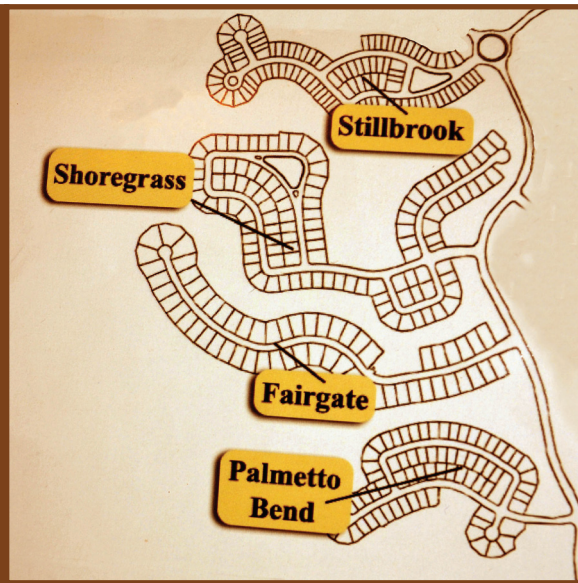


OAK TREE REMOVAL PLAN

THIRD PHASE



During February 2016, the Third Phase of the Oak Tree Removal Plan will begin. It consists of removing 398 oak trees and planting 444 new trees in Palmetto Bend, Fairgate, Shoregrass, and Stillbrook. If any residents in these four neighborhoods want to see how their neighborhood will look after the Third Phase is completed, they can look at the five neighborhoods (Amberside, Coventry, Springwood, Brookforest, and The Laurels) completed in 2014 (First Phase) or the four neighborhoods (Pinecrest, Forest Edge, Villas at Edenfield, and Edenfield) completed in 2015 (Second Phase).

Residents in the four neighborhoods for the Third Phase can easily tell which oak trees are going to be removed as well as what new tree species will be planted and where they will be planted. Since all the oak trees between the sidewalks and streets in the four neighborhoods in the Third Phase will be removed, it is easy to identify these trees. As for identifying the exact location the new trees will be planted and the species of trees, this information for

all five phases has been on the Seven Oaks Website prior to the First Phase starting in 2014. To access this information, go to the Seven Oaks Website (www.SevenOaksLife.com), click "Resources", "SOPOA/CDD Records", "CDD Records", and "Street Tree Plans". Then click on drop down box, select neighborhood, and click "View".

There has been a change to the Phase Three plan. The 43 Walter's Viburnum trees in Shoregrass will be replaced with Yaupon Holly trees. The Board made the decision to use the Yaupon Holly at the CDD meeting on 24 June 2015. Here's the reason for the change. When the 67 Walter's Viburnum trees in the Second Phase were delivered last year, they were several feet below the 10 foot specifications in the contract. To avoid this issue for the remaining three phases, we requested approval from Pasco County to replace the Walter's Viburnums with one of the other 10 species of trees. The Planning and Development Department of Pasco County approved our request on April 24, 2015.

In the Third Phase, there will be eight different species of trees. Here's the eight species and the numbers that will be planted:

- 1) Bottle Brush (62)
- 2) Nellie Stevens Holly (48)
- 3) Yaupon Holly (134)
- 4) White Crepe Myrtle (19)
- 5) Lavender Crepe Myrtle (8)
- 6) Ligustrum (138)
- 7) Red Maple (12)
- 8) Bald Cypress (23)

At the June 10, 2015 CDD meeting, the Board was presented with bids for the removal of the oak trees, purchasing the new trees, and installing the new trees.

Removal of Oak Trees

The Board considered the following bids for removing the 398 oak trees and planting sod:

- 1) **Arbor-Tech Environmental Group:** \$49,961.
- 2) **Mid-Florida Tree Service and Aventura Nursery & Landscape Inc.:** \$50,900. Since Mid-Florida did not install sod, they teamed with Aventura to lay the sod where the oak tree had been removed. Mid-Florida bid \$39,800 to remove the oak trees and

Aventura bid \$11,100 to lay the sod. At the meeting, I expressed concern that there could be finger pointing if Aventura could not correctly lay the sod where the oak trees had been removed. Ron Litts, our arborist who works with these companies, and Tyree Brown, who has also had experience with these two companies, assured the Board that this would not be a problem.

