



Date: October 2018
To: Mission Viejo Environmental Association
From: Tiffany Kaldenbach, Senior Community Manager
Re: Annual Tree Trimming Program

BACKGROUND

On June 13, 2018 a final review of the Artistic Maintenance, Inc., contract was completed. The Contract Review Committee reviewed the company's performance, their recommendations for future tree trimming and their request for price adjustments.

As a result of discussions with Artistic Maintenance, Inc., and their arborist recommendations, the Landscape Committee determined that annual tree trimming of every tree in the association was unnecessary. A longer period between trimmings would allow healthier growth of all trees.

Prior to 2018 trees were classified greater than twenty-five feet with a rotational trimming once every four years. Trees less than twenty-five feet were trimmed every year to force a reduced size.

Tree trimming will be conducted on a new scheduled basis. We expect to maintain our trees with a larger canopy, which in turn will provide additional shade to slopes and greenbelts, conserve water use and provide an improved environment for our bird population. Some smaller trees will require annual trimming to maintain some homeowner aesthetics.

TREE SCHEDULE FOR LARGE PINES

The large pines are on a four year rotation schedule that was initiated three years ago. The current schedule is as follows;

Location & Tree Trimming Schedule

Melinda Pines - 2017-2018

Rancho Margarita Pines 2018-2019

Alicia Pines - 2019-2020

Canaveras Pines - 2020-2021

TREE SCHEDULE FOR ALL OTHER TREES

The remaining trees primarily twenty-five feet under are divided into three categories; A, B, & C and are identified on MVEA's tree map.

"A" trees will be trimmed in even years 2018-19, for Increments 1, 2, 4, 6, & 8.

"B" trees will be trimmed in odd years 2019-20, for increments 3, 5, 7, & 10.

"C" Trees will be trimmed annually to maintain existing aesthetics and tree conditions.

SUMMARY

The Landscape Committee is dedicated to maintaining the beauty of our urban forest. The Associations landscape contractor, when possible will follow the standards of the American National Standards Institute through the practice ANSI A300 Part 1 - Pruning of Trees.

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