

TO: Wisteria Park East Side Homeowners

FROM: Donna Burbidge, Eastside Landscape Council

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SUBJ: **JANUARY 2018 LANDSCAPE INSPECTION OF WISTERIA PARK EASTSIDE HOMES**

COPY: Eastside Wisteria Park Homeowners
Nicole Banks, Sunstate Property Management
Dennis Oertel – West Bay Landscape
Ed Coil – West Bay Landscape

UPCOMING SERVICES

1. **Edging** – Edging of landscape beds took place January 18th.
2. **Fertilizing** – Fertilizing will commence within the next week or so.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

1. Most yards are looking pretty good with a few ongoing exceptions. Homes where Bermuda grass has infiltrated the St Augustine grass are showing stress from the recent cold spells. Bermuda grass typically turns brown when exposed to low temperatures. One homeowner asked Dennis to look at his irrigation box because a front area of his lawn was very stressed. Dennis discovered the box was no longer functioning and it will be replaced asap. This is the third box in the last two months to fail. All irrigation boxes are checked once a month but if you notice an area that is unusually stressed or dry, please notify Nicole (Sunstate Management) and she will contact West Bay to check. Sometimes the problem is not the box but a broken irrigation head.
2. Moles have been very active in a number of areas. The treatment for moles is to kill off the grubs that moles feed on. I am asking Dennis to apply additional lawn treatment in those areas where the moles are most active. You can tell mole activity because you will see bare sandy areas in the yard and raised ridges under the grass from their tunnels.
3. Oleanders along the walls/fences on the inside perimeter properties are infected with Witches Brew. The HOA has been slowly replacing these shrubs as this area is part of the common property. Some of the new shrubs that were planted were looking stressed and they will be inspected more closely in the next months after the cold weather has passed.
4. A distressed palm tree was found on a property which may have the “freezer burn” virus. This is an infectious disease that mainly affects Queen palms and is contagious. It will be inspected further. A tree infected with this virus has all leaves turn brown and then they curl up. A palm tree in the playground area may also have this disease. The homeowner was notified. A palm tree at the rear of another property had ganoderma infection and the homeowner was notified to remove it.
5. We found a property which had several pineapple palms that needed the lower branches trimmed, one had seagrapes which needed trimming, and a ficus hedge needed trimming. One home had lawn damage from a lawnmower, and one home had a lot of crack grass in the driveway. We will notify the homeowners and West Bay will take care of it. A Hong Kong Orchid tree on a property has dead areas, and some weeping willows are dead/ dying, probably damaged by the storm. The homeowners will be notified to take care of these trees.