

## **Bel Mare Landscape Committee Report to Board - 6/21/2022**

- A 2 - hr. walk was conducted by P&L Horticulturist on 6/15 for Committee members & interested owners. We learned about the variety of palm tree species we have on Bel Mare grounds and how to keep them trimmed, fertilized, inoculated and free of disease. We also had a chance to discuss some of the projects the Committee has in mind for the future. Overall, we are happy to report that he gave Bel Mare an overall “A” rating on the beauty and up-keep of our trees and landscaping!
- We replaced our annuals in the front circles and gate house. Have a few more small projects in mind to continue to enhance the look of these plant beds and reduce costs of annual plantings in the long run by gradually introducing perennials.
- We plan to mulch all of our plant beds in the Fall once the construction is completed using decorative shredded wood bark. Not only does wood bark make the plant beds look more attractive – but also keep weeds out. The grounds have not been mulched since construction began last year on Building 2. A proposal from our landscaper for this project has been solicited and will be submitted to the Board shortly.
- The Committee is also working on putting together a proposal to replace the unsightly cactus in the planters behind Building 1 and will be submitting a replacement recommendation to the Board,
- Finally, we want to thank the Board for their approval to allow the Committee to move forward on continuing Bel Mare's Medjool Palm Tree disease inoculation program. These are some of our most beautiful palms that are also most susceptible to disease and most expensive to replace. The Committee was able to identify a vendor who do the service at a rate similar to what we have paid in the past.