Hawaiian Ti plants for color.

June – Pool Landscaping – moved crotons to under the oak tree, moved the little palms trees to anchor pool corners, added liriopes to the existing pool hedge; lowered the back corner where the shower is to add either grass or pavers; trimmed hedges at the pool



parking lot entry and added sedums

June -- Pool Building – power washed and touch up painting completed; levelled the soil around the pool lanai to prevent dirt and debris to enter the pool deck, added edging and landscaping fabric (this area is still a



work in process)



June – WFD/MRD circle – added donated sun bromeliads to add color and anchor the entrances; found that the crotons were dying and were diseased with aphids- sprayed insecticide on all the crotons

July - MRD Fence area - added donated bromeliads in between the grasses



July – Pond 44 (dead duck pond) another moss clean- up day before the July 4th weekend

July – WFD jasmine area - added donated bromeliads to fill in the areas where the jasmines have died on the preserve side

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Beautification Committee Tip:

Attached is a PDF of the June 3rd email from Manatee County Agriculture and Extension Service, which has a link to Master Gardener e-newsletter, *The Garden Bench*, and there contact information

Source:



Announcements
from the Manatee C

Future Projects:

1. Monitoring, pruning, replacing as needed flowers at the pool area and other common areas.
2. Working with the Board to replace the dead flowers at the WFD/MRD circle to keep the circle in good condition.
3. Working with the Board to improve the perimeter of the pool deck with removing oak tree roots, adding edging, adding stones, and adding flowers.
4. Keeping the common areas at the pond area and the MRD/WFD area picked up: removing fallen twigs and moss.
5. Monthly scheduled clean up days.

Volunteers are welcome!

Donations are appreciated to buy paper bags, paint, fertilizer, etc.

Contact:

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Let us make the Hammocks Beautiful!!!!

Other ideas to get the community involved:

Start a 50/50 raffle to collect funds for the projects listed above. 1 ticket \$5; 6 tickets \$10

To replace the bench that broke on WFD overseeing Pond 41, we thought there may be a person or persons who would want to buy a new bench and dedicate it to a loved one or pet. A plaque would be displayed on the bench. Open this link to see:

<https://www.thebenchfactory.com/classic-park-benches>

Another item could be a donation for an oak tree and dedicated to the memory of a loved one or pet with a brick plaque at the foot of the tree. The Hammocks need to replace 2 oak trees on Pond 43.

Please let us know your thoughts on these ideas or if you have any other ideas. Contact hammocksbeautification@rwhoa.org