

# The Voice



## The State of the Mutuals!

**Landscaping;** Once again we have completed the budget for the next year and it is worth reviewing some of the issues in 2011/2012. We have lost control of most of them and all the “damage” that will be done is irrevocable.

GRF increased their assessment, United increased their assessment, The Towers increased their assessment, BUT Third held their assessment to the same level as it has been for three years now.

It was through OVERSIGHT that the Third Mutual required PCM to cut costs and still maintain a high level of service quality, while the other Mutuals were lax in meeting their fiduciary duty.

One requirement was a reduction in the Landscaping costs. Don’t you suppose that a company (PCM) that receives periodic awards and accolades for their managerial expertise, shouldn’t be expected to apply that to our maintenance operations and find ways to constrain our costs?

It has been noted that a current GRF Director complained about the dying grass in his common area and attributed it to a reduction in the Third Mutual landscaping

budget for the 2012 Business Plan! This director must be delusional since his grass is dying today and the budget cut doesn’t go into effect until 2012. What he should be complaining about is the effectiveness of our assessment monies on the Landscaping in 2011.

In addition to that fact, take a look at the GRF and United landscaping and you will find massive areas of dead grass and plants. There was no cut in their landscaping budget, and yet they have *DYING GRASS* just like Third Mutual. Is it “How MUCH money PCM Spends?” Or, is it, “HOW they spend our MONEY?”

How much has it cost us in United to install all of their costly “Mini Parks?” If one would follow the landscaping activity required to

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