

Board of the G.C.S.A.A. for a second term, and last but not least to Howard Baerwald, Roy Nelson, and Barney Wendt upon becoming members of Quarter Century Club of the G.C.S.A.

Dave Meyer has informed me that there are many who have not paid the annual dues, as this is the year that the Biannual Roster is printed, it is imperative to have your name listed in the Roster, that you pay before the 30th of May, as the Roster is scheduled for the printer on that date. See to it now.

Robert Breen

### TREE MAINTENANCE AIDS IN PRESERVATION

Village Greens of Woodridge has been spraying trees, through surface contact and fall ground applications, for the past six years. 60% of the trees showed to be deficient in some manner or another. Some of the problems were yellowing, complete defoliation by the end of August, tree death, and minimal leaf foliage. Talking with some of the previous employees at the club, it was determined that the trees had no past care. Trees are expensive to replace and we know that they are indeed an asset to the beautification of our golf course.

The trees on our golf course are 20 years old, 8' - 10' caliber, 15' - 20' high. The varieties of trees are Maple, Ash, Linden, Hawthorne, Apple & Plum. By applying nutrients to our trees, we have been able to combat the problems.

The program that we have chosen to follow is two foliage and one ground application for the year. The foliage applications are applied the last week in May and the last week in July. The foliage spray consists of:

- 8 lbs. of Iron Sulfate
- 7 lbs. of water soluble fertilizer (10-20-30)
- 3 qts. of Microgreen
- 300 gallons of water

The ground application consists of:

- 8 lbs. of Iron Sulfate
- 3 qts. of Microgreen
- 300 gallons of water

The ground application is applied the middle of September, only to trees that are severe problems through the summer months. The only time an insecticide is applied to the trees is on as needed basis and only to the trees that are infested by a pest. We try not to apply insecticides because of the wild life in our area.

When Village Greens first started a tree care program, five applications were made in the first year. We are now down to three applications. Our goal is to make one application (foliage in May) every other year and on an as needed basis.

The trees have improved over the years. The blossoms and fruit are bigger and greater in number. The leaf structure and texture are more prominent thus increasing foliage. Our golfing public has commented on the increase of the fruit and its size. Our golfers pick the apples and plums to eat while playing golf or to use for a delicious homemade pie.

Lenny Berg  
Supt. - Village Greens

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