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It's Their Business BY RACHEL GALVIN

## Add Value to Your Property with All Terrain Landscaping

With a keen eye for aesthetic harmony, horticulturist Mike Squillace has been helping people rejuvenate their landscape design for the last 30 years. His family owned and operated company, All Terrain Landscaping, has created award-winning landscapes for residential and commercial properties.

Squillace moved here from Minnesota. Although he had done odd jobs in landscaping in high school, he did not know it would eventually become a career. He was set on acting and modeling but changed his focus and attended college for landscape design.

He also began pursuing another pastime - treasure hunting. Sailing to different regions of the world to free dive and look for treasure, Squillace has lived many adventures. This has become a second business as he searches for people's lost items and recovers them. But Squillace's mainstay is landscaping. He has five acres of property where he resides in Parkland, which includes a nursery.

"Customers come and pick up items here. They select the plant materials. Most of the time, they want to come and see what they are buying. We have flowers, bushes, trees, palms. We also put in crushed rock, mulch, and sod," says Squillace.

His expertise comes in the design aspect of the business.

"I can do it in my sleep," says Squillace. "I am great at taking existing landscaping and adding to it. I like to listen to customers and suggest things and we pick out [products needed together]."

David Blessing agrees. A neighbor of Squillace, he had the All Terrain team work on his entire house.

"Mike is a very professional perfectionist," says Blessing. "He does an excellent job in design and installation. He is a pleasure to work with. He does jaw-dropping work. He is a landscape artist. He has an eye for what type of plants grow in what location. I have a nursery on my property and he is guiding me [into what to put where]."

Blessing, who works in construction, also worked with Squillace professionally.

He explains, "I had an opportunity to work with him before. I am looking forward to working with him again."

When it comes to landscape themes, customer's preferences vary.

"They choose anything from Mediterranean to Japanese, sometimes Northern or Tropical. It used to be that Queen Palms were popular. Now, it is the Sylvester Palms. They are more hurricane resistant, as well as bug and disease resistant," says Squillace.

For hurricane season, as a licensed tree company, he



Rabbi Moshe Rabin is happy with the work Squillace's team has done.

"He did work at my house and also at Rohr Bais Chaya Academy and at the synagogue, Chabad of Coral Springs. He did landscaping, tree planting. He is a great guy to work with. I would highly recommend him. He has great customer service. He is always looking to please, asking 'what can we do to make you happy?'"

Squillace adds, "I like dealing with the customer one-on-one."

All Terrain Landscaping handles clients anywhere in Broward and sometimes in Miami and Palm Beach. They have worked with both residential and commercial clients, including the City of Parkland, WCI and Lennar Homes.

"This is not packaged landscape," says Squillace. "It is all creative."

When not working, Squillace, whose name means "overwhelming force," is apt to be doing martial arts, treasure hunting or spending time with friends and family. He has twin sons and a daughter.

and his team often find themselves trimming and hauling out trees. He finds that most people don't think about maintenance. His company also takes care of fertilization, maintenance and irrigation upgrades.

"When I get there, everything is usually a mess. We make sure everything is in place. We are very prompt. We stand behind the work. We have received a 5 star rating, which is hard to get in 30 years. We have fast turnarounds and give free estimates. We have won a dozen beautification awards," says Squillace.

In addition, Squillace is big on giving back. He does a lot of charity work.

"I have donated free trees to Stoneman Douglas. [I have done work for] Kol Tikvah, Coral Springs Christian School, Mary Help of Christian and Calvary Chapel ... I love to give. It is a good feeling. I believe I have always been blessed. I want to give back to others," he says.

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