

COUNTRY ESTATES HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION

August 1, 2016

Dear Neighbors,

Many already follow the Oak Wilt out-break developments in our neighborhood at **Nextdoor.com** web site or at <http://www.cerapool.org/homeownerassoc.html>.

This letter is to consolidate, update, and offer financial input. Good news is that 2006 oak wilt treatment was effective. The current oak wilt activity is treatable.

The Oak Wilt map shows a large original 1993 trenching at 36"; a lesser 2006 outbreak trenched at 48"; and now three smaller outbreaks that need trenching at 54" recommended depth. The trench cost, plus plumbing, electrical and driveway repairs needed where cut, bring current cost estimated at \$10,527.75.

A Country Estates HOA ballot will be posted online for all residents to participate and vote for this action to be taken and the fees to be accessed to cover the cost of trenching and associated cost of plumbing, electrical and driver-way repairs. A mailed ballot will be sent to all residents who do NOT participate on-line, this will keep mailing cost to a minimum and "**time is of the essence**" with regards to action needed by the home owners of Country Estates and Backus Estates to address this issue and save our Oak trees.

The Texas Forest Service has approved request for financial aid and will pay up to 40% of costs *with specification that work be completed up front and receipts presented by October*. If each Country Estates and Backus Estates landowner contributes \$125, expenses up front can be covered as specified. After expenses paid and grant applied, any excess can be added to account for future need. We will need at least 100 residents to contribute in order to cover cost.

Trenching must begin in August so funds are needed immediately. Please make checks payable to: **Country Estates Homeowners Association** and send

**c/o Danny Dever
1109 Palomino Ln
San Marcos, TX 78666.**

Though I was drafted to write this letter, it is Troy Belver, Danny Dever, and Bill Gray who have worked to get professional recommendations and estimates. As one with property not currently involved, but who has looked at cost of having oaks treated or removed, I testify that \$125 is a bargain to continue to fight to eliminate our neighborhood oak wilt. I am thankful.

Should this letter or <http://www.cerapool.org/homeownerassoc.html> posted map, letter, etc. not answer your concern or question, you can contact Troy or Danny through the web sites, or personally at:

Danny Dever -- ddever@ufollowit.com or 512-694-4149

Troy Belver -- tbelver@gmail.com or 512-392-0961.

Danny has also posted the By-Laws for the Homeowner Association for all to read.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter -- and for your immediate response.

Vote Here: <http://ddever.coffeecup.com/forms/OakWilt/>

Maggie Reagan for Country Estates Oak Wilt project