

Pool and Clubhouse Landscape Project - 6/21/04

The application process to the City of Delray Beach Planning and Zoning Department for a Class I site modification took several months and three revisions. Here is a description and a copy of the plan that was accepted. The new trees and bushes will beautify our community and enhance our clubhouse by creating an inviting lush tropical ambiance to our pool area.

The entrance drive to the clubhouse will be flanked by six Florida-native flowering **Orange Geiger trees** and an informal hedge of flowering pink and white **Indian Hawthorne bushes**. Additional **Green Buttonwood bushes** will be added on the north side of the parking lot so that the existing hedge will continue west along the north side of the swale. Four new **Green Malayan Coconut trees** will be planted on the west side of the pool area. One will be located near the northwest corner of the pool, one near the proposed heat pumps, and two near the clubhouse community room. These two trees will be planted on a severe angle, dramatically falling towards the lake to the south and the other to the west. Like the existing three Malayan Coconut trees, their lush spreading crowns will be visible as one enters the community and drives north on Coral Trace Boulevard. Near the existing air conditioning units, a trio of three flowering **Jatropha trees** will be planted; their clusters of red flowers will contrast with the white blossoms of the three **Oleander trees** that will be screening the future heat pumps for the pool and spa. To complete the landscaping here, the serpentine shaped garden beds on the west side will be filled with tropical **Philodendron Xanadus**, flowering **Blue Plumbago bushes**, flowering **Cranberry Pentas bushes**, and **Foxtail ferns**. A pedestrian path of two-foot square **stepping-stones** will gracefully follow the edge of this garden from the drive and lead to the gate. The current hedge of **Red Tipped Cocoplum** that surrounds the pool area will remain as a formal backdrop for these tropical and blooming plants.

Seven elegant **Solitaire Alexander palm trees** will flank the north side of the pool area with the existing **Red Tipped Cocoplum** hedge.

The east side of the pool area will receive three majestic **Foxtail palm trees**. Surrounding the center Foxtail palm, five **Orange Birds of Paradise** will add a splash of tropical color and will compliment the delicate blooms of the **Yellow Thryallis bushes** and **Foxtail ferns** under the other two palms. The northeast corner will be a rainbow of color, accentuated with **Purple Showers**, pink and white flowering **Indian Hawthorne**, and pink **Mexican Petunias**. A **Malayan Coconut tree** will be installed here in the center of the parking island. Near the doors to the clubhouse, the existing Malayan Coconut trees will be highlighted with **Variegated Ginger**, **Philodendron Xanadus**, and pink **Mexican Petunias**.