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One of our associates, Rick Lauder Esq. has stepped forward and has been removing rust stains from those units that had stain on the walls. Thanks Rick they look great, it's appreciated.

The plumbers have cleaned out the main sewer lines behind the Darwood Drive units. Due to a break in a sewer pipe some ground needed to be dug up and out. There does not appear to be any earth settling so resodding can be accomplished.

During the April meeting a new lawn and landscape company has been approved. The new company "Spreadbury Landscape & Lawn Maintenance, Inc" will come on board after a thirty day notice has been given to 3 Seasons.

The BOD has interviewed two other companies with Spreadbury give us the better contract service.

For those of us that will be returning to the North country a tip to help control the possibility of rodent ingress, the following information should be a good reminder too you. During this past winter we have had a number of our members reporting incidents of rodents entering their condo while away for extended periods of time, in particular our snowbirds who leave their units vacant for six months. Your Association has in the recent past taken measures to insure access areas are rodent proofed such as installing covers over the dryer vents and screening areas on the roof in an effort to reduce rodent entry into the units.

One not so common issue but one that does occur are incidents of sewer rats entering through toilets that have been left to dry out in those units of snowbirds or vacant unit. In order to minimize these specific occurrences we suggest that you rat proof your toilets if you intend on leaving your unit unoccupied for lengthy periods.

We suggest the following:

Lift your toilet lid,
Lift the toilet seat,
Ensure there is water in the toilet bowl,
Stretch Saran Wrap TM over the toilet bowl
as to seal the open bowl area,
Close the toilet seat and the toilet cover,
Place a weighted item on the toilet lid
such as a case of pop or the like.

This will help the water in your toilet from evaporating and allowing sewer rats from coming up and into your toilet and subsequently into your unit. These steps should help to prevent these type of rodents from entering your units.