

## WISTERIA PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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**FROM:** Donna Burbidge  
**SUBJ:** **WISTERIA PARK – INSPECTION OF EASTSIDE HOMES LANDSCAPING –  
MARCH 17, 2017**  
**COPY:** Dennis Oertel, West Bay  
Argus Wisteria Park Website

On Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Rob Russell, Maureen Hooper and I, representing the East Side Landscape Council, did a walk around of the East Side to inspect landscaping. We were joined by Dennis Oertel of West Bay Landscapers. We made the following observations:

- Hibiscus, bougainvillea, and oleander are getting very tall/long. Dennis said they would be hand trimming these plants later in April when blooming season is over. They will be trimmed back 1 – 2 feet to encourage thicker growth in the bottom and blooming later in the year.
- Only one diseased palm was found and the owner arranged with West Bay to remove it. All other diseased palms have been removed from East Side. No white fly or other infestation was found. Some azaleas and other acid loving plants were looking stressed and Dennis said they required acid, a service West Bay does not provide. Homeowners should add acid to these plants.
- Although lawns have improved in the last three months, there is still a lot of Bermuda grass in the St Augustine. Unfortunately, chemicals which would kill the Bermuda grass would also kill the St Augustine. Some homeowners have resodded.
- Some of the palms and trees are touching the roof and homes. Dennis said these would be trimmed back in the next two weeks.
- Overgrown hedges – The first hedge West Bay trimmed to 6' appeared uneven and ragged. The hedge had large stems which required trimming with a chainsaw. Dennis said they would even out the hedge. He felt that growth season would better fill out the lower part of the hedge and regular trimming would improve the top of the hedge. Homeowners with hedges are concerned.
- Although it has been treated, some dollar weed was observed. Broad leaf weeds are popping up in lawns. Dennis said these will be treated.
- West Bay has stopped mowing areas up to 5 feet from ponds. This was recommended to maintain the health of the ponds. This natural area will be trimmed to 12 – 15" height.

Attached is a list of observations of specific properties.

## **WISTERIA PARK EAST SIDE LANDSCAPE COUNCIL REPORT – MARCH 17, 2017**

### **86<sup>TH</sup> ST NW**

- 1726 Bermuda imbedded in landscape beds, hedge needs trimming, palms extends over sidewalk.
- 1722 New sod, crack grass in driveway (West Bay to treat)
- 1718 Azaleas need acid (homeowner should do this), crack grass in driveway (West Bay to treat)

### **17<sup>th</sup> Drive NW**

- 8524 Dead areas in front where West Bay has been treated for fungus. St Augustine should grow into these areas over time.
- 8520 Hibiscus growing near the pool is too big and falling over. It should be removed. West Bay could remove it but it would be an additional cost.
- 8517 New sod.
- 8504 A lot of Bermuda grass in the back.

### **85<sup>th</sup> Court NW**

- 1707 New palm planted in front needs more water. Broad leaf weeds (West Bay will spot treat).
- 1720 Weeds in back (West Bay to spot treat), lots of Bermuda grass. Evidence of moles were found.
- 1806 Eureka palm is diseased. Homeowner has made arrangements for West Bay to remove.
- 1915 Broken valve cover (West Bay to replace).
- 1919 Xanadu planted too close to walkway to front door and overgrowing sidewalk. Dennis said the homeowner may not like the look if it is trimmed back from the walkway. If they want it trimmed back, they should let West Bay know when they are trimming plants.
- 1927 Lots of Bermuda grass.
- 1934 Homeowner distressed over appearance of hedge trimmed to 6'. Dennis has assured the homeowner West Bay will even out the appearance of the hedge.
- 1943 Hibiscus tree on right side of house is leaning over and needs to be removed. Palms planted too close to house. Homeowner requested a quote from West Bay.

**19<sup>TH</sup> AVE NW**

Sign Post 85<sup>th</sup> Court NW & 19<sup>th</sup> Ave NW – paint damage at bottom of post from string trimmer.

- 8506 Hedge previously had damage from white fly. Homeowner concerned about trimming it to 6', but was reassured by West Bay that trimming to 6' will encourage growth in the lower part of the hedge.
- 8509 Xaira needs acid (West Bay does not do this).
- 8517 Dead areas in rear of home due to shade and previous irrigation issues. Front sidewalk & grass along sidewalk look dry with a small dead patch.
- 8607 Palms have grown over sidewalk and need to be trimmed.
- 8611 Grass looks like it is dying in the front. Someone turned off recycled water but West Bay has turned it back on. The diseased palm has been removed, but a dead palm (not diseased) remains. Lots of weeds found along side of the house (these will be treated by West Bay). Invasive strangler fig was found growing around a tree in the back of the house near the pond (West Bay will remove).