



## Urbana Highlands HOA - Spring 2021 Projects

The following projects are scheduled and/or are already underway and the HOA Board wanted to share the latest information with all residents.

### **1. Nature trail/path restoration – COMPLETE**

The nature trail between Caldonia Drive and Bishopgate Drive, including its connection to Brigadoon Lane, will be undergoing restoration. Trail head entrances at Caldonia & Bishopgate will be addressed to prevent washing out. Woodchips and soft organic debris will be removed from the trail. The trail will be graded and during this process, several places along the way, cut outs and swales will be created to channel water away from the trail. In more severe areas, piping will be installed under the trail to allow water to flow through. The trail will be resurfaced to be approximately 6' wide, topped with approximately 5" thick crushed gravel packed down. Suitable excavated soil will be graded alongside of trail, stabilized, seeded, and strawed and unsuitable spoils will be discarded from site. At the bridge closest to Bishopgate Drive, landscaping timbers removed from the trail will be used to build steps or a ramp.

### **2. Pool – Pergola – COMPLETE**

The pergola at the pool is in disrepair and unfortunately, it is time to move on. Several options have been reviewed which included repair of the existing pergola, installation of a new pergola, and an option to replace with a shade system. After careful deliberations, the decision was made to move forward with the shade system as it was viewed as the best option to enhance the pool deck, provide a modern aesthetic, allow for more space, and provide a larger amount of shade for members looking to escape the sun while enjoying time at the swimming pool.

### **3. Tennis and basketball courts – COMPLETE**

Courts will be resurfaced and painted. Color will be coordinated to compliment the pool and new playground equipment.

### **4. Tot lot / Playgrounds – June**

Playground equipment located on Royal Crest (by the pool) and Braveheart Circle will be replaced and upgraded with a modern look and additional function for the enjoyment of children. Additionally, minor repairs, including new wood chips and other safety improvements, are scheduled for the playground at Bothwell and Kilchurn.



## Urbana Highlands HOA - Spring 2021 Projects

### **5. Pedestrian Safety - Summer**

Work continues with Frederick County government to evaluate cross walks in various locations in the neighborhood.

- Royal Crest & Long Hope (by the pool) – The cross walk has been repainted at Royal Crest and Long Hope Drive and we are working with the County on further visual enhancements. Additional landscaping changes are scheduled in order to improve visibility.
- Royal Crest Drive and Caledonia Drive needs stop bars and crosswalk markings on all four sides. It is a heavy pedestrian route for school, pool, nature, and general exercise. Currently, there is just one stop bar and cross walk on Caledonia itself. The County is looking to install additional markings and change the configuration of the islands to allow for the proper clearance. This is pending the County finding additional funding.
- Shetland Court – Residents expressed concerns about visibility when crossing Royal Crest Drive from Shetland Court. As there is no stop sign here, we recommend that residents cross at either the cross walk at Long Hope (pool) or the four way stop (Caldonia). Additional sight issues for vehicles turning left out of Shetland Court are scheduled for this fall.

### **6. Sidewalk and storm drain – COMPLETE**

For sidewalks owned and maintained by the HOA, trip hazards around the community will be addressed for general safety. Sidewalks will be either lifted back to level or ground down to remove trip hazards. Cracks in the storm drains on HOA owned streets (pool and town homes) are allowing water and surrounding dirt to flow in, thus creating voids and divots in the surrounding area which will later create further shifting, greater damage and potentially sink holes. Please note that the majority of these issues are in the townhome areas where the HOA has responsibility for the main sidewalks and storm drains.

### **7. Stone Work - COMPLETE**

The various stone walls in the community have been cleaned and repointed to enhance the visual appeal and ensure the longevity of the wall. In many cases stones and mortar was loose or missing and it has since been replaced.

For questions or comments on any of these projects, please email [board.uhhoa@gmail.com](mailto:board.uhhoa@gmail.com)