Grandview Farm

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BOARD CONTINUES TO WRESTLE WITH BEST PLAN FOR WATER CONSERVATION

Over the last few years there has developed genuine concern among many Grandview Farm residents and more particularly the Condo Board about the amount of water being used to maintain the large grass areas in the complex.

Provo's water rates have escalated the last few years, and up until this marvelous winter relief, drought has been the pattern for many years.

----Condo Board Meeting, Tues., April 18---

The first step to mitigate the problem was taken about three years ago when the lawn area on the northeast border of the Condo along Columbia Lane was xeriscapaed.

At the March Board meeting it was announced that a \$30,000 contract was to be signed with a Salt Lake City firm to begin conservation work on the planting areas and lawns surrounding the two buildings housing ten units facing each other on Cobblestone Drive at the south entrance (1700 North) of our community.

That contract was never signed. The Landscape Committee and the Board unanimously agreed the final plan submitted by the vendor did not really address the issues facing us.

The next Board Meeting is Tuesday, April 18, where consideration will be given to engage a landscape design group named Waterwise.

Earlier in the months-long work of the Landscape Committee, Nancy Christensen, chair, had been authorized by the Board to bring Waterwise here to provide a preliminary assessment of our situation.

The lead designer did come and spent several hours walking the grounds and taking photographs. This group is prepared to provide a detailed three-phase plan or proposal for the renovation of Grandview Farm grass and planting areas that would conserve our use of water without turning to a wholesale use of xeriscaping principles. That plan would be produced for a fee of \$2,500.

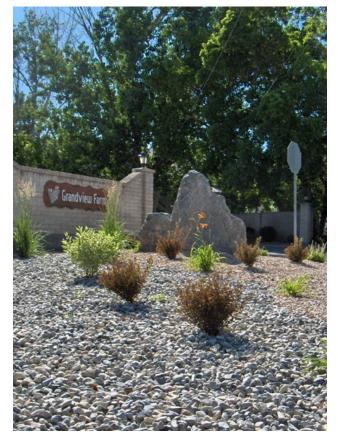
Waterwise is not a landscaping firm but would recommend several possible vendors.

These are the issues at the top of the agenda for Tuesday's meeting. Board Chairman Daryl Acor encourages owner attendance.

Club House Scheduling

Annette Burnett 214-862-5695 To see current schedule go to <u>www.grandviewfarmcondos.com</u> Look Under Club House Calendar

Water Conservation



PROVO TO INSTALL STREET LIGHTS

Provo City Power has just indicated to Grandview Farm Condominium, Inc., that three street lights will be installed along Cobblestone Drive in the very near future.

Further details should be available by the time of the regular monthly meeting of the HOA Board on Tuesday night, April 18, according the Daryl Acor, Board Chairman.

Our Newest Neighbors Mel & Laura Leseberg

If you were looking for a "fairy tale" story of a military family returning to civilian life, you might appropriately pin that on Mel and Laura Leseberg and their children.

The Lesebergs are the newest residents of Grandview Farm, although they have lived just across Columbia Lane for more than 25 years. We welcome them to the unit previously owned by Mark and Laurel Howard at 1803 Cobblestone Dr.

Mel and Laura met while both were attending BYU, and were married in 1975. Following Mel's graduation and commissioning as an officer in the United States Air Force, they lived in virtually every part of the country with an extended stay in Germany. Trained as a



multi-engine pilot, Mel flew giant transport aircraft to destinations around the world.

The "fairy tale" element of their story in part is that wherever they were stationed colleagues and families and sometimes superior officers attended the same Church as the Lesebergs. In some cases they were friends from BYU days. This paved a path to becoming quickly acclimated to a new location.



Mel retired from the Air Force as a Lt. Col. after 23 years of service. It took a few years, but he found just the right civilian employment with an engineering firm that supported the long-term growth of the Provo Airport.

Laura spent 16 years working with the Army and Air Force ROTC detachments at Brigham Young University. She became the "translator" for the non-Latter-day

Saint military personnel who were assigned to BYU over the years.

Their return to Provo also coincided with one or more of their children attending BYU.

The Lesebergs celebrated 48 years of marriage this month. They are the parents of three daughters and one son. Some of the grandchildren are still close by and Laura sees them as a personal project of love. One of those daughters, Kate Fowler, is living with the Lesebergs here at Grandview Farm.

Laura was born in Murray, Utah, but grew up in Atlanta, Georgia, where she attended a brand new high school named Peachtree. If we were going to make a joke of that name, we might call the athletic teams "the fighting blossoms." Mel was born in St. Anthony, Idaho, but graduated from Provo High School.

Management Committee

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We don't see the Lesebergs much at the local ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints because Mel is serving as Branch President at Cove Point.

When asked what he would like neighbors to know about his wife, Mel described the special care and concern she always demonstrates in a very personal way for those who have lost a loved one. "She loves to serve," he added.

The first word Laura used for her husband was "dependable." She continued, "He is simply always there and anxious to help, especially for those who are older."

Since the Lesebergs will not be in many of the 9th Ward meetings for a couple of years, make a point to let them know you are glad they are with us.

PARKING RULE REMINDER FOR THOSE USING GUEST SPACES

When your garage is housing two vehicles, and you have an auto-owning semi-permanent relative in your home, it may seen only natural tor them to park in a guest slot.

If that is going to last for more than 30 days, please request a permit from the HOA Board. That is the Condo Rule. The request is usually granted unless there are particularly difficult guest parking problems in that area.

New owners and residents are also given a reasonable amount of time to use guest parking while getting settled and clearing your garage of "move-in stuff." If that requires many months, you may need to park your second vehicle out on Cobblestone Drive. Parking there requires vehicle movement every 72 hours

Check with a Board member if you have questions about this, or read "Parking Policy" under Condo Rules.