

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: July 27, 2017

RE: **416 Elizabeth Street (permit application # T17-8586)**

FROM: Karen DeMaria, City of Key West Urban Forestry Manager

An application was received requesting the removal of **(1) Shoebuttton Ardisia tree**. A site inspection was done on July 19, 2017 and documented the following:

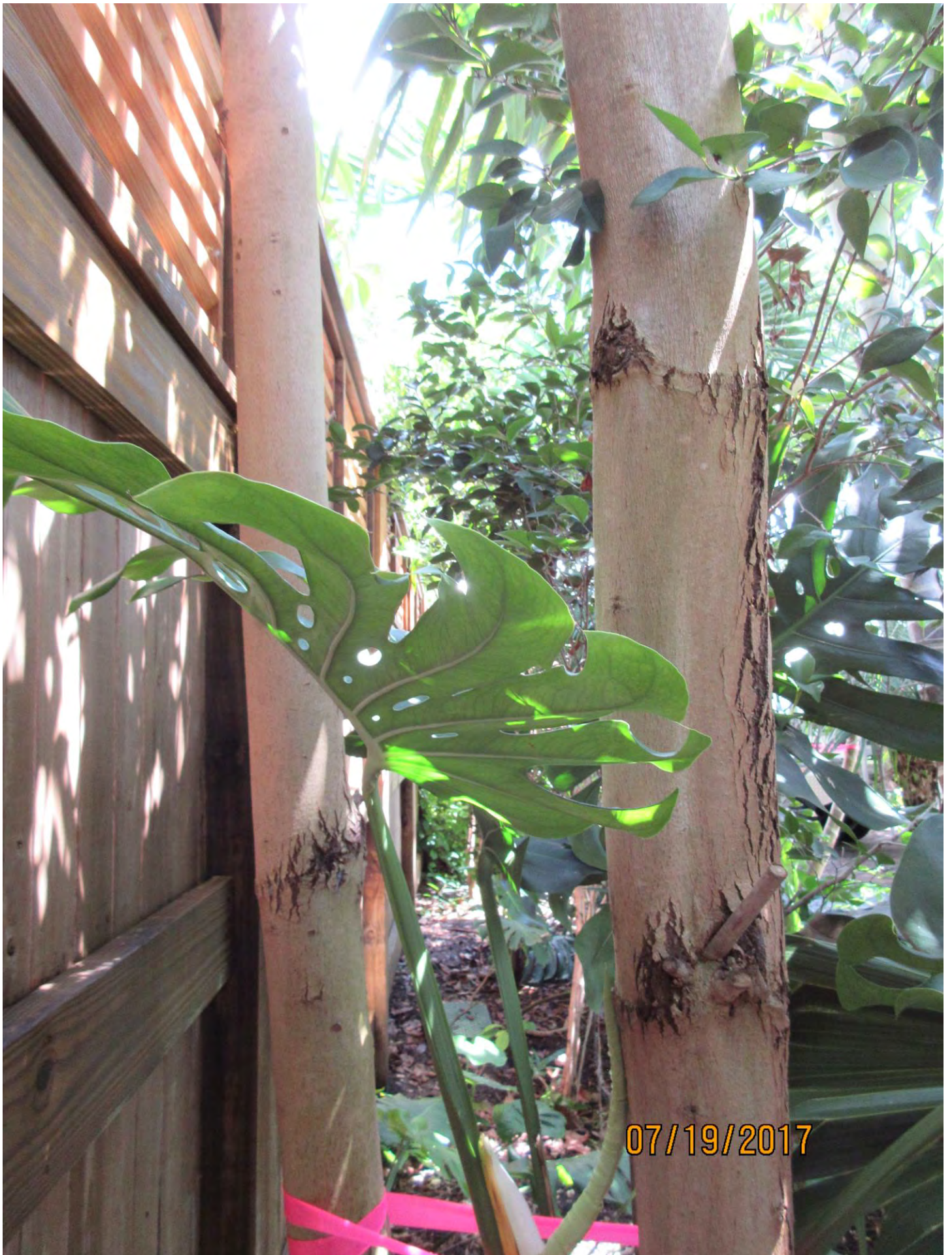
Tree Species: Shoebuttton Ardisia (*Ardisia elliptica*)



tree













07/19/2017





Diameter: 8.9"

Location: 60% (growing against fence, rear yard)

Species: 50% (not on protected or not protected tree list)

Condition: 20% (diseased, ganoderma fungus growing at base of tree and on surface roots)

Total Average Value = 43%

**Value x Diameter = 3.8 replacement caliper inches**

**Tree species is considered invasive by the State. Tree was not planted by homeowner.**

**Recommendation: Recommend approval of the removal of one (1) tree at 416 Elizabeth Street to be replaced with 3.8 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on site.**

