

Notice to Homeowners re. Kirby Drive Shrubbery

June 25, 2024

Your Kirbywoods Property Owners Association Board is currently working to address the dead and badly damaged ligustrum shrubs along Kirby Drive. This memo is to advise homeowners of our plans regarding shrub replacement.

It is obvious as you drive along Kirby and Old Kirby that the ligustrums have not fared well in recent years. Freezes and droughts have taken their toll. Part of the damage has been due to inadequate watering with the manual drip irrigation system during recent droughts. Also, the ligustrums are not sufficiently resistant to the freeze we have recently experienced.

The first part of the restoration is to remove dead shrubs and several dead trees along Kirby and provide a better irrigation system that will be needed for any new plantings.

After that is done, we will replace the ligustrums with small ornamental trees. This plan was selected from three options considered: replace dead and damaged ligustrums with new ligustrums, replace ligustrums with small trees, or replace ligustrums with sod. We have worked with Trees for Houston, a non-profit organization that plants trees throughout the metro Houston area, to identify small, hardy trees that they would provide and plant for free, minimizing replacement cost. Pictures of the type trees we have selected are shown below, however final selection will depend on availability. This option is the most cost-effective alternative, will provide hardier vegetation, and is judged to be easier to maintain.

Changes along Old Kirby are not included in this current plan due to cost constraints.

We will discuss funding this plan at our July 17th 7:00pm meeting at the clubhouse. Your involvement in that discussion is welcome.

Your KWPOA Board



Cherry Laurel



Vitex



Crepe Myrtle