

## Park Trace Estates HOA Landscaping Highlights 2018

- Sought multiple bids for landscaping maintenance companies that would best suit the needs of Park Trace HOA. Contracted with West Bay Landscape effective January 1, 2018. Designed a maintenance schedule to address landscape needs of our common areas.
- Cleared a pathway on the backside of L5 pond along the Legacy Trail and Oscar Scherer State Park. Formerly blocked path is now being mowed regularly and access for pond treatment and invasive/nuisance plants is now possible. Monthly treatments of Brazilian peppers, carrotwood trees, Cogan grass, and air potato vine prevent their spreading.
- Sarasota County is now regularly treating invasive plant growth along the Legacy Trail swale to prevent spreading into Park Trace common areas as requested.
- Park Trace volunteers planted and maintained 4 garden beds with beautiful annuals that highlight the monument walls in June and December.
- Irrigation and pump repairs were made to establish regular watering program for beds and trees. Up lighting on monument walls, island beds and trees on Bay Street fence repaired.
- Planted five new 'Shady Lady' Black Olive trees along the Bay Street fence line to fill in the open spaces of the tree line. When mature, these trees will provide an excellent sound and visual buffer from Bay Street traffic. The trees will also provide wonderful shade from the Florida sun.
- A low maintenance buffer zone has been established on all five ponds in Park Trace Estates. Volunteers marked off the 3 foot wide no mow zone to launch the program. The buffer zone helps filter the stormwater runoff into the ponds as well as slowing the erosion along the pond perimeters.
- Park Trace volunteers attended workshops led by the County Extension Service and Palmer Ranch Natural Assets Committee to exchange HOA landscape ideas and solutions to the problems shared by many HOAs.
- Bay Street fence was power washed.
- Tree trimming work and clean up done on live oak trees and Sabal palms along Bay Street and most eastern pond L5.