

DATE: November 16, 2018
TO: Wisteria Park East Side Residents
FROM: Donna Burbidge, East Side Landscape Committee
SUBJ: WISTERIA PARK EAST SIDE LANDSCAPE INSPECTION
COPY: Wisteria Park HOA Board
Nicole Banks, Sunstate Management
Matt Stewart, West Bay Landscape

On November 16th, Myra Harcourt, Donna Burbidge (part of Landscape Committee) and Matt Stewart, supervisor from West Bay Landscape inspected the East Side properties, and responded to requests from homeowners. In general, the properties looked very good, except for the acorns from the oak trees lying on sidewalks and driveways. Homeowners should try to sweep these up as it can be dangerous to walk on the acorns, and they stain the walkways. Homeowners wishing to have the oak trees removed need to get permission from the county and need to replace the oaks with a tree from the approved county list. They should also notify the ARC (Architectural Review Committee) of their plans. See the wisteriaparkhoa.com website for more information.

Observations

- Some **dollar weed** was seen in yards. West Bay has been spot treating the dollar weed. Dollar weed tends to grow in shady areas which get a lot of water. Let Nicole know if you have a lot of dollar weed in your yard. Next month the turf will receive a weed treatment.
- **Ganoderma palm disease** is a fungus infection spread by spores. It can be identified by conks which grow on the side and bottom of the palm (they resemble mushrooms). Although this disease is associated more with queen palms, recently two homeowners had ganoderma in their areca palm, and these palms had to be removed. The disease infects the soil, so after the tree is removed, it should not be replaced with another palm. It takes eight years before the spores no longer infect the soil. Hardwoods are not affected and can be used to replace the palm trees. A palm stump was observed to have conks growing on it and the homeowner will be notified. Ganoderma will eventually kill the palm. If you are concerned you may have this disease, please notify Nicole and she will have West Bay check out the palm tree.
- Three homeowners recently had their irrigation timers replaced by West Bay because they were malfunctioning. In the past it was the homeowners' responsibility to replace defective timers, but the delay in contacting homeowners and for arrangements to be made for replacement resulted in damaged lawns. Two years ago the HOA board decided timers would be replaced immediately when found to be defective and the cost would be part of the HOA dues.
- This month we received notification of 7 landscape problems, 2 were related to irrigation problems, 3 were related to trimming, 1 was related to weeds, 1 was related to a hose being cut, and 1 was a request to trim water plantings (which West Bay is not allowed to do). Note: homeowners with problems will receive a follow-up.

Upcoming Services

- Last week the turf was treated with fertilizer and a fungicide, and the shrubs (crotons, oleander, bougainvillea, etc) were fertilized with a spray and insecticide. At long last, we will receive our mulch starting November 28th. Pruning and a turf weed treatment will take place in 3 weeks or so.