



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

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**To: Andover Forest Residents**

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## **City Grant Project to Repair Pond Dams is Complete!**

Eroding embankments causing two ponds to lose water (on Hole 3) have been rebuilt with funding from an LFUCG City Stormwater Grant Award and the HOA. The embankment areas were cleared of woody debris then rebuilt with suitable clay and covered in Flexamat, a concrete embedded matting. The Flexamat will ensure long term stability and reduce future maintenance. Grass seed has been planted into the matting and, once established, will have an attractive naturalized appearance. A small section of cat tails was removed to open up stream channels between ponds & improve flow and water quality.

Additionally, volunteers secured necessary city permits and the contractor was retained to grade three sand traps with the equipment on-site. Our volunteers then coordinated power seeding grass and covering seeded areas with straw.



## **Stormwater Pond Pipe Replacements (Holes 1, 2, & 9)**

LFUCG replaced collapsed stormwater culvert pipes next to the Hole 2 pond and Pump House this summer. Deteriorated metal outlet pipes for ponds at Holes 1 and 9 were replaced by the HOA with durable HDPE pipes. The areas were reseeded by volunteers.





## **Firewood Splitting Event – Saturday Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 9am**

We have scheduled a firewood splitting event with a rented power splitter for Saturday, October 23 starting @ Hole 5 (weather permitting) to benefit our homeowners with fireplaces and fire pits. We are seeking volunteers to help split and stack cut wood on Holes 5, 8 and 9. Interested in volunteering? Bring work gloves, ear protection and a wheel barrel if available.



## **Grass – Army Worm Treatment and Weed Control**

The new fescue grass has been successfully established. Weed control and fertilizer were applied this past spring and summer. Thanks to prompt action by volunteers, army worms were treated on segments of the Greenspace and the turf has now recovered. Spring 2022 plans will include the application of pre-emergent, broad leaf control and fertilizer.



## **Pump House Improvements**

Volunteers refreshed the stone Pump House with a slate paver entry pad, donated hydrangeas, fresh paint, and soft LED downlighting to highlight the beautiful stonework and provide additional security. The building is used to provide needed storage space for Greenspace maintenance supplies used by our volunteers.

We welcome donations of yard tools and supplies for use on HOA projects!



## **Tree Care**

Unfortunately, we continue to lose a significant number of our established older trees every year due to disease, storms, and simply old age. Tree removal is expensive and is prioritized based upon risk, location, and aesthetics. Our volunteers take care of removal of fallen limbs and small trees. Homeowners are encouraged to help volunteers dispose of storm damage debris near their homes by placing cut limbs in their landscape bin or yard bags. Please report fallen trees to the Greenspace Coordinator or Allpoints.

The HOA significantly saves on costs when tree service contractors are directed to cut dead trees into small lengths and leave them on-site for future use as firewood by HOA homeowners. As a result, it is necessary to temporarily “stockpile” cut wood in the vicinity of dead or fallen trees that are removed.

Our newly planted trees have a 2-year warranty. The small number of new trees that have died are scheduled to be replaced this fall.



## Tree Donation Drive

Interested in making a financial donation to the Master Tree Plan? Would you like to donate trees to a specific area of the Greenspace?

Please contact the Greenspace Coordinator at [af.greenspace@gmail.com](mailto:af.greenspace@gmail.com).



## Volunteers Are Needed!

The Andover Forest resident volunteers save thousands of dollars a year for our community. Have fun, meet your neighbors and join our Volunteer Team!

On-going Routine Maintenance Projects include:

- Tree limb & storm damage clean-up (seeking residents with trucks to help haul away woody debris to the free LFUCG yard waste landfill)
- Seasonal trimming of the no-mow pond borders and removal of unwanted brush
- Removal of invasive plants and brush from Greenspace border areas
- Four-plank fence maintenance
- Small cart path repair and drainage improvement projects
- New tree mulching
- Firewood splitting

Interested in being placed on our volunteer list to receive emails of upcoming volunteer projects and events? Please email us at [af.greenspace@gmail.com](mailto:af.greenspace@gmail.com).



## Important Reminders

- **Golf Carts must be Registered with the HOA:**
  - **Registration of golf carts and application of visible stickers are required** to improve safety & security.  
Contact Robin Lilly by email at [rjlilly@twc.com](mailto:rjlilly@twc.com) for more details.
  - **Slow your speed** in golf carts & bikes to protect our walkers & families.
- **Fishing is prohibited** in all neighborhood ponds.
- **Golfing is prohibited** in all areas.
- **No-mow Pond Borders** enhance our pond health & stabilize pond embankments.
- **Pets** – Please keep dogs on leashes, pick up dog waste & dispose waste bags in *your* home garbage container.
- **Respect Private Property** – Avoid taking unauthorized shortcuts across private property to access the Greenspace.
- **Suspicious Activity** – Report to the non-emergency police phone 859-258-3600.
- **Enjoy our Beautiful Greenspace!**