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I would like to revisit the plan(s) that has been outlined in our newsletters for restoring our lawns. In short, we (HOA and Village Management) evaluated each lawn and gave it a grade. Based on that grade Village Management will take action. Grade 5 will be replaced. Grade 4 and 3 will receive specific treatments to improve. Grade 2 and 1 will continue with current treatments. However, The HOA is spearheading a refinement of the lawn plan. Simply replacing lawns as in the past has not had the success it should have. We've contacted the Florida Agricultural Extension Service in Sarasota County and are working with them to develop a plan for success. First, we are sending soil samples for evaluation to determine what amendments are needed to the 5 and 4 yards before new lawns are put down. Secondly, the Village lawn care company has adjusted their treatments to eliminate pests. The first application is going down now. Third, the watering schedule needed to be adjusted so watering takes place twice a week vs. once. This was recommended by our lawn care company and the Extension Service. The new schedule is hanging in the office window. However, watering is a big Issue. One of the irrigation pumps has been out and was just replaced. Also, drought is a big factor. We use the lake water for irrigation. When the level goes down too low, irrigation must stop. All of the above steps are delayed if and when the watering stops. Since water is the pacing issue now, the HOA and Village management agree to delay plans to replace lawns until we have soil improved and can provide adequate watering. While the HOA is working diligently with management on these issues, it is NOT the HOA who has the final say in choices of lawns that get sodded.





A big thank you to all that turned out to celebrate Oktoberfest with us. It was a great time! Our last basket is going on sale this Saturday at Karaoke. It will be available at all Karaoke, HOA meetings etc. You can get tickets anytime by calling Patti 618-363-4816 or Mary 813-406-1526. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00. The winner will be drawn at the New Year's Eve party. This basket features a cozy blanket, good bottle of wine with two studded wine glasses. Some Godiva Chocolates and a personal Solo Stove with firewood to keep you toasty on the three cold days we have!!



PICTURES PICTURES PICTURES!!! The frames for the Honor Wall are being assembled. No blank frames will go up so get us a photo soon. It can be a present one, or Military whatever you prefer. If you need one taken, let us know we will make arrangements. Contact Patti Bond or Tony Lombardo. We will pick up any photo, and promptly return it. VETERANS DAY LUNCH-Saturday November 11. Sign up sheet is at Elaines's desk. It is complimentary for the Veteran and spouse OR guest. Golf Cart Parade starts at 11:00 in Auditorium lot. Lunch and Presentation to follow at noon.