# Application



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## Tree Permit Application

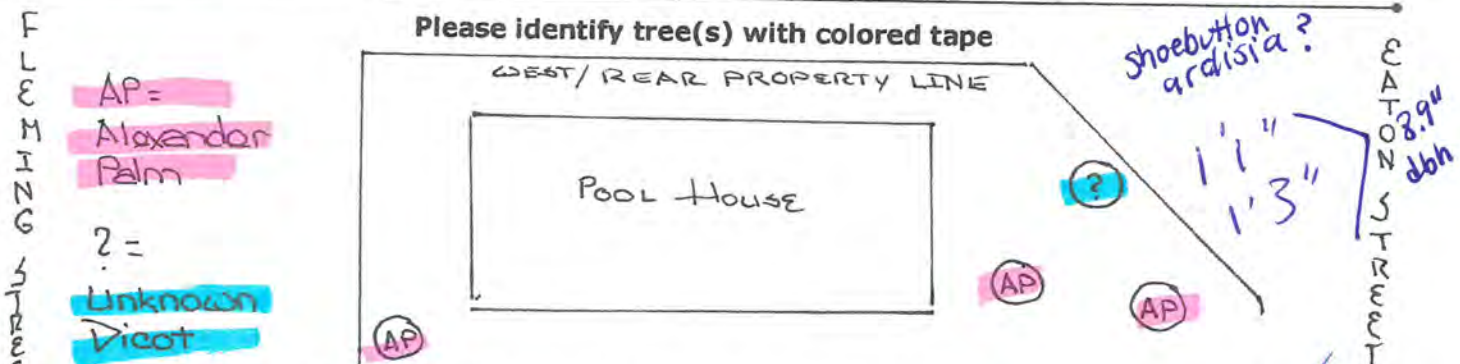
Date: July 24, 2017

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

**Tree Address** 416 Elizabeth Street  
**Cross/Corner Street** Between Eaton and Fleming  
**List Tree Name(s) and Quantity** 3 Alexander Palms & 1 2-trunk unknown dicot  
**Species Type(s) check all that apply** ☒ Palm ☐ Flowering ☐ Fruit ☒ Shade ☐ Unsure  
**Reason(s) for Application:**  
☒ REMOVE ☒ Tree Health ☐ Safety ☐ Other/Explain below  
☐ TRANSPLANT ☐ New Location ☐ Same Property ☐ Other/Explain below  
☐ HEAVY MAINTENANCE ☐ Branch Removal ☐ Crown Cleaning/Thinning ☐ Crown Reduction  
**Additional Information and Explanation**  
All trees have ganoderma as evidenced by presence of conks.  
Confirmed by Karen DeMaria inspection  
All trees marked with neon pink tape  
**Property Owner Name** Far Niente LLC [Dana & Stan Day]  
**Property Owner eMail Address** danalday@earthlink.net  
**Property Owner Mailing Address** 416 Elizabeth Street  
**Property Owner Mailing City** Key West **State** FL **Zip** 33040  
**Property Owner Phone Number** ( 312 ) 479 - 2716  
**Property Owner Signature** FAR NIENTE, LLC by Dana L. Day  
Dana Day, Manager

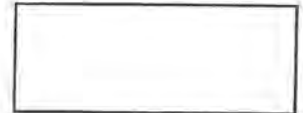
**Representative Name** Nick Downs  
**Representative eMail Address** acaringtreecompany@gmail.com  
**Representative Mailing Address** 19264 Acosta Rd, Sugarloaf Key, FL 33042  
**Representative Mailing City** Sugarloaf Key **State** FL **Zip** 33042  
**Representative Phone Number** ( 305 ) 432 - 1764  
NOTE: A Tree Representation Authorization form must accompany this application if someone other than the owner will be representing the owner at a Tree Commission meeting or picking up an issued Tree Permit.  
Tree Representation Authorization form attached ( )

<<<<< Sketch location of tree in this area including cross/corner Street >>>>>



If this process requires blocking of a City right-of-way, a separate ROW Permit is required. Please contact 305-809-3740.

Updated: 02/22/2014



## Tree Representation Authorization

Date: July 24, 2017

Attendance at the Tree Commission meeting on the date when your request will be discussed is necessary in order to expedite the resolution of your application. This Tree Representation Authorization form must accompany the application if the property owner is unable to attend or will have someone else pick up the Tree Permit once issued.

