



MIAMI BEACH

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: July 9, 2014

SUBJECT: Meridian Avenue Tree Trimming

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BACKGROUND

The calophyllum trees along Meridian Avenue from 15th to 2nd Street were last pruned to address cold related damage in the Fall of 2011. To varying degrees, the majority of the trees have recovered putting out new shoots, but additional deadwood has also appeared that needs to be removed.

The trimming of the Meridian Avenue calophyllum trees is scheduled to start the week of July 21st and will continue for approximately three weeks, although inclement weather could extend the required time. During this period it will be necessary to implement vehicle detours and designate "No Parking" areas for the block(s) where tree trimming is taking place. It is expected that:

- only one or two blocks of Meridian Avenue will be affected on any specific day;
- the detours and parking restrictions will be in effect from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM; and
- individual blocks will be impacted by the detours and parking restrictions for one to three days, depending on the time required to trim the block's trees.

Parking restrictions are necessary to prevent damage to parked vehicles and to provide the trimming crew with access to the trees.

Notification will be sent to all impacted HOA's via email and publication in the Miami Beach newsletter starting the week of July 7th, giving at least a two-week notice of the planned closures. Signage will also be posted in the neighborhood prior to implementing the parking restrictions.

The primary objective is to continue the crown restoration of these trees as much as possible given the extent of the previous structural pruning. Damaged branches will be trimmed to a point where shoot growth is present or has been initiated. If a branch has no shoot growth, it will be trimmed back to live, healthy wood that has the potential to produce new shoots. This will require the systematic reduction of a branch until healthy wood is encountered, and might require internodal cuts. With the exception of necessary internodal cuts, all pruning shall be done in accordance with ANSI A-300 (Part 1) pruning standards. It is also possible that several trees will need to be removed because of the severity of damage and lack of recovery.

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