

## **Belden Park Condominium Association**

### **Approved Plantings 2014**

In order to maintain the aesthetics of this condo association, and yet, be able to stay within the budget as related to plantings, I have chosen the following plants/trees for use in replacement situations. With this policy, eventually all plantings will be low maintenance and healthy, hardy specimens.

Native plants have a distinct advantage for survival, so I have included these when possible. In addition, I determined that all plants considered must be hardy to weather zone 4 (this is the type of weather we had in 2013-14). Where plants require a protected area in order to survive I have so noted.

Also, all plants must be slow growing, disease resistant, meet medium water requirements, have no fruits, nuts etc. to remove, and must require minimal grooming/trimming.

This list may be amended at any time if problems are found with any variety of plant, for example, the appearance of diseases, insects etc, that could be harmful to them.

Every year, new cultivars are introduced that may improve on the qualities of any plant that may then be considered for inclusion. And, lastly, landscaping styles change periodically, so other types of plants may be considered.

Carolyn Adelman

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### **2015**

As mentioned in the above pages, additions can be made to our acceptable list of trees, foundations plants, and flowers shrubs. I have listed some that we approved and were planted last year. Others were added to the list as new varieties were introduced at local nurseries. I have included photos of these additions, if you want to learn more check the internet or a local nursery.

Bushes and foundations plants include:

Cedars

Knock Out Roses

Rocket Junipers

Arborvitae (under 6 feet)

Golden Arborvitae

Azalea

Rhododendrons

Small Trees include:

Lilac Trees

Hydrangea Trees

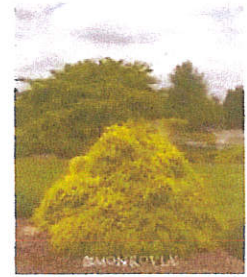
Rose Anderson, Grounds Director

## Foundation plants

Boxwood: *Boxus x 'Green Gem'* mound of emerald green with some bronzing in winter. Naturally oval with dense foliage. Slow growing, 18 to 24 inches tall and 24 inches wide. Use only in area protected from strong winter winds. Low maintenance. Sun to part shade.



Golden Mop Threadleaf False Cypress: *Chamaecyparis pisifera 'Golden Mop'* mounding plant that colors best in full sun. Slow growing, 3 by 4 feet when mature. Threadlike leaves drape gracefully. Needs moist soil. Full Sun.



Inkberry: *Ilex glabra 'Shamrock'* Upright Holly with dark green glossy leaves. This dwarf form grows slowly to 3 to 5 feet max. Greenish-white flowers result in black berries that attract birds. Needs moist soil and full sun to part shade.



Yew: *Taxus x media 'Everlow'* A dwarf, spreading evergreen typically 12 – 18 inches tall, dark green needles. Needs well-drained soil. Sun to part shade.



Yew: *Taxus x media 'Wardii'* Similar to *Everlow* but reaches 3-4 feet in height and width. Needs well-drained soil. Sun to part shade.



## Foundation Plants

China Girl Holly *Ilex 'Mesog'* Upright rounded evergreen shrub bearing red berries. China Girl is a female plant – needs a China Boy, the male plant pollinator to produce berries. (One male to nine females) Plant has year-round interest and can grow 7-9 feet. However, most are kept shorter. Sun to partial shade.



Summersweet: *Clethra alnifolia 'Hummingbird'* Dwarf 3-4 foot plant with lustrous green leaves and fragrant white flower panicles. Attracts butterflies and bees, and later, birds. Needs moist soil and part shade to full shade.







CEDARS





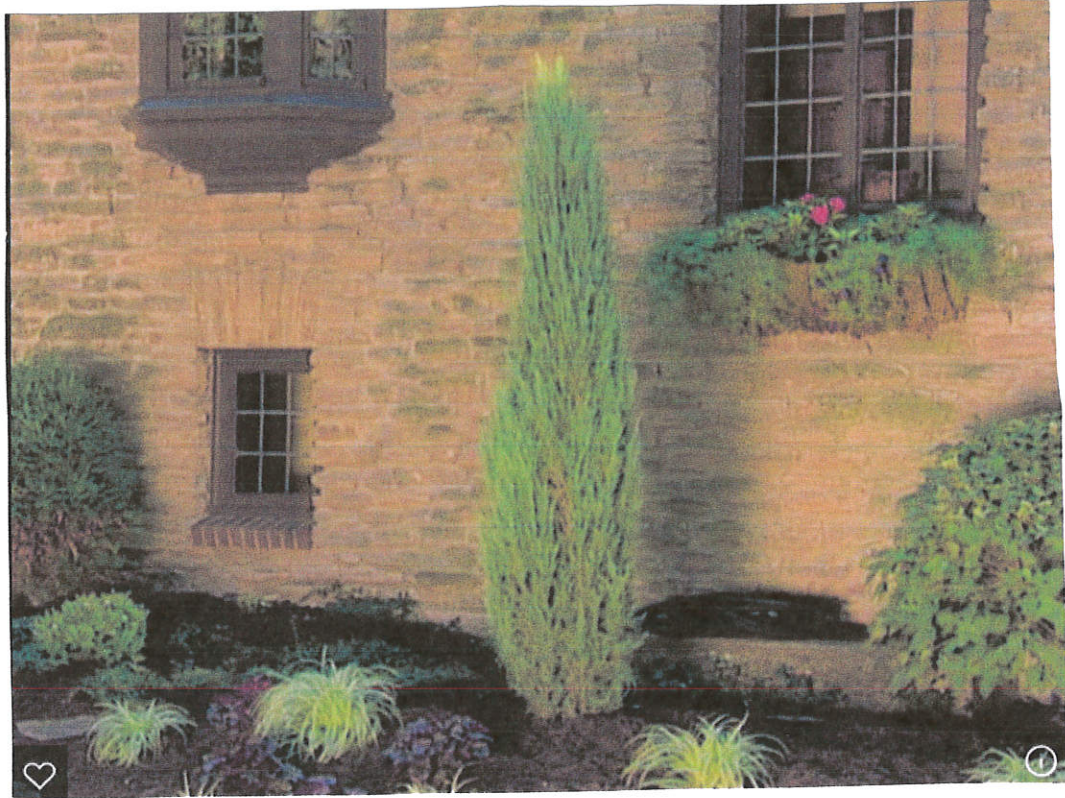
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GOLDEN ARBORVITAE

