

## CHRISTMAS CHEER



Members of the **Landscape & Irrigation Committee** recently planted 78 poinsettias in the bed in front of the gatehouse after the dead, dying and overgrown shrubs were removed, and the area graded, planted with new shrubs and mulched.

They were going for colorful, relatively low maintenance shrubs in the design.

The members shown are **Natalaie Mathews, Steve Fiero, Barbara Coker, Helen DiGuardia** and **Cindy Francisco**. Missing but not forgotten are our very dear colleagues **Cissy Burnette, Raymond** and **Ramona Ferrara, and Suzanne Foster!**



## CHRISTMAS DEER (& MORE)

The Holiday Decorations Committee is an ad hoc MPCA committee and is not part of Landscape & Irrigation, though some members work on both. **Jola Greiner, Patricia Nisley, Helen** and **Andrew DiGuardia, Paul Werring, Albert Greiner, Dave** and **Laurie Miller, Larry** and **Cindy Francisco**, and of course the reindeer crew at the Greiners (see *'Reindeer Rock'*, pages 11-13).

My goal this year was to create "holiday cheer" throughout Magnolia Point. As my family has not lived here for Christmas, I was starting from scratch. I was blessed to receive notes and have questions answered by **Jola Greiner** as I began, familiarizing me with what decorating happened in past years. My main goal was to create decorations that can be used for years to come. We began with lighting. We lit many of the trees coming in the front gate between main sign and the guardhouse, with both white and colored lights. We hung icicle lights on guardhouse gutters, outlined all windows with lights and hung a large wreath on

center window of the guardhouse. Inside, we hung lights around center window and added a lit and decorated tabletop tree for some cheer for the guards of all shifts to enjoy.

We were on to the wreaths and teardrop swags next, with large bows hung on the four pillars, four wreaths on both sides of the "Magnolia Point" sign.

Reindeer gather on the lawn greeting you as you enter and continue to greet you as you drive through Magnolia Point to the back gate.

At the back gate we had our group with **Suzanne Foster** and **Lori** and **David Millar** joining us for wreath hanging fun. The back gate displays eight wreaths hung double sided going four across the gate again with big red bows. Bushes are lit on both sides of the gates.

A major accomplishment was that we were able to build an infrastructure of electricity!! We now have receptacles on either side of back gate that did not exist previously and can be used going forward.

- HELEN DIGUARDIA

