

# NEWS from around the BEND

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The always hot topic around Willowbend (and most likely all other HOA communities) is landscaping.

President and VP of Willowbend have decided to hit the REFRESH button on landscape management and our relationship with LMP. LMP is a competent and professional business employed by our HOA but as such must be able to perform their work in a manner that is manageable and verified by the landscape committee that represents our interests and reports to the board.

Our HOA documents provide that the Association is responsible for basic landscape maintenance and sod replacement. LMP has been in business for nearly 30 years and handles commercial and residential landscaping..Competent, reliable and accountable service is our goal in contracting with LMP. The branch manager for Sarasota is Patrick Belle. Patrick has logged many hours on our property whether overseeing work by the various crews, meeting with the landscape committee or answering questions and concerns of residents.



Patrick Belle, LMP Manager

With the forgoing in mind here are some new measures as agreed to by Willowbend and LMP:

Prior to the beginning of each month, LMP will notify the Landscape Committee of its scheduled work by week for the coming month; further delineated by neighborhood sections. This schedule will be posted for the community thereby enhancing our understanding of when and where scheduled work will take place. We ask that homeowners not interrupt the work crews as they attend to their scheduled work. We all need to remember that this is a commercial landscape contract and not a personal gardening service.

Emergency work orders (hazardous tree or flooding for example) will be addressed as soon as possible with Committee and Board participation.

Your concerns or special requests should be put in writing to Cherie Perez to direct to the landscape committee so it may be logged and tracked. The request will be given to LMP for direct action. Be sure to include your name, address, the date, contact information and a description of the work you would like done. Please be as specific as possible regarding location

Our effort in creating and maintaining a lovely landscape depends on us working with LMP. Folks we need to step up and put in the effort to make this work. WE NEED YOU. Willowbend needs to have a landscape committee that works as a team with the goal of caring and improving our landscape, working with our vendors in doing so, and an attitude of CAN DO! So give one for the team whether you are male/female, have lived here 2 weeks or 20 years as long as you have the ability to work with others and a positive attitude we can be SUCCESSFUL. Please submit your name to Scott Brundrett or Ray Allen and **join the team.**

The responsible party for compiling this news and formatting it for you is Debbie Tinney who may be reached at [siestagal@me.com](mailto:siestagal@me.com) to receive comments and feedback.

This material has been approved by the President and Vice President of the HOA for dissemination.