

Grounds Liaison's Report from September 1st to September 30st, 2019

The month of October is already here. Leonard Foreman is back and I have stepped in temporarily to form a Layweeder co-chair volunteer team. I will be available every Thursday afternoon to work with Leonard when he is available to address landscaping needs. Specifically we will be addressing our irrigation system with Leonard taking the lead.

Our volunteer sexton, Matt has been keeping an eye on the grounds for us. He lives onsite, so if there is a pressing concern any parishioner sees that need to be addressed, let me know and I will let him know via email, phone or visit.

Further inspection and work on the irrigation boxes is underway and will continue through October. Labeling with numbers is on the agenda and should be completed satisfactorily by the end of October. After a recent inspection it appears that there is a small leak of water into the cistern as indicated by the street level water meter and a slow flow of water into the cistern. One irrigation box is having an electrical issue resulting in four being turned off for now. We will address these issues soon.

The fencing project with the neighbor along Sailfish Dr. in the Sea Breeze condominiums is complete. Adam Grant of Grantscape has replaced a 46' section of our retaining wall and fence shared with Jeanne Pifferini along Sailfish Dr.. A section adjunct to the project on the left side has been reinforced with retaining wall material. Adam put in a lot of hard and skilled labor to build in our new fence. St. John's stepped up and did our neighborly and civic duty of paying our fair share. The cost to St. John's was about 4,250.00. Funds have come from a leftover medical fund for our retired rector Steve Ellis. Our finance committee has identified the available leftover funds and the Vestry has voted to use them to pay for the fence and retaining wall. We are living the Christian ideal of treating our neighbor like ourselves and paying our fair share.

Extra expenses are continuing to be accrued and I will need to make another budget increase request to the finance committee and Vestry soon in order to accomplish necessary items on the St. John's grounds.

As Vestry Grounds liaison I will continue to identify myself with a name badge indicating that I am the Vestry Grounds liaison at services. I typically attend the 9:15 adult formation and the 10:30 service. I will answer any parishioner's questions at any time. My contact information is in the Church's photo directory. Please feel free to approach me with any concerns.

Extra eyes are always useful. If any parishioner sees some amiss please let me know about it.

An additional 70 hours have been donated to grounds as a whole in September.

Respectfully Submitted,

Benjamin Davis