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ARBORVITAE





ROCKET JUNIPERS





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RHODODENDRONS



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AZALEA



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KNOCK OUT ROSES

## Flowering shrubs

Bigleaf Hydrangea: *Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Bailmer' Endless Summer Hydrangeas bloom most of the summer as they grow buds on new as well as old wood. Growing 3 to 5 feet in height, they bloom in pink or blue. Adequate moisture is a must. Sun to part shade.



*Hydrangea arborescens* 'Annabelle' grows to 3–5 feet with masses of large white flowers. Needs adequate moisture. Partial shade.



*Hydrangea paniculata* 'Limelight' grows 6–8 feet in height with large chartreuse/lime flowers aging to rose. Blooms on current year's growth and is one of the most winter hardy. Likes rich soil. Sun to part shade.



Weigela: *Weigela florida* 'Wine and Roses' A compact 4-5 foot shrub does well in groups. Burgandy/purple foliage and pink flowers. Hummingbirds like the flowers. Full sun.



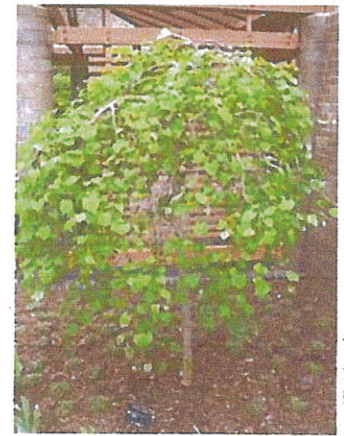
*Weigela florida* 'Midnight Wine' Miniature version of 'Wine and Roses' with 12-18 inch purple foliage and pink flowers. Useful for edging at front of garden area and adding color anywhere. Attracts hummingbirds. Full sun.





## Small Trees

Weeping Eastern Redbud: *Cercis canadensis* 'Lavender Twist' A weeping variety, it grows 5 to 10 feet tall with heart shaped green leaves. Its pink/lavender flowers open before the leaves appear in the spring creating a stunning display on bare branches. Hummingbirds are attracted to the flowers. Plant in sun to part shade.



Flowering Crabapple: *Malus species* and cultivars. The crabapple cultivars listed have good to excellent resistance to disease and produce tiny, non-messy fruits. The trees vary in size.

*Malus* 'Prairifire' Attractive glossy green leaves with excellent display of coral-pink flowers. Purple fruits from late June to December. Rounded tree form grows to 18 feet. Full sun.



*Malus* 'Red Jewel' Upright oval tree habit with outstanding cherry-red fruits that are highly ornamental little mini-apples into early spring. Flowers are snow white on this 15 foot tree. Full sun.



*Malus sargentii* A dwarf spreading tree with petite white flowers and attractive scarlet fruits. Grows 8-10 feet. Full sun.

*Malus* 'Sargentina' An even smaller variation on the *sargentii* Tree, growing 4-5 feet in height with dainty white flowers and attractive red fruits. Full sun.



## Small Trees

Service Berry: *Amelanchier x grandiflora* 'Autumn Brilliance'

All season interest with attractive starry white flowers in spring, excellent fall coloring and red/purple fruit with silvery bark for winter beauty. This tree grows 15-20 feet, however it may also be grown as a large shrub. Full sun.



Panicked Hydrangea: *Hydrangea paniculata* 'Tardiva' Small tree (8-10 feet) with large paniced (cone-shaped) blossoms 6-8 inches and larger. Blossoms are creamy white and change to pinks and finally brown in fall. This plant may also be grown as a large shrub, that does best if kept below 6 feet. This plant is hardy to zone 3, so that if you are unable to grow other hydrangeas, this one will likely survive.







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LILAC TREES





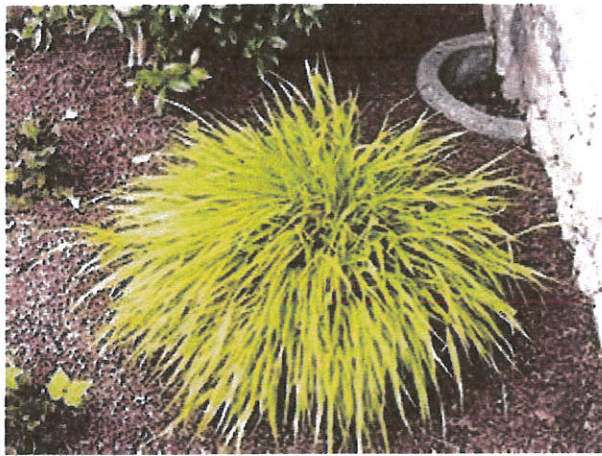
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HYDRANGEA TREES





Yellow coral bells



Japanese Forest Grass



Golden Hemlock

*Just approved 2016*