

Fox Chase Boulevard Median Foundation, Inc.

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Can you believe this spring? Late arrival, snow after Mother's Day and then high 80's within ten days!

The Fox Chase Boulevard Median had an amazing show of the bulbs that we planted last year on the hillside near Aintree Road! Our new Forsythia didn't have quite the normal show, but we didn't see much forsythia blooming anywhere, so we will have to see what next year brings after they have a year to get really established. We will be assessing damages from our hard winter and working to replace what we have lost.

After this brutal and cold winter, we want to thank you for the warmth you show to us with your continued financial support of the Fox Chase Boulevard Median Foundation and your kind words in the mail that you send us throughout the year. It is a pleasure to be a part of this organization because you are all so supportive!

Our request for 2014 is going to be at the lower \$30 per household level again. (see the enclosed form or <u>donate on-line</u>) Contributors are listed on our website and we ask you to encourage your neighbors whose names are not on the list to join you in helping to keep the median a beautiful asset that we all share.

We will continue the weeding, pruning and watering. We have already expressed disappointment to the city on how tall the grass got before the first cut. We are taking a breather in new planting. We want to let everything fill in and fill out for a season before we decide what to plant next. We will be working with the city on replacing the trees that are not doing well or were removed last year.

We continue to handle "Brush Wars" with neighbors who put their pruning debris on Park owned property or on the Median itself. The Ordinance states that clippings and pruning debris should be placed at the FRONT of your property (address side) and we should pay attention to pick-up dates, so that the brush doesn't have to stay out in front for very long. East-side brush pick-up dates this year are June 16, Aug 18, Sept 15, Oct 20 and Nov 17. More information is available at the city website: <u>www.stcharlesil.gov</u>.

Thanks again for a great 2013! We look forward to your contribution, both monetary and ideas in 2014. You can continue to find plans, budgets, pertinent information and frequently asked questions and answers at <u>www.foxchaseboulevard.org</u>. We continue to use Jeff Sitarz and Midwest Groundcover. They work very hard for us. We again thank Aintree Community Association and Townhomes of Fox Chase for their continued support.

Sincerely,

The Fox Chase Median Foundation Board

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