

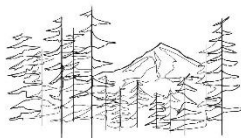
With more computer power than Apollo 17 and connected to an even larger satellite network, our new Weathertrak irrigation control system is up, running and being fine-tuned by our DeSantis Landscaping Team. Our property manager (Steve) and office manager (Maria) will be able to access in real time the performance of every zone - actually, last night's performance, as irrigation is primarily done at night. It's still a work in progress as the individual zones are being fine-tuned. For instance – have you noticed the brown grass at the entrance gate? It's on the edge of an irrigation zone programmed for shrubbery. Grass requires lots of water, though – and shrubbery water is simply *not* enough! From their office computers, Steve and Maria will make a slight adjustment to the orbit of one of the satellites and voila! the problem should be solved.

The pale green grass on the meadow below B5 is a different case – the large white oak rules the scene up

there and their entire species has always been sensitive to over-watering. The grass simply isn't happy to be living on what an oak tree thinks is sufficient hydration.

Quintet Condos PDX is our new Facebook page. A lively discussion arose over the new name – should “condo” be singular or plural? **The Q News** research team has learned the Latin word “dominium” is a neuter noun in the Latin Second Declension – the plural is formed by substituting “a” for “um.” To the Latin purist (and hey, who isn't?) the plural form is “condominia.”

Steve Meyers and DeSantis are quietly working to reduce noise pollution here at The Q. After the Spring flower drop is over and until the Fall leaf season begins DeSantis will no longer leaf blow the parking lots or street unless dictated by special circumstances. Leaf blowers will still be used to clear sidewalks, building entrances and garage entrances - Mondays after 1:00 p.m.



The fabled Planter Box of Building One was pressure washed as scheduled this last Monday with installation of the liner scheduled to begin Aug 10th.....but yesterday's rain may have put a damper on those plans, as a minimum of 4-5 days dry weather is required before liner install. Trusted sources tell **The Q News** that the new plants (the final step) shouldn't be installed until late September – early October anyway, in order to best ensure their vitality – a short delay at this point should not affect that. This project has been filled with all the excitement you would expect when waiting for concrete to dry, and has certainly tried the patience of the good people in B1. But it should be ready for dirt and plants soon. Perhaps when it's all done, the residents will turn into the parking lot and for just a moment, wonder where they are – it will be whole again – and a unique piece of landscape design not just for The Q, but all of Portland. Hopefully it proves to be an inspired idea brought to reality by talented designers - how Quintonian!