



Fox Chase Boulevard Median Foundation, Inc.

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Dear Neighbors,

Hard to believe that summer is almost over! The brilliant colors of the Black-eyed Susan flowers and emerging seedheads on the native prairie grasses remind us that fall is fast approaching!

We want to thank you for your continued support for the renovation and maintenance of the Fox Chase Boulevard Median. The collective efforts of so many residents in our area have transformed and preserved a unique and beautiful gateway to our community

This year we are again asking for a \$25 donation to cover on-going costs for maintenance, watering, and the removal and replacement of damaged plants as needed. If you are new to the area, you may not know that Fox Chase Boulevard Median Foundation relies solely on voluntary donations from area residents to maintain the landscape areas along Fox Chase Boulevard. The City of St. Charles mows the grass and cares for the trees in the median, but does not support any landscaping.

With the renovation completed, our primary focus is on maintaining the clean look of the landscape beds and surrounding areas. Last fall, we planted purple geraniums and a cluster of hostas near the Dunham Road entrance to replace flowers and shrubs that did not survive the summer. Fortunately these new plantings are thriving and add a splash of color as you enter the neighborhood. Many thanks to the City for planting and maintaining the annual flowers at the entrance and responding to our request to improve both the quality and quantity of plants at this prominent entryway. Also, a 'shout-out' to the Aintree Community Association for continuing to maintain the landscape at the entrance and enhancing the lighting along the stone pillars, upgrading the downlights in the trees, and placing additional spot lights on the nearby statue.

This spring the City planted two new trees in the median between Chasse Circle and Aintree Road. One of these trees was funded through a designated donation by a Chasse Circle resident. Unfortunately, this Oak tree did not survive the transplant and will be replaced at no charge by the City next spring. Longer term, we are working with the City to eventually replace the clusters of multi-stem flowering trees scattered throughout the median. We continue to set aside funds to augment what the City will cover to maintain the grove appearance as existing trees succumb to age/disease.

Ongoing dialogue and partnership with the City also continues to be key to our efforts to control unsightly brush from being placed along the Boulevard. A reminder that local ordinances require branches and leaves for pick-up be placed on the parkway in front of your house or along the frontage where refuse/recycling is collected.

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We continue to be grateful for all of the support and interest in the median. We thank the Aintree Community Association and the Townhomes of Fox Chase for their ongoing support. Most importantly, we thank you for continuing to share our vision and interest in maintaining this beautiful feature of our community. Tax-deductible donations to the Median Foundation can be made directly through the website (www.foxchaseboulevard.org) or by mail using the enclosed donation form and return envelope.

Sincerely,

The Fox Chase Boulevard Median Foundation Board