

TO: WISTERIA PARK EASTSIDE HOMEOWNERS

FROM: EASTSIDE LANDSCAPE COUNCIL

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SUBJ: WALK AROUND INSPECTION OF EASTSIDE LANDSCAPE

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On April 21<sup>st</sup>, Donna Burbidge, Maureen Hooper, Louie Roseman (Eastside residents) and Dennis Oerel of West Bay inspected the landscaping of homes on the Eastside of Wisteria Park. Here is an update on our findings and West Bay activities:

1. Last week West Bay sprayed RoundUp on weeds found in driveways, sidewalks and around the edge of landscape beds. RoundUp is safe for pets so no flags were displayed.
2. Manatee County has put restrictions on watering. Watering is restricted to two days a week unless there are new plantings. If you have new plantings and want your watering schedule changed, please notify our property manager.
  - Overall, our Eastside landscape looks very good considering the extended drought conditions in our area. **Last week, West Bay was checking all of the irrigation systems on the Eastside and doing repairs.** Some lawns showed hot spots where the rotating heads are not providing sufficient water. Those areas will receive longer watering times. West Bay has attempted to compensate for the low reclaimed water pressure by alternating watering dates and times among the Eastside homes. To check your address on the watering schedule please go to the Argus Management website under Wisteria Park (password WP). ***If you notice an irrigation problem and report it to the property manager, it should be taken care of within 3 business days. If it is not repaired, please contact the property manager again.***
3. **Trimming of tall hedges** bordering homes along 17<sup>th</sup> Ave NW and 21<sup>st</sup> Ave NW is mostly done. Other tall hedges including oleander hedges will be trimmed to 6' during the next two weeks.
4. **Pruning** – Pruning of shrubs, hibiscus, oleander and bougainvillea will be done **in the next two weeks**. Pruning is being done a little later than originally planned because of illness among the landscape crew, so please be patient. In addition, all foliage that is touching roofs, houses and screens will be trimmed back. If you have any special requests for pruning, such as don't trim certain plants or around screens, please let me know and I will give a list of addresses and instructions to West Bay ([dburbidge@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:dburbidge@tampabay.rr.com)). Please note: I am not the complaint department. Complaints should always go to the property manager so that we can have a formal log of problems.
5. West Bay is now on a weekly mowing schedule.

6. **Seeding of palms** – This is the time of the year that palms will be blooming. The seeds can draw insects. West Bay does not prune the seed pods on the tall palms. Pruning of the tall palms (over 12') is only done once a year, either in the late Spring or in the late summer/early fall. Since our tall palms were trimmed late last year, West Bay will not be pruning them again until early fall.
7. **Mole activity** – it was noted that mole activity was seen in our walk around. Moles can be captured in traps. Grubs are the source of food for moles and some people treat their lawn to kill the grubs. Grubs are more plentiful in moist soil, so the best time to kill them is before the rainy season. You can tell if you have a mole problem by looking for humps of sand or indications of something digging. West Bay doesn't treat for moles, so you might want to check with a pest control company.
8. **Palm leaves which fall off** are picked up by the landscape crew when they mow if they are laying on the grass. However, piles of palm leaves are not picked up by West Bay unless they are put out at the curb on Thursdays (our mowing day). The city picks up yard waste on Wednesdays in Wisteria Park but require it to be tied in bundles or put in a container.
9. Below is a list of addresses which will require special attention by West Bay as noted in our walk around inspection:
  - 1707 85<sup>th</sup> Ct – front lawn stressed (West Bay repaired irrigation)
  - 1720 85<sup>th</sup> Ct – rear of house near pond there is a grass area that is stressed, check irrigation.
  - 1813 85<sup>th</sup> Ct – homeowner requests hibiscus next to the pool screen be trimmed to 5' so that it provides privacy. Eureka palms along pool screen be trimmed so leaves are not pushing against the screen.
  - 1911 85<sup>th</sup> Ct – broken donut found in back yard. Damaged by mowing.
  - 1915 85<sup>th</sup> Ct – Valve cover broken in front yard near meter box.
  - 1931 85<sup>th</sup> Ct – rear yard is taped off with yellow tape. West Bay will not enter this area. Donna will check with homeowner to determine why it was taped off.
  - 8529 17<sup>th</sup> Dr NW – front yard is dry, check irrigation
  - 1727 86<sup>th</sup> St NW – rear yard is dry and stressed. Checked the irrigation system and rotors are working but watering time needs to be increased.
  - 1726 86<sup>th</sup> St NW – dry area in front yard, checked irrigation and has sufficient coverage. Increased watering time. Homeowner requested the Bermuda grass growing in the jasmine ground cover in the front yard be trimmed to the height of the jasmine. The homeowner has also given permission for the palms which extend over the sidewalk to be trimmed back.
  - 1710 86<sup>th</sup> St NW – hot spots noted in front yard and right side of the house. A test of the sprinkler system showed several irrigation heads not performing correctly.