

2024 Front Entrance Report (Maintenance Committee)

We planted the annual flowers in the front planting boxes ourselves (\$36.02 for two flats-Hessell's). We had some problems with insects 'eating' and damaging the flowers. The damaged ones were removed and replaced 2 or 3 times throughout the season. We also sprayed as suggested by the nursery for earwigs.

We contracted again with St. Nicks Holiday Lighting for the holiday lights at a cost of \$1,559.00. As mentioned last year, they are priced considerably lower than other companies. We obtained several other quotes this year just to make sure. FLHA contracted with this company to secure the 'customer loyalty' pricing and re-use of the actual lights, of which we now "own" 92 strands (they store them for us). Due to the growth of the evergreen trees, additional lights were needed and are obtained on a 'rental' basis-this year's total was 135 strings of lights. This price includes the extra lights, the labor for installation/removal and the storage of the lights.

In order to keep a comparable price, we changed from H₂O Sprinklers to Metro Sprinkler services for winterization of the sprinkler system at a cost of \$65.00. We save any additional costs for the sprinkler/meter start-up by installing the meter ourselves and contacting the township to turn the water on. No sprinkler repairs were necessary this year.

Electricity for the front entrance: \$420.48 Water for front entrance irrigation: \$438.60

We contracted with Suburban Landscape Management for lawn treatments in 2024 (6 fertilizations and 1 grub control) at a cost of \$430.35. Suburban gave us an additional grub control application in the fall as a courtesy.

We again contracted with R&R Lawncaping for Grass cutting, Tree and Bush Trimming and Fall clean-up at a total cost of \$1906.00:

29 cuts @ \$42.00 each = \$1,218.00

Fall Clean up = \$145.00

Tree and Bush Trimming = \$675.00

We also contracted with R&R Lawncaping to 'radically' trim the crabapple and maple trees on the west side of the entrance in an attempt to keep the trees within a reasonable size and 'match' the ones on the east side. The tree trimming was completed on February 20 2024 at a cost of \$1,350.00.

We would like to ask those of you who have pets/dogs to please refrain from taking them to the front entrance to relieve themselves and in the event that your pet has left a 'deposit', please clean it up. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne and Gary Bejcek