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An Urban Oasis In Downtown Spokane

Greenleaf Landscaping Scores At Riverside Court



Photo: Stairstepped floors of patio color gives a European flavor to this community.

Creating a vibrant residential community in Spokane's central business district was part of the City's "Plan For A New Downtown", and the Riverside Court Townhouses became the first residential element of the Plan to be completed in 1999. It has been a huge success for the community and part of the challenge has been maintaining the exterior portions of the upscale condominium development.

Accepting the challenge was Greenleaf Landscaping, Inc. whose success in keeping the property looking good netted the company a 2008 WALP Environmental Landscape Grand Award in the multifamily residential maintenance category.

The \$1 million plus townhomes are situated near the Spokane Club only blocks from Riverfront Park and Spokane's main shopping area. The private, gated communi-

ty features colorful, healthy, groomed plantings surrounded by concrete and hardscape.

"Access to the property for the crew to do its work is a major problem," says Greenleaf's Dan Gaffney. "There is no parking on site for service vehicles, so our staff has to park on the street in metered parking areas and carry all tools and supplies to the site by hand."

The site is primarily hardscape with walls surrounding it creating a microclimate that is very hot and humid during the Eastern Washington summers along the Spokane River. The many pots and planter beds that hold the plants require an elaborate drip irrigation system, and the lack of air circulation on site provides a setting conducive to insect and disease problems. Watering has to be precise to avoid root rot.

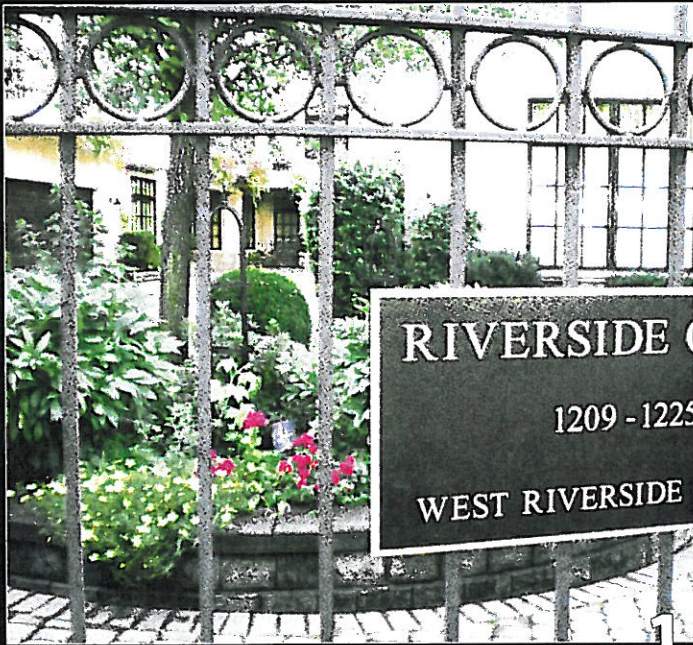
While the challenges are many, the end

result is worth the effort as the Riverside Townhouses have become a visible source of pride to the owners and the community.

"Keeping the hardscape clean is important as well for our crew," Gaffney adds. "The overall effect has to enhance the image of the property, and we pay attention not only to the big profile areas but the details as well."

With all community associations, providing good customer service to a multitude of client/residents is a challenge, he says. It's a challenge that he and his staff are happy to accept.

Greenleaf is a full-service landscape maintenance company that has been serving the Spokane area since 1980. They are a family-owned business with a highly-qualified and credentialed professional staff that specializes in customer service, natural pruning, and Integrated Pest Management spray services.



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Photo 1

The entry gate to Riverside Court features a colorful raised bed just inside.

Photo 2

The upper patio plantings provide added color and also added care requirements.

Photo 3

The colorful, shaped, raised beds, like this one looking back toward the city street, make Riverside Court a truly elegant place to live.

Photo 4

Passing automobiles and pedestrians get this sidewalk view of carefully groomed vines and shrubs that border the townhouse development and show the pride Greenleaf takes in its maintenance work.