DECISION: At the June 10, 2015 CDD meeting, the Board decided to select the second bid (i.e. Mid-Florida/Aventura) who had bid \$50,900. Although this bid was \$939 higher than the Arbor-Tech bid, the Board decided that this was worth the higher price due to problems we had encountered with Arbor-Tech breaking irrigation lines.

Purchase of New Trees

We used the same nurseries for purchasing the new trees that we had used for the first two phases. Marshall Tree Farm bid on providing seven species of trees and Aventura Nursery & Landscape bid on providing the one species of tree that Marshall did not sell.

- 1) **Marshall Tree Farm:** \$100,335.00. This bid was for 382 new trees in seven species (all species except Bottle Brush).
- 2) **Aventura Nursery & Landscape, Inc.:** \$13,450.28 This bid was for 62 Bottle Brush.

DECISION: At the August 12, 2015 CDD meeting, our attorney presented the Board with an agreement to be signed by the Marshall Tree Farm to purchase 382 trees and an agreement with Aventura Nursery & Landscape to purchase 62 trees. The Board approved these agreements.

Installation of New Trees

There were the following two bids for the installation of the 444 new trees:

- 1) **Arbor Tech:** \$113, 943
- 2) **Aventura:** \$105,691

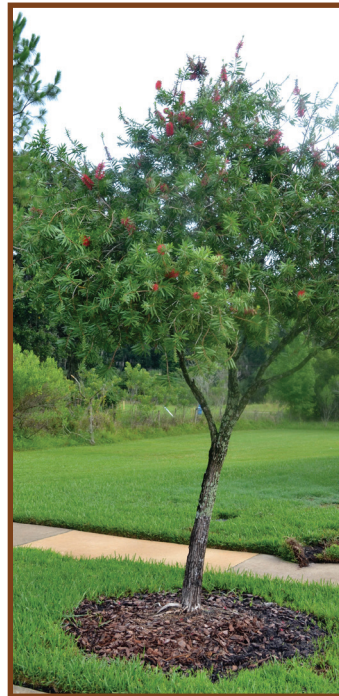
DECISION: At the June 10, 2015 CDD meeting, the Board decided to select Aventura with their bid being \$8,252 lower and due to the problems of Arbor-Tech completing the Second Phase.



Nellie Stevens Holly
Springwood



Yaupon Holly
The Laurels



Red Maple
Ancient Oaks Blvd at Brookforest



Bottle Brush
The Laurels



Lavender Crape Myrtle
Edenfield

Changes to Phases Four and Five

As discussed in the article, Pasco County gave us approval to replace the Walter's Viburnum trees with another one of the 10 species of trees approved in the Oak Tree Removal Plan. At a future meeting, the Board will decide on which species of trees will replace the Walter's Viburnum in these last two phases.

FOURTH PHASE

This phase will occur in February/March 2017. It includes Grassglen, Villas of Deer Run, Watermark, and Willowstone. The 53 Walter's Viburnums in Watermark will be replaced another species of tree.

FIFTH PHASE

This phase is scheduled to occur in February/March 2018. It includes Bellafield, Copperleaf, Crosswinds, Knollpoint, Sabal Point, and Stonecreek. The plan has 78 Walter's Viburnum trees in three of these neighborhoods. In Bellafield, the 27 Walter's Viburnums will be replaced with another species of tree. The 28 Walter's Viburnums in Copperleaf and the 23 Walter's Viburnums in Knollpoint will also be replaced with another species of tree.

New Trees Third Phase

(Photos on this page)

Fairgate -- 102

- Yaupon Holly (37)
- White Crape Myrtle (19)
- Ligustrum (33)
- Red Maple (6)
- Bald Cypress (7)

Palmetto Bend -- 91

- Bottle Brush (18)
- Yaupon Holly (29)
- Lavender Crape Myrtle (8)
- Ligustrum (36)

Shoregrass -- 191

- Bottle Brush (31)
- Nellie Stevens Holly (48)
- Yaupon Holly (43)
- Ligustrum (47)
- Red Maple (6)
- Bald Cypress (16)

Stillbrook -- 60

- Bottle Brush (13)
- Yaupon Holly (25)
- Ligustrum (22)



Bald Cypress
Ancient Oaks Blvd at Brookforest



Ligustrum
Springwood



White Crape Myrtle
Amberside