

## **Weathersfield Service Group (WSG) Notification to Homeowners on Rejuvenation**

**(January 1, 2021)**

The WSG, by recommendation of the Landscaping Committee, has approved a major rejuvenation for all Closes. This decision is based on the Weathersfield Service Group VI Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions and Landscaping Committee policies.

Article VI under Exterior Maintenance of the Covenants states in part:

*"... WSG VI may, but shall not be required to provide supplemental watering for lawn, common area and yard maintenance as deemed necessary **in the Board's sole discretion to maintain an attractive community. WSG VI is responsible for maintaining the Common Areas.**" (page 10)*

Recently, members of the Landscaping Committee along with Cooper Murry, Ruppert's Area Manager, conducted a walk-through of all WSG Closes to determine what needs to be done at each house and parking area in the Close.

The rejuvenation process, which is a one-off process, will **start Tuesday January 12, weather permitting, and will take four days to complete. (See: Close by Close color-coded diagram on page 4).** This schedule will allow Ruppert to bring a trash disposal container on site once. At the end of the process in January Ruppert will remove the container.

To be clear, this rejuvenation is not a routine contractual pruning but a major undertaking that the Landscape Committee has budgeted for since it is a cost over and above the twice yearly pruning that is included in Ruppert's contract.

Rejuvenation pruning will give shrubs, bushes, and trees the opportunity to thrive by appropriately trimming and cutting away the excess growth and the removal of dead or dying sections. Rejuvenation allows our plants to renew themselves and flourish in a natural way.

### **Important Points of Clarification:**

- Residences will be notified prior to the pruning in their Close.
- Trimming will be substantial in some cases with only old and/or taller shrubs/bushes rejuvenated.
- Ruppert has made a list of exactly what needs to be pruned at each house/Close. Thus, homeowners need not mark/tape shrubs/bushes/plants since this is a rejuvenation not a routine pruning.
- All plants/shrubs will be cut back below ground floor windows at houses as well as garage windows where they are up against railings or siding. This is to protect the wood and sidings as well as allowing access to water meters and repairmen.
- Plants or small trees that are taller than 12 feet will be pruned and shaped to enhance beauty and new growth. Ruppert cannot prune higher than 12 feet due to insurance constraints.

- The Landscaping Committee will work closely with Ruppert during the entire process.

Please give the Ruppert crews the courtesy, respect, and cooperation that they deserve. Ruppert is contracted by us, the homeowners, to do the landscaping here in this beautiful neighborhood where we chose to live.

Rejuvenation is not being undertaken merely for aesthetic purposes. The purpose is to care for our properties, maintain their values and enhance the beauty of our neighborhood and green common spaces we all love and enjoy. Let us appreciate the valuable work the Ruppert managers and crews contribute to this goal by giving them the courtesy, respect, and cooperation that they deserve.

**Please contact David Piet, WSG Director Landscaping Committee if you have questions.**

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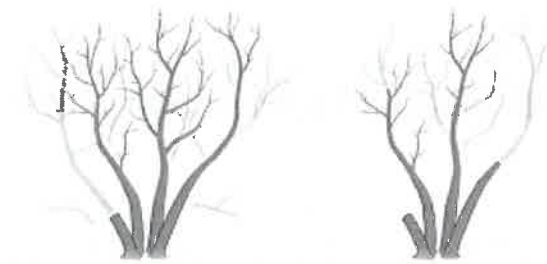
**Rejuvenation cropping – before showing white pruning line for after.**



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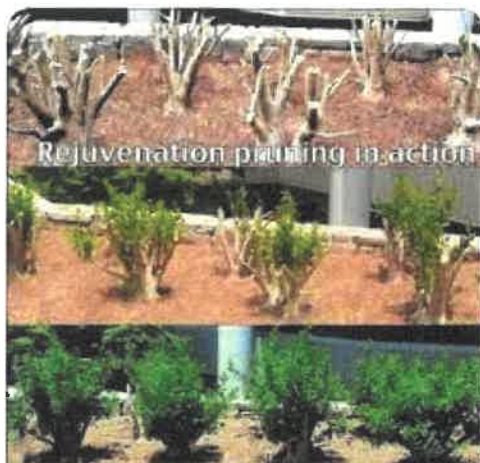
## REJUVENATIVE / DORMANT PRUNING



### Why Rejuvenate a Shrub?

After several years without pruning, shrubs can begin to look misshapen or crowded, and have lots of older, unproductive wood (meaning that it doesn't flower or have a lot of leaves). At this point, thinning just won't do the job; it calls for more extreme measures.

By cutting a shrub to the ground, you “reset the clock” – the result is a smaller, younger plant that usually flowers more profusely and can be thinned as necessary to keep it looking its best.



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DAY 1 - PRUNE

DAY 2 - PRUNE

DAY 2 - Debris Pick-up

DAY 3 - Debris Pick-up

DAY 3 - DETAILS IF NEEDED

Note: work to be performed in numerical sequence.



WEATHERSFIELD - 523 Swim & Croquet - DO NOT PRUNE PAST A/C UNITS.

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