

June 11, 2021

Rockcreek Place HOA Landscape / Maintenance Tree Husbandry Agreement with the City of Plano

Dear Members,

The Rockcreek Place HOA Board of Directors met on Saturday, May 29, 2021, to discuss renewal of our landscape maintenance agreement of City property. Prior to this meeting, the Landscape Committee explored the option of terminating the agreement with the City, which would have resulted in mowing of the creekway and parkways every 2 weeks, no trimming or removal of damaged creekway trees, no irrigation of parkways or creekway, removal of the creek-crossover, and more.

Our beautiful parkways and creekway have always been a source of pride for our homeowners and significantly increased the appeal of our neighborhood and value of our properties. Based on our discussions with City representatives, the Landscape Committee recommended renewal of our maintenance agreement with the City of Plano upon review and signature of new documents, which the board approved. Two agreements are now required because the parkways are now managed by the Plano Parks and Recreation Department, and White Rock Creek landscape maintenance is supervised by the Public Works Department.

In discussions with the new Plano Urban Forester and City department coordinators following evaluation of all the trees around the creekway, we learned that Texas State Law gives individual homeowner's permission to and responsibility for the removal any branch(es) of trees on City property which are over-hanging the members' house or property. The branches may be trimmed back to the property line and/or to the trunk of the tree preferably by a certified arborist to ensure the continued health of the tree.

In order to comply with our agreements with the City of Plano, your HOA board requests that you notify the Landscape Committee Chair, Denise Pollis at dpbubbie@icloud.com of any work to be done on a tree on City property over-hanging your house so we may determine if the removal of the branch(es) will require any additional attention following work completion. The HOA is only approved to and responsible for maintaining the trees on City land up to a homeowner's property line.

The wrought iron fences along the creekway are the responsibility of the homeowner. There are a number of gates that open onto the walking path that do not stay closed. If your gate latch is broken, please secure the gate so it does not stay open. An open gate may be an "invitation" to an intruder or injure a person or animal walking on the path.

Please contact us if you have any questions about this information.

Thank you and warmest regards,

Larry