

Fox Chase Boulevard Median Foundation, Inc.

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Dear Homeowners,

We want to take a moment this Holiday Season to thank all the contributors who make the Fox Chase Boulevard Median look as good as it does. We especially want to thank those neighbors who take time to write us and talk to us about how you think the Median is looking. This means so much to those of us who volunteer. Thank You!

We would like to acknowledge our special friends who help us continuously throughout the year. Jeff Sitarz, owner of Sitarz Landscaping, our principal vendor of the median's maintenance and refurbishment work is all but indispensable to us. His continued proactive maintenance is appreciated more each year. We have successfully used many of his suggestions and the median just wouldn't look the same without Jeff and his team.

We also look to Chris Adesso at the city, who has helped with tree removal and replacements. He was also very responsive when we made replanting suggestions about the property just south of the Median at the Dunham entrance, where several Ash trees had to be removed. We always appreciate the responsiveness at the city.

We have received a donation from the Aintree Community Association again. They are becoming our backbone support! We appreciate the Hunters Woods Christmas Decoration donation again this year!

As you probably noticed, this was our year to add some color to the median. Perennials were at the top of our "to do" list and we added a LOT! Hopefully, they will all survive the all too early winter temperatures and we will be treated to a bright and beautiful spring and summer next year!

We have experienced some losses, but are not discouraged. These are all part of normal gardening life and we will be addressing future plantings and repair areas based on what we are learning about the unique environment on the median. In 2014, we will be adding a few hosta and shade plants to the Aintree Island. Also, we plan to finish up a few beds and improve the median area on the west side of the Chase Circle entrance. We will then take a deep breath and watch things grow in before attempting any more new beds. We want to see how the perennials do before attempting more. We did move a few grasses as we received requests from motorists who had issues with visibility. We are glad when you tell us what you like and what isn't working for you.

We also want to remind you that donations to us are TAX DEDUCTIBLE! If, for any reason, you did not receive your e-mailed acknowledgement letter for your donation, please contact us and we will send you another copy for your 2013 records.

We've worked hard to reduce the amount of brush along the boulevard. The City has written several letters to residents regarding brush and yard waste disposal guidelines. We ask for your continued support in adhering to City Guidelines and Park District Ordinances. Don't be shy to remind your neighbors if you see them placing brush in the back of their home along the parkway or on Park District property - it is not right! It takes all of us working together to maintain our common areas.

We look forward to next growing season and thank you all again for your continued support. PLEASE, make suggestions! We love hearing what you'd like to do next!

Thank You for Your Support!

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