



President's Report – April 2015

Perhaps the most prominent landscaped area in Martin's Point is the flower box directly in front of the gatehouse. Now, everyone entering Martin's Point can't help but be attracted to the beautiful, yellow flowers appearing there. Aesthetic enhancements to our community like this don't just happen. It takes people with creativity, dedication and passion to make them happen – qualities exhibited time and time again by *Bobbie Overton*. Special thanks to her for purchasing and installing these beautiful flowers. We all owe Bobbie a debt of gratitude for her continued involvement in the beautification and improvement of Martin's Point.

Speaking of the gatehouse, you may have also noticed that the name of the gate attendant on duty now appears in the front window of this structure. This adds a personal touch and allows property owners who wish to cite gate attendants who go beyond the call of duty (or report concerns) to identify them by name.

The front entry aesthetics have also been greatly improved by the completion of the Phase II landscaping project on the east hill. Prior to starting this project the rotting railroad ties were replaced and bulkhead was installed. This will prevent the road flooding that occurs when the drain just below the bulkhead gets clogged by mulch eroding from the hill. (In the near future you will notice one additional improvement – this to the Phase I project on the east side of the entry – river rock and edging will be installed to prevent the pooling of rain water in the beds.) Many thanks to *Gregg Nigro*, our Grounds & Maintenance Chair, and the Landscaping Committee for their efforts in getting this work completed.

Another recently improved common area of Martin's Point and arguably, our most precious amenity is the marina. Details of these improvements can be found in the upcoming (May) edition of the MPHOA Newsletter. Many thanks to *Michael Serbousek*, our Marina Chair and the members of the Marina Committee: *Leigh Forbes, Frank Spruill, John Finelli, Jim Fordham* and *Richard Lee* for their work in bringing these improvements to fruition.

Finally, our recycling program has been a resounding success! Demand has required that we double the original number of recycle bins to four. A big thank you to the vast majority who recycle. To the rest I ask your cooperation. Remember, each of us pays for recycling whether we use this service or not – the cost is based on the number of recycling bins, not the volume of recyclables they contain. It's a shame to see bottles, cans and cardboard dumped in the trash bins when only a few feet away they could have been discarded in recycle bins where they won't end up in a landfill.

At times those who want to recycle can't because the volume taken up by uncrushed boxes is filling the bins to capacity. Please take the few extra seconds to crush cardboard boxes before tossing them into the recycle bins. Also, please do not place non-recyclables like plastic bags, garden hoses, outdoor furniture and other rubber and metal objects (other than recyclable cans) in the recycle bins.

One more request if I may – the chipping area, as its name indicates, is for yard debris that can be put through a chipper. This is limited to tree branches, limbs and trunks, no more than 4" in diameter. *Unfortunately, the chipping area has become a dumping ground for all yard waste, whether it can be chipped or not.* Uprooted shrubs with root balls or pots attached, bags of leaves, tree trunks and limbs over 4" in diameter, have all recently been dumped in the chipping area. These should be discarded in the trash bins. In addition, landscaping contractors who are prohibited from even entering the mail/garbage area are illegally dumping yard debris in the chipping area.

In both cases the cost, once again must be borne by Martin's Point property owners. When "non-chippables" or contractor debris is discarded in the chipping area our service provider must cart them off and we pay for this service. Please keep this in mind when disposing of yard waste. Also, if you see landscapers' vehicles by the chipping (or dumpster) area please report the business name and vehicle license number to Seaside immediately (261-1200).

Well, looks like that's all for April.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregg", is located at the bottom right of the page.