

## Tree Extended Life Program

The objective of the Tree Extended Life Program (Program) is to prolong the life of and improve the health of legacy trees within the subdivision. Legacy trees (Trees) are primarily Trees avoided (i.e., not removed) by the subdivision developer in developing the lots and subdivision. These Trees have been previously identified by the HOA. As well as, trees of the same species which were added by builders on each Lot. A secondary benefit of the Program is the improved growth of grass surrounding the Trees. Tree maintenance focuses on promoting the Tree aesthetics, providing an increased level of community safety relative to the Trees, and promoting the health of the Trees.

This Program will prolong the life of the Trees through the planned grooming and pruning of the limbs and branches, and the thinning and raising the understory of the Trees. The Program processes are as follows:

1. Low hanging branches and limbs will be trimmed to permit growth of bushes and grass and to allow appropriate lawn services to be performed in a safe manner.
2. Trees with growth causing the diameter of the Tree to exceed the height will be groomed by the removal of lower branches, dead limbs, as well as “suckers.”
3. Trees overhanging or touching roofs will be trimmed back.

Trees of the same species that have been planted by previous and/or the current Owner will be maintained by the HOA, budget permitting.

The following Trees are specifically excluded, regardless of their locations (i.e., in Common Areas or within a cultivated garden area):

- Magnolias<sup>(1)</sup>
- Bradford pear
- Palm
- Fruit trees
- Willow
- Crape myrtle
- Yaupon
- River Birch

(1) The HOA maintains one memorial trees—one magnolia tree planted between 9 and 13 Villa Bend.

Twice yearly, the following criteria will be used to identify trees to be placed maintenance list.

- Trees inside the perimeter fence along Champion Forest Drive which overhang the crepe myrtles along the exterior of the perimeter fence along Champion Forest Drive.
- Trees which are touching roofs or have the potential of touching roofs over the next three (3) years.
- Trees which are growing close to other trees necessitating removal of some limbs and branches from each Tree.
- Trees which require thinning to promote growth of the Tree and the grass under and around the Tree.
- Trees which have branches/limbs growing vertically downward.

The above-described Trees will be listed in the upcoming maintenance session and marked with orange survey tape. Once the Board approves Ground Services recommendations, bids will be solicited from qualified tree cutting service contractors.

### Tree Removal Criteria

Trees are removed when dead, diseased, too close together to properly grow, represent safety concerns (peril to any property), cost/benefit of trimming is higher than removing (i.e., Hackberry), or the Tree condition poses an unacceptable risk to the HOA.

When possible and space permitting, the stumps of any removed Trees will be ground out. When grinding is deemed not possible, the Tree stumps will be treated with an appropriate chemical to accelerate the stump to decay. No healthy Trees will be removed without the HOA Board. approval

An Owner wanting to have a tree removed from the Common Area will have to go through the ARC review process, with a written justification supporting this request. The ARC will review and obtain no objection from Owners in the immediate area of the tree. This tree will be scheduled for removal with Board approval at the next HOA Tree Trimming Session. The cost for the removal will at the expense of the Owner, requesting removal. In summary, Owner pays for tree removal and the HOA removes the tree.