

**Sterling Woods II - Master Association
c/o REI Property Management
The Platinum Club
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URGENT INFORMATION REQUIRING YOUR ATTENTION

November 28, 2023

Sterling Woods II – Master Association
All Unit Owners & Residents
Danbury, CT

The association has executed a contract to remove 325 pine trees, grind stumps and to restore the areas where the trees are removed.

Phase I of this project will begin on December 11, 2023. Phase II will be completed in 2024 and Phase III will be completed in 2025. See the attached list for which streets are included in which phase and which trees will be removed.

The contractor will work during the week from Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until approximately 4:30 p.m.

Details of Phase I:

On December 11, 2023, trees will be removed on Hancock Drive. They will then move to Revere Road, Bradford Drive, Silversmith Drive and Heartwood Lane.

All Phase I trees were marked, and the contractor will contact Call Before You Dig to mark all utility lines.

The contractor will first cut down all the trees in Phase I, then he will return to grind the stumps and clean up. These areas will be restored in the spring of 2024 (soil, seed, and hay). Soil may be placed at this time in some areas, but the re-seeding and hay will be done in the spring of 2024.

The contractor will tape a note on your garage door 24 hours prior if your car needs to be removed from your driveway (please do not move your car into the visitor parking spaces).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANCOCK DRIVE UNIT OWNERS/RESIDENTS

- **The work will begin on Hancock Drive on December 11th.**

- **No cars can be parked in the visitor parking spaces on December 11th and 12th (this does not include the parking spaces in front of the 5000 & 6000 Hancock Drive buildings).**
- **If you need to remove your car from your driveway, a note will be left on your garage door the day before you need to remove your vehicle from your driveway (please do not move your car into the visitor parking spaces).**

After the work is done on Hancock Drive, the contractor will move on to Revere Road, Bradford Drive, Silversmith Drive then Heartwood Lane.

The contractor will be working for approximately two days on each street. When the contractor is on your road, please make sure the visitor parking spaces are empty.

Unit Owners and residents will be informed in 2024 before Phase II will begin and in 2025 before Phase III begins.

Attached is the list of reasons the pine trees need to be removed.

The Master Board would like to thank the Landscaping Committee, especially Maureen Dunkerton and Julia Brzezinska, for the many hours spent on this very important project.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please e-mail Kim Murray at kmurray@rei-pm.net.

Sincerely,



Arthur Stueck
President
REI Property and Asset Management

Cc: Board of Directors

Attachments

Murad Tree and Landscaping Sterling Woods Pine Tree Removal Project

PHASE I - 2023

1 - Hancock Drive: (No Plantings)

#1001 3 Pine - On Left
#2001 3 Pine - On Left
#3001 3 Pine - On Left
#3006 2 Pine - On Right
#4001 3 Pine - On left
#4005 2 Pine - On Right
#5001 1 Pine - On Left
#6001 6 Spruce - On Left
#6006 3 Spruce - On Right
#7001 3 Pine - On Left
#7006 5 Pine - On Right
Garage 18 Spruce – On Left, Right, and Back

TOTAL = 52 Trees

2 - Revere Road: (No Plantings)

#1201 4 Spruce - On Left
#1301 3 Spruce - On Left
#1306 3 Spruce - On Right
#1401 4 Spruce - On Left
#1501 3 Pine - On Left
#1506 2 Pine - On Right
#1601 4 Spruce - On Left
#1701 2 Pine - On Left
#1801 5 Spruce - On Left
#1901 6 Spruce - On Left

TOTAL = 36 Trees

3 - Bradford Drive: (No Plantings)

#1001 6 Spruce – On Left
#1201 3 Pine – On Left
#1306 3 Pine – On Right
#1401 5 Pine – 1 One on Left – Four in Back
#1401 4 Arborvitaes – By the Fence
#1401 5 Hews by the Fence
#1405 2 Pine – On Right – Dead One on Hill

PHASE I – 2023 (continued)

3 - Bradford Drive (continued):

#1505 1 Spruce – On Right
#1801 3 Pine – On Left
#1803 2 Pine – On Right
#1901 2 Pine – On Left – One Uprooted Stump to Remove, Not Grind
#1905 2 Pine – On Right

TOTAL = 38 Trees

4 - Silversmith Drive: (No Plantings)

#104 2 Spruce
#106 1 Spruce
#110 3 Spruce
#112 1 Pine

TOTAL = 7 Trees

5 - Heartwood Lane: (No Plantings)

#1001 1 Pine – On Left
#1006 1 Pine – On Right
#2006 1 Pine – On Right
#6001 6 Pine – On Left
#8001 4 Pine – On Left

TOTAL = 13 Trees

GRAND TOTAL = 146 Trees to Be Removed in Phase I

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PHASE II - 2024

Pinnacle Way: (No Plantings)

