

SVHOA COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Welcome Spring!

As we welcome in the spring planting season, it's a great time for us to review our community's landscaping guidelines for the planted "tree lawn" strips located between our sidewalks and streets.

Although these tree lawn strips are small in size, their prominent locations contribute much to the curb appeal of our neighborhoods and, of course, to our property values as well.

Our tree lawn strips are part of the Public Right-of-Way owned by the Town of Chapel Hill but, as residents, property owners and HOA members we are joint stakeholders in maintaining the landscaping in these areas. When our tree lawn strips are safe and attractive, everyone benefits.

Nearly four years ago, the Southern Village HOA adopted new ARB guidelines for the tree lawn strips by a vote of the membership. A minor edit is being proposed, to those guidelines, to define the meaning of low growing ground cover as plantings no greater than 6 inches in height. This definition is consistent with guidelines published in the Town of Chapel Hill's Design Manual and is being proposed for clarification purposes. The change will be voted on by the SVHOA board of directors in mid-May to allow residents' input.

Everyone is invited to review the complete guidelines for all Southern Village landscaping, including the tree lawn strip area, remodeling projects and paint choices at www.southernvillage.org/arb .

Questions? Please send e-mail to manager@southernvillage.org.