

October 1, 2022

RE: Street Tree Trimming
Diseased Street Tree Removal

Residents,

Street Tree Trimming

The street and common area trees of Har-Ber Meadows are one of the distinguishing amenities that differentiate our neighborhood from others in Northwest Arkansas. The miles of sidewalk within the subdivision are used by residents everyday for exercise and to enjoy the beauty of the neighborhood. There are many street trees in the neighborhood that are past due for trimming. They impede pedestrian sidewalk use, street traffic, and block the view of traffic signs. POA Covenants call for:

4.3.2d Trees close to the sidewalks must be limbed up to a height of six-and-a-half feet (6' - 6") above the grade of the sidewalk in order to allow for unobstructed pedestrian movement.

While the POA has not proactively enforced this covenant in the past, it may become necessary as more lots continue to be unaware or ignore this covenant requirement. Please help us with this problem!

Diseased Street Trees

For a second time, the POA Board contacted the County Extension Agent in 2019 expressing concern over the appearance of the Red Maple street trees. The causes of disease are mentioned below.

1. Red Maples suffer from South West Injury <https://www.uaex.edu/yard-garden/resource-library/plant-week/Sunscald-southwest-injury-07-08-2016.aspx>
2. Red Maples have a shallow root system and prefer deep loamy soil. At Har-Ber Meadows, they are used as street trees in medians and between sidewalks where they are in a restricted root zone. Trees planted in front yards in heavy clay soil are suffering as well from limited soil.
3. Red Maples are prone to gloomy scale <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/gloomy-scale-1>

The disease has become more noticeable as it spreads through Har-Ber Meadows. To begin addressing the problem, the Board has solicited bulk **STREET TREE** removal pricing from several local tree service companies so that all residents could benefit from discounted pricing. Charley's Tree Service, LTD Co. was the lowest bidder and has done a lot of work in Har-Ber Meadows. Pricing, on average, would be between \$275 - \$375 per tree depending on height and width. This would include stump grind, tree haul off and cleanup. Please note that any irrigation damage would be the responsibility of the homeowner as the root system has likely compromised the irrigation lines and/or heads. Residents need to contact

Charley's tree Service as soon as possible to benefit from the discounted pricing. Bid appointments will be scheduled for Monday of each week.

Charley's Tree Service, LTD Co.
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Street Tree Replacement

The State Arborist has visited Har-Ber Meadows in the past and has recommended the following species list for suitable street trees.

- Black Gum
- Red Oak
- Willow Oak
- Chinese Pistache
- Pin Oak
- American Hop Hornbeam
- Sugar Maple
- Shumard Oak

Before replanting street trees, please fill out an online application with the Architectural Control Committee. After logging into the website, the form can be found at <https://harbermeadows.org/arc-application/>.

Thank you in advance for your help in keeping Har-Ber Meadows beautiful! Please email manager@harbermeadows.org with questions.

Respectfully,
Har-Ber Meadows POA, Inc. Board