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TO: **WISTERIA PARK EASTSIDE HOMEOWNERS**

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SUBJ: **WISTERIA PARK EASTSIDE LANDSCAPE REVIEW – JULY 21, 2017**

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On Friday July 21st, 2017, Dennis Oerel of West Bay, Rob Russell (Eastside Homeowners Council Member) and I toured the Wisteria Park East Side to evaluate the landscape service West Bay is providing. In general, most areas are looking very good.

Below is a summary of our observations and upcoming services:

- **Crackgrass** – We noticed grass and weeds growing between some of the bricks in driveways and between sidewalk blocks. Dennis said they will be getting sprayed next week (week of July 24th).
- **Weeds** – Some broadleaf weeds were seen in yards and these will be sprayed in August.
- **Pruning** –
 - Some light pruning started this week and will be continuing next week. A home on 19th Ave has a very overgrown Sea Grapes plant in the rear yard which is encroaching on the tall palms. Dennis recommends it be trimmed back 5 – 6” and will talk to the homeowner.
 - **Trimming of hardwoods to 6’** – It was noted that in the last pruning cycle, hardwoods were not trimmed to lift branches to 6’, and should be done in the next pruning cycle.
- **Upcoming Hard Pruning Cycles**
 - **Hibiscus** - Since the hibiscus currently are blooming, they will not be hard pruned until September. **Oleanders** will not be hard pruned until the cooler months. This includes the tall hedge along 87th Street NW and in the rear of yards.
 - **Pruning of Tall Palms** - The Washington, Queen and Sable palms including those over 15’ will be trimmed in the **August/ September** time frame so they will fill out and look good for the fall/winter season. They were last trimmed in November and are looking a little ragged. West Bay suggests an 8 month pruning cycle and recommends they be trimmed again in May. Royal, Foxtails and Eureka palms will not be pruned. Fox Tails are self pruning and Eureka Palms require a chainsaw to trim.
- **Irrigation** – Irrigation systems were checked during this last week (July 17th). Some problems were found and corrected. One home had the wire come off the rain gauge. If this happens, then the irrigation system will not work. If you see the wire looks loose or has come off, then contact Nichole at Sunstate Management and she will contact West Bay for repairs.
 - If a homeowner feels they need an extra watering, they should **not change the watering schedule** because the current schedule has been designed to maximize the reclaimed water for everyone. If you feel you need an extra watering, then do a manual watering during the day between 8 – 10 am, or 4 to 6 pm. Watering between 10 am to 4 pm at the heat of the day may harm the grass. Watering during the day will not affect the water available for the regularly scheduled watering.

- **Lawn Health** – It was noted that some front lawns along 19th Ave NW had stress areas. Dennis will check to make sure it is not the result of insect activity. There are still some bad spots in some of the lawns but they appeared to be filling in. Some lawns with a lot of Bermuda grass have brown spots because the Bermuda grass does better when cut shorter. The Augustine grass is kept at 4 ½ to 5” during the summer. A homeowner noted that he had lawn damage where the lawn equipment turns around. Dennis will advise the mowers to alter the mowing pattern if they see lawn damage from the equipment so the same area is not repeatedly stressed.
 - Although the lawns are being fertilized, the county doesn’t allow nitrogen to be used until October. As a result, the lawns may start showing a less green color over the next few months.
 - It was noted two areas were missed by the mowers on Thursday. Dennis will take care of it immediately.
- **Diseases** – Last month it was noted that some Mexican Petunias had mite activity. They have been sprayed and now look disease free. Spiral White fly is still absent. The hedges along 85th Court NW which were severely damaged by white fly last year and were heavily pruned are filling in nicely.
- **Mulch** – It was noted that the mulch is completely gone from most homes. Dennis will provide a cost estimate for mulching of the Eastside homes in October (after hurricane season).
- **Miscellaneous** -
 - Two homes had broken pink box/valve covers and one home had a ring around an irrigation head broken. Dennis has the addresses of these home and will replace them.
 - It was noted that a large green inground utility cover in the front yard between two homes was not secure. We talked to one of the homeowners and she was having a handyman fix it.
 - It was noted that there are some 3’ wooden stakes probably placed by the builder on 85th Court in front and behind homes. We may want to have these removed.