

November 2014 Update: Marina Bay Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District Accomplishments

Since the March 2014 departure of Chris Chamberlain, Parks and Landscaping Superintendent, and the limitations of the current City budget (separate from the District budget), there have been staffing changes, and as of a few months ago, specific crew have been assigned to the District so you will see the same faces working in our area. These skilled folks have years of experience in landscaping and are demonstrating a pride of purpose working in Marina Bay. On specific projects that require additional person power, staff members from other areas are brought in to assist.

In addition to the ongoing maintenance of the landscaping, lighting, construction, graffiti removal, daily restroom cleaning, regular trash pickup and preparation and clean-up for special City events held in Marina Bay including the Home Front Festival and July 3rd festivities in the District, projects completed in the last year include:

1. Pathway lighting along Bay Trail from the Meeker Slough Bridge to Regatta (including the area around the Marina Bay tennis courts and the Bayside Dr. spur): Installed 49 new bollards, upgraded the irrigation system to use drip instead of overhead spray, and landscaped the area including amending the soil and planting water-wise vegetation.
2. Restroom facility at Marina Green Park: Installed a permanent restroom to replace the existing porta-potty. Building a retaining wall behind the restroom and landscaping to be done.
3. Trail at the southeast corner of the Marina: The triangle was totally re-landscaped and two new benches were installed.
4. Intersection of Regatta and Marina Way South: Totally refurbished the corners and median. The old fescue grass required 800 gallons of water per month to keep it green. The grass was removed as were other highly thirsty plants. New water-wise irrigation was installed along with drought tolerant plants. The art sculpture was painted to control rust.
5. Benches: Refurbished several benches to give them a longer life and removed several benches that had been vandalized and could not be repaired.
6. Boardwalks: Started the staining of boardwalks throughout the district and resetting nails as needed and cleaning/painting surrounding railings.
7. Shrub Circles near E Dock: Landscaped the previously unplanted circles to match plantings in the area with drought tolerant plants.
8. Lucretia Edwards Park: Cleats installed on the low concrete walls to deter skateboarding which leaves dark marks on the concrete and cracks on the edges.
9. Signage: Updated several signs and removed several damaged ladder directional signs throughout the District
10. Barbecue Grills: New barbecue grills installed in Marina Bay Park to replace old, damaged grills.
11. Lighting: More than 40 lights were repaired/replaced throughout the district. Work included replacing solar cells as needed to control the on/off timing of the lights and save electricity.