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 416 Elizabeth Street

Property Owner Name Far Niente LLC [Dana & Stan Day]

Property Owner eMail Address danalday@earthlink.net

Property Owner Mailing Address 416 Elizabeth Street

Property Owner Mailing City Key West State IL Zip 33040

Property Owner Phone Number ( 312 ) 479 - 2716

Property Owner Signature Far Niente LLC by Dana L. Day, Its Manager 

Representative Name Nick Downs

Representative eMail Address acaringtreecompany@gmail.com

Representative Mailing Address 19264 Acosta Road, Sugarloaf Key, FL 33042

Representative Mailing City Sugarloaf Key State FL Zip 33042

Representative Phone Number ( 305 ) 432 - 1764

I Dana L. Day, hereby authorize the above listed agent(s) to represent me in the matter of obtaining a Tree Permit from the City of Key West for my property at the tree address above listed. You may contact me at the telephone listed above is there is any questions or need access to my property.

Property Owner Signature Far Niente LLC by Dana L. Day, Its Manager 

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2017.

By (Print name of Affiant) Dana L. Day who is personally known to me or has produced FL DL #D000-172-58-584-0 as identification and who did take an oath.

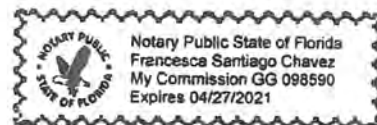
### NOTARY PUBLIC

Sign Name: Francesca S. Chavez

Print Name: Francesca S. Chavez

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public - State of Florida (seal)



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## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** Dana Day <danalday@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2017 4:21 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Subject:** Re: Ganoderma identification article

I need to get these trees out. I've read a dozen articles by now and they all boil down to the same thing: a) the conks don't appear until the disease is advanced; b) the tree is going to die – the only issue is whether a big wind will blow it over first; c) the disease is contagious; d) no known fungicide stops it so don't replant where a ganoderma tree has been removed. Can I just make my application for the three Alexander palms and "unidentified dicot inspected by Karen DeMaria and determined to be infected with ganoderma"? It doesn't really matter what it is, does it? I get that if I'm an arborist or fungus expert or scientist developing fungicides then all of the details are crucial but for yard purposes isn't straightforward "Chop it down first opportunity".

Does this need to go before tree commission?

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**From:** Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>  
**Date:** Monday, July 24, 2017 at 2:09 PM  
**To:** Dana Day <danalday@earthlink.net>  
**Subject:** Ganoderma identification article

Not sure if you saw this article. At the recent conference I went to this article was discussed.

Sincerely,

Karen

Karen DeMaria  
Urban Forestry Manager/Tree Commission  
Certified Arborist  
305-809-3768

## Karen DeMaria

**From:** Danalday <danalday@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 9:12 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Subject:** Re: Ganoderma

4/16 Elizabeth

Hi Karen:

Tuesday was a travel day and I'm just getting to email. I'm in Chicago but you can let yourself into the garden. Gate is between house and garage on Elizabeth St. Code is Three Alexander palms and one unidentified non-palm. I tied pink tape around all before I left for exactly this reason. Mystery tree ( to me ) is along the fence to the right of the pool house. Pink tape. There's an exposed root just off the corner of the pool house. Same tree, I think. When I went to dig away dirt and tie pink ribbon the roof virtually disintegrated. I'm sick about the whole problem. Do I need to dig out and replace all dirt and plants? Pictures of unknown tree and mess of root coming separately.  
Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 18, 2017, at 2:51 PM, Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov> wrote:

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> I will be in the field tomorrow. DO you want me to come by and look at the ganoderma?

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> Sincerely,

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> Karen

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Karen DeMaria

> Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 4:27 PM

> To: 'Danalday' <danalday@earthlink.net>

> Cc: Karen O'Leary <komom412@aol.com>

> Subject: RE: Ganoderma

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> Yes, that is true especially with palms. Removal of the palms and a cleaning/treatment of the soil area is the proper procedure for ganoderma in palms. Collection and proper discharging the conks is also advised. A good place for information is the IFAS Extension website (University of Florida), google Ganoderma.

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> Please submit an application for the palm tree removals. I would have to look at the other tree you reference in your e-mail before giving advise on what to do with it.

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> Sincerely,

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> Karen

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Danalday [mailto:danalday@earthlink.net]

> Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 3:23 PM

> To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>

> Cc: Karen O'Leary <komom412@aol.com>

> Subject: Ganoderma



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> Hi Karen:  
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> Follow-up to my VM. We have ganoderma all over the westernmost section of our property. Three Alexander palms, one tree I don't know what it is and conks growing on exposed roots. As I understand it there's nothing to be done but cut them down.  
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> Sending photos separately.  
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> -Dana  
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## Ganoderma infected declining tree

Ganoderma fungi are associated with decline of many trees (right photo). There is no cure for this once it is detected in the tree. A sure sign of this fungi is the fruiting body or conk that appears at the base of the trunk (left photos). Some ganoderma fungi enter the tree through wounds at the trunk base. **Prevent wounding with good management.**



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