

## **MUTUAL OPERATIONS**

### **SERVICE MAINTENANCE**

#### **Trees in Common Areas and Fruit Trees in Garden Areas – Mutual Fourteen**

Trees are a valued asset of our Mutual property. All Board members are responsible for safeguarding Mutual assets. Therefore, trees that are recommended for removal by the landscape chair will be voted on by the entire Board.

When making a recommendation for tree removal, pertinent facts shall be supplied by the Landscape/Grounds Committee Chair. Some of the facts include whether the tree is diseased, whether the tree can be treated without excessive expense, whether the tree's roots are threatening to invade the sewers or concrete, and whether the tree is growing in such a way that it is unsightly and, therefore, displeasing to the surrounding neighbors.

Each year, some of the Mutual's trees will require trimming. The Landscape/Grounds Committee shall prepare a list of those trees to be trimmed with an arborist. Trees or large shrubs within the garden areas that are too high for trimming by the regular gardening crew will be called to the attention of the shareholder who is responsible to pay to have overgrown trees or shrubs cut away from the building at least 12 inches and kept below the gutters. The shareholder can do their own trimming, hire their own gardener, or contract with the Mutual's gardening company to have the work done after hours at the shareholder's expense.

Fruit trees have been prohibited due to the fruit attracting rats and other rodents. Shareholders with existing fruit trees in their garden areas are cautioned to keep the ripe fruit picked and taken indoors where it doesn't attract any rodents. Fruit that has fallen from a tree in a shareholder's garden is the responsibility of that shareholder and must be picked up and disposed of. Rodent extermination can be very expensive, so shareholder must control the fruit or eliminate the tree.

## **MUTUAL ADOPTION**

FOURTEEN: 22 Feb 11

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