#1101 2 Spruce - On Left
#1101 2 Pine - On Left
#1105 4 Pine - On Right
#1201 5 Spruce - On Left and Right
#1205 1 Pine - On right
#1301 3 Pine - On Left
#1401 4 Spruce - On Left
#1406 4 Spruce - On Right
#1501 3 Pine - On Left
#1506 2 Spruce - On Right
#1601 3 Pine - On Left
#1606 4 Spruce - On Right
#1801 3 Pine - On Left
#1804 3 Pine - On Right
#2501 3 Pine - On Left

TOTAL = 46 Trees

Cypress Drive: (No Plantings)

#1001 3 Spruce - On Left
#1101 6 Spruce - On Left
#1106 2 Spruce - On Right
#1201 6 Pine - On Left
#1301 6 Pine - On Left
#1401 6 Spruce - On Left
#1601 6 Pine - On Left
#1701 3 Pine - On Left
#1706 6 Spruce - On Right
#1801 5 Spruce - Left
#1805 1 Spruce - On Right
#1805 1 Arborvitae - On Right
#1901 3 Spruce - On Left
#2001 2 Pine - On Left
#2006 2 -1 Spruce - 1 Pine on Right

TOTAL = 58 Trees

GRAND TOTAL = 104 Trees to Be Removed in Phase II

Murad Tree and Landscaping

Sterling Woods Pine Tree Removal Project

PHASE III - 2025

Logging Trail Road: (Plantings - 30 Arborvitae Trees– Six Foot Height)

#101	1 Spruce - Back Side	Plant 1 Arborvitae
#102	4 Pine - Back Right and Left	Plant 2 Arborvitae
#103	5 Pine - Back Side	Plant 1 Arborvitae
#104	1 Pine (4 Spruce Already Cut in Back. Stumps Still Remaining)	Plant 2 Arborvitae
#105	2 Spruce - Back Side Garage	Plant 1 Arborvitae
#106	4 Pine - One Right Side – Three in Back	Plant 1 Arborvitae
#109	1 Spruce - Back side Garage Near Deck	Plant 1 Arborvitae
#110	6 Spruce - Two Right – Four Left Back Deck	Plant 1 Arborvitae
#111	3 Spruce - Back Side of Garage	
#112	3 Spruce - In Back	Plant 1 Arborvitae
#114	3 Pine - On Left	
#115	1 Spruce - On Right	Plant 1 Arborvitae
#116	2 Pine - One Left - One Right	Plant 1 Arborvitae
#117	2 (One Pine and One Spruce) - Near Deck on Each Side	
#120	2 Pine - One Right - One Left	Plant 2 Arborvitae
#124	2 Spruce - One Right - One Left	Plant 2 Arborvitae
#125	3 Pine - On Right	Plant 2 Arborvitae
#127	6 Pine - Two Right - Three Back Deck – One Left	Plant 2 Arborvitae
#128	1 Spruce – On Left	Plant 1 Arborvitae
#129	5 Pine – Two Right – Three Back (By #127)	Plant 1 Arborvitae
#130	3 Pine – One Right – Two Left	
#131	3 Pine – Two Right – One Left	Plant 3 Arborvitae
#132	2 Pine – On Left	
#135	3 Pine – One Right – Two in Back	Plant 1 Arborvitae
#136	1 Pine – On left	Plant 1 Arborvitae
#138	1 Pine – On Left	
#140	1 Pine – On Right	Plant 1 Arborvitae
#142	2 Pine – One Right – One Left	
#144	2 Pine – One on Right – One on Left	

TOTAL = 75 Trees

GRAND TOTAL = 75 Trees to Be Removed in Phase III

Reasons to Remove Pines/Spruce Trees

The arborists performing tree services for SWII throughout the years have all come to the same conclusion - the white pines and spruce trees planted in locations close to the buildings and decks should not have been planted in these locations. The trees grow anywhere from 1 foot to 2 feet a year and present the following problems:

During high winds and rainy conditions, the danger of falling trees (in full or in part) is greater each year.

During wet conditions, the roots of these trees become loosened from the ground and the danger of the tree falling is greater.

During snow storms the heavy weight of the snow on these trees causes branches to break, affecting the structure of the tree.

As these trees get bigger, removal cost goes up and the risk of danger to the buildings and for the residents increases.

Animals use the trees to make access to the decks, buildings and roofs and they are then able to gain access into the attic areas.

Roots from these trees have created serious issues with water, sewer, and drainage pipes. We have experienced cases where blocked sewer or drainage lines have caused sewage or water back ups into units.

The branches are so close to the buildings that on windy days owners can hear branches banging against their unit throughout the wind event.

Green pollen from these trees coats the building siding and which then need to be power washed.

The trees are so close to the units that the needles fall into the gutters causing clogs and the need for special work orders to clear them.

The needles and pines cones from the trees fall onto decks creating a mess for the owners.

The needles from the trees are very acidic and when they fall to the ground, they cause lawn problems. Grass growth is affected by the high acidity from the tree needles.

The trees in close proximity to the buildings produce a lot of shade which affects shrub growth in front beds.

The trees take up a lot of water with their large root systems lessening the amount of water the lawns and shrubs get.