

**Landscape Operations Monthly Report**  
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**Demonstration Garden**

The following maintenance items are scheduled to occur this fall:

- 1.) A hand rail will be installed along the steps to insure pedestrian safety from the MarketPlace up to the garden.
- 2.) Fall and winter cleanup will begin around October 15 with a 5 day window for completion.
- 3.) The shade sails will be removed, boxed and stored for winter.

The District's "Open House at the Garden" was held Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and I believe it was a success. Approximately 75+ people attended the gathering. Thanks go out to the Board and Audrey Davie for all their help to make this a great event for the District! Also, thanks to Brent Trujillo and his staff for giving tours while explaining the different plants and providing the coffee bar. The City of Aurora (COA) was represented by Zach Versluis, Water Conservation Specialist and Marsha Osborn. They answered many questions regarding the City's residential rebate program. We cannot forget the graciousness of Gus at Wholly Cannoli who provided the scrumptious pastries and voluntarily donated the pizzas.

Zach announced the District would be receiving a "Xeriscape Award" from the City because the District's garden exceeded the City's seven principles of xeriscape: 1.) exceptional planning and design; 2.) low-water plants; 3.) practical turf areas; 4.) efficient irrigation; 5.) soil amendment; 6.) mulches and 7.) overall maintenance.



**Center Medians**

Bill Carel, HEBMA Board President, and I will conduct a walking tour of the intersections along Aurora Parkway and Gartrell Road. A letter was received which addressed safety concerns at these intersections while driving a “golf cart”. The trees and plants at these intersections have been regularly trimmed and monitored for the past two years ago.