

2025 Front Entrance Report (Maintenance Committee)

We planted the annual flowers in the front planting boxes ourselves (\$36.02 for two flats-Hessell's). After the insect damage from last year, Hessell's recommended we pre-treat the soil before planting. We used the recommended Bonide Beetle Killer, applying it about 2 weeks prior to planting. It definitely helped with insect control this year, as we did not have to replace any plants.

We contracted again with St. Nicks Holiday Lighting for the holiday lights at a cost of \$2,207.00. As mentioned last year, they are priced considerably lower than other companies. We requested other quotes to make comparisons. FLHA contracted with St. Nick's to secure the 'customer loyalty' pricing and re-use of the actual lights, of which we "owned" 92 strands (they store them for us). Unfortunately, some of 'our lights' are over 5 years old and are no longer in good working order. St. Nick's replaced them, however, under the 'rented' plan. Due to the growth of the trees, as every year they get bigger, additional lights were needed and were obtained on a 'rental' basis. This price includes the lights, the labor for installation/removal and the storage of the lights. As of this writing the total of strings of lights used for 2025 was not available. St. Nick's has been contacted for 2026 pricing.

Metro Sprinkler was hired this year for the winterization of the sprinkler system at a cost of \$70.00. We save any additional costs for the sprinkler system shutdown and start-up by removing/installing the meter ourselves and contacting the township to turn the water off/on. No sprinkler repairs were necessary this year.

Electricity for the front entrance: \$436.07. Water for front entrance irrigation: \$528.60
There was a problem with the wiring for the west side of the front entrance lighting which Gary repaired at a cost of \$5.60.

We contracted Suburban Landscape Management for lawn treatments in 2025 (6 fertilizations and 1 grub control) at a cost of \$441.75.

We contracted with R&R Landscaping for Grass cutting, Tree and Bush Trimming and Fall clean-up at a total cost of \$2,221.00:

29 cuts @ \$44.00 each = \$1,276.00
Fall Clean up = \$155.00
Tree and Bush Trimming = \$790.00

We contracted with Turbo Tree service the end of January 2025 to trim the pine trees = \$600.00. This was to help keep the size down to avoid as much increase in the holiday lighting as possible and also to keep them from unhealthily growing into each other.

We also contracted with J.H. Hart for treatments on the evergreen trees and crabapples to maintain their health. 3 fungicide treatments and one deep root fertilization = \$665.00. The crabapple trees did not receive the deep root fertilization.

There was some vandalism to the front entrance lights the night/early morning of September 27/28th. Lights from the east and west entrance were pulled and ripped out of the wells damaging the wiring. Luckily, we were able to handle the repairs ourselves. The Shelby Township Police department was contacted to complete a report.

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,

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