



Andover Forest Greenspace News

"Creating a Natural Greenspace Together...One Step at a Time"

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Turfgrass Conversion Project Begins in July



The University of Kentucky Turfgrass Management and Sciences staff will conduct a Research and Demonstration Project in Andover Forest former fairways, greens and tee boxes to convert the bent grass to low maintenance, durable tall fescue grass. (Note: The roughs are already tall fescue and will remain as is.)

The turf transition and installation project will be led by Dr. Travis Shaddox who is recognized for developing best management practices for the USGA golf, lawn sport turf and sod industries. We are excited to have his leadership and expertise to guide the conversion of our greenways.

- **When?** Turf Project begins the week of July 6th
- **Where?** Holes 1-9 (centers of fairways, greens and tee boxes)
- **Why convert existing bent grass to tall fescue?**
 - Cost Savings & low maintenance
 - Reduces weeds (also protects your yard from invasive bent grass)
 - Reduces water use and need for irrigation
 - Reduces mowing & labor costs
 - Heat/Drought tolerant
 - Disease Resistant
- **What happens during the conversion?**
 - Herbicide will be applied 2x (over 4 weeks) to kill bent grass & weed infested areas on fairways, greens and tees. Signs will be posted when treatments begin.
 - Slit-seeding new low maintenance tall fescue to begin in mid-August- September (Seeding timeframes will be determined by optimal weather conditions.)
 - Residents will be asked to stay-off treated areas from July until late fall after the new fescue grass has fully germinated.



Project Updates:

- **Cart Path Sink Hole Repairs Completed: Holes 2 & 3**
Infrastructure Team volunteers' fix saved HOA Greenspace thousands of dollars!



- **Cart Path Repairs: Hole 8 Pending** – repairs in contractor work “queue”.
- **New LED Fountain with Lights / Pond 2** – ordered and will be installed upon arrival.
- **Volunteers Continue Clean-Up:** removal of invasive honeysuckle, winter creeper & fallen limbs & sticks. Brush piles to be ground & removed by professional tree service.
- **Professional Landscape Architect** – working on Master Tree Plan completion.
- **Professional Pond Treatment Contractor** – started monthly pond algae treatments.
- **Professional Tree Services** – will continue removing dead trees & brush piles.



How can YOU help? Volunteer!

Join a Greenspace Team...Have fun, meet new friends and save money for our beautiful Greenspace by assisting with on-going maintenance and repairs.

Ready to help? Send an email to af.greenspace@gmail.com with your interest(s) and availability. Volunteers will be emailed schedules & details for upcoming team projects.

Don't have time for a team? Simply help by picking up trash, sticks & limbs when out.



Important Reminders

- **“No-mow Pond Borders”** to enhance our pond health.
Help us stabilize our pond embankments...please do not “edge” or “weed-eat” these important areas.
- **Avoid Feeding the Wildlife.**
- **Fishing is prohibited in all neighborhood ponds.**
- **Golf is prohibited in all areas.**
- **Pets** – Keep dogs on leashes, pick up dog waste & dispose waste bags in your Herbie.
- **Please be Safe! Slow Speed in golf carts & bikes on the cart path to protect our walkers & families.**
- **Respect Private Property** – please avoid taking shortcuts on private property.
- **Enjoy our beautiful Greenspace!**

