

## Note from the ACC for the November Newsletter

Fall is here, the leaf color is gorgeous, and the leaves are beginning to fall. Don't forget to rake your leaves, clean off your roof and clean out your gutters. Besides making your home more attractive, these steps will help keep your grass healthy, and prevent damage to your roof and gutters. Leaves piled up in your gutters and valleys can cause blockage of runoff water which in turn can cause leaks into your home.

One of the more common violations of the ACC Standards is use of edging materials around natural areas, or mailbox planters. A number of homeowners have used concrete blocks, blocks meant to be used for retaining walls, bricks, or landscape timbers. The ACC Standards state, **"No obvious edging or borders are permitted."** Please remove all unapproved materials. If these are not removed in the next 30 days, homeowners will be given violation notices.

Garbage can left in front of homes is the second most common violation. Again, the ACC Standards state, **"Garbage cans...shall be screened by adequate planting or fencing to as to conceal them from view of the street."** Please put your garbage can in the garage, in back of your house, or hide it behind a shrub. They are not supposed to be visible from the street. Again, if your garbage can is not properly screened from the street you will be given a violation notice.

Late fall and winter are the perfect times to cut back overgrown shrubs. Shrubbery in some cases has been allowed to grow up and block front windows. **"Each homeowner shall maintain all landscaping....shrubbery shall not obstruct the view of windows and doors."** Local garden shops such as Pikes, Lowe's or Home Depot can give excellent advice on how to severely cut back overgrown shrubs. If you have any questions, join our upcoming garden club which will be starting soon.

Lastly, look at your mailbox. If it is bent, broken, discolored, missing its flag, or its door....it needs to be repaired. **"Mailboxes and posts shall be maintained."** Contact Global Home Products by calling (770) 409-8292 or send an email to: [info@ghpweb.com](mailto:info@ghpweb.com). They will make service calls and repair your box. Also, note that. **"Mailboxes and posts shall not have any non-postal items places on them such as flags, banners, etc."**

Thanks from the ACC Committee