

## **Dear Homeowners,**

**Questions regarding the electrical transformer boxes seen on certain lots in the neighborhood have come to the attention of the HOA Board.**

**Landscaping around these boxes, or softening their look needs to be guided by the Connexus advisory which is attached.**

**Also, before proceeding with this type of change, or any exterior change on the common grounds (or your residential unit), a homeowner must submit a completed "Villas of Victor Meadow – Application for Architectural Modification" form.**

**This, and other forms can now be found on the website!**

### **- Your HOA Board**

For the record, these are the guidelines for keeping the Connexus transformer boxes accessible:

Screens, fences, and plantings within the 4ft x 4ft & 10ft front clearances is NOT allowed:

1. Maintain a 4-foot clearance to the sides and back of the transformer. Equipment inside the box generates heat and needs air circulation to keep cool and run efficiently. Overheating could cause an outage.
2. Maintain a 10-foot clearance in front of the transformer. Equipment inside is energized at high voltage. Line crews work on "energized" transformers to avoid interrupting your service. The linemen use long insulating sticks and need the clear space to work safely.
3. Use gravel, wood chips, grass, or low ground cover around the transformer. Flowers are okay, but may get trampled if we need to work on the unit.
4. Never dig beside a transformer or install fences or storage buildings near them. Crews need clear access 24 hours a day to safely perform the necessary maintenance or restore power.