

If the trees and shrubs along Railroad Canyon Road look greener and healthier, there's a good reason. Two years ago the City of Canyon Lake hired Sunshine Nurseries to clean up dead and dying vegetation on the main road into the city, replant portions of the roadway median with drought-tolerant plants and install water-stingy drip irrigation.

The landscape contractor removed dead and dying plants, trimmed trees and bushes in the parkways and median. The trimmings were recycled as wood chip mulch in the median planter. These initial landscaping efforts were part of a multi-year effort by the city to beautify Canyon Lake's main thoroughfare.

The city also repaired the pump station that was supplying the median and parkways irrigation system with reclaimed water taken from a retention basin on the other side of the Canyon Lake Country Club. The station's pump was repaired and a heavy-duty self-dumping filter was installed to prevent the irrigation system from clogging. In the past, the irrigation system emitter heads became clogged with debris in the water and were no longer effective.

So far, the improvements to the Railroad Canyon Road median irrigation system and use of reclaimed water has resulted in water and cost savings.

To make sure citywide beautification efforts move forward, the Canyon Lake in August set aside \$90,000 for contractors to complete the next phase of the landscaping project and to repair wrought iron fencing on the north side of Railroad Canyon Road next to the Canyon Lake Country Club.

Planters and green areas on the north side of Railroad Canyon Road have begun along with repairs to the wrought iron fencing. The contractor was able to salvage and stabilize as much of the existing fencing as possible to minimize costs. Ultimately the landscape and irrigation upgrades will save on maintenance, repairs and water usage.

To ensure that Railroad Canyon Road remains well kept, members of the Canyon Lake Motorcycle Club and the Canyon Lake Car Club have volunteered to clean up both sides of Railroad Canyon Road parkways two Saturdays each month.

If you have any questions on what the City is doing to upgrade its landscaping and reduce water usage please feel free to email City Manager Lori Moss at lmoss@cityofcanyonlake.com

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