

DATE: April 22, 2018
TO: Wisteria Park Eastside Residents
FROM: Donna Burbidge, Wisteria Park HOA/Eastside Council
SUBJ: **APRIL 20, 2018 REPORT ON WISTERIA PARK EASTSIDE LANDSCAPE**
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April 20th, Matt Stewart, the supervisor from West Bay, Rob Russell Eastside Council, and I walked around the Eastside “Landscape Maintenance Included” homes. Prior to the inspection, an email notice was sent to Eastside residents notifying them of the inspection and asking if they had any landscape concerns we should explore.

Note: Nicole Banks at Sunstate Management (nicole@sunstatemanagement.com) is the person to notify if you have any irrigation or landscaping issues. She is managing communications and follow up with West Bay.

Upcoming Eastside Landscape Services

- Hard pruning of hibiscus – the hibiscus were still blooming so pruners were told not to hard trim the hibiscus for another two weeks.
- Weekly mowing has begun. “No mow zones” will be trimmed every two weeks.
- The landscape beds will be sprayed to control small weeds. Hand weeding will be done for larger weeds. Irrigation inspection is generally done the third Monday of the month. This month it was delayed and will be done over the next week.
- Cleaning around irrigation heads is planned for early May.
- St Augustine turf application is planned for May. Weed and Feed spraying was done in March.

April Observations

- Since we sent out an advance notice of the timing of our inspection and asking for concerns, we received about 8 requests. A number of homeowners who saw us came out and discussed any problems with West Bay. This was a wonderful opportunity to speak directly with the homeowners. We plan to again give advance notice next month before our inspection.
- In general, the lawns are looking very good with the recent rains and fertilization. Some lawns with bare or stressed spots are starting to fill in with grass.
- Last month a weeping willow which was damaged during the hurricane was found to contain boring beetles. The tree has been removed. The beetles will attack trees which are damaged, especially weeping willows. However, once they infest a tree, they will attack nearby healthy trees such as oaks. To prevent the spread of the beetles to nearby trees, the homeowner had nearby trees on their property sprayed. During this month’s inspection we looked at weeping willows and found two more with beetle infestations. You can identify an infestation because there will be bore holes in the tree which contain beetle larva, and you will see woodpeckers

hanging around. The homeowners will have to remove these trees. We also found another Queen palm with fusarium wilt. The homeowner plans to have the tree removed.

- Moles have become very active again. We first spotted them in January and West Bay sprayed lawns to kill the grubs that moles feed on. In February we didn't see new mole activity. In March we thought there might be more mole activity and this time we saw many more mole tunnels. We requested that West Bay again spray the grubs. Matt is investigating if there are any other alternatives to control them.
- We saw xora shrubs have been hard hit this year with the cold weather, and several homeowners with these plants reported they were dying. Matt suggested that they be hard pruned. Xora plants are acid loving plants and our reclaimed water tends to be more saline. It is suggested that homeowners apply a fertilizer with an organic acid to the xora to help them recover. West Bay doesn't do this service.
- A homeowner reported they may have cinch bugs but Matt examined the soil and none were found. Pineapple palms found to have a disease last month were sprayed by West Bay and should recover.
- Some homeowners reported landscape bed edging was not being done properly and we did see examples of this when we visited their properties. Matt is aware this is a service area that needs improvement along with weed control in the landscape beds.
- Homeowners who had specific issues will be contacted by Nicole with our observations/follow up.