

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 26, 2017

RE: **3544 Duck Avenue (permit application # T17-8524)**

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

An application was received requesting the removal of **(1) Gumbo Limbo tree**. A site inspection was done on June 15, 2017 and documented the following:

Tree Species: Gumbo Limbo (*Bursera simaruba*)





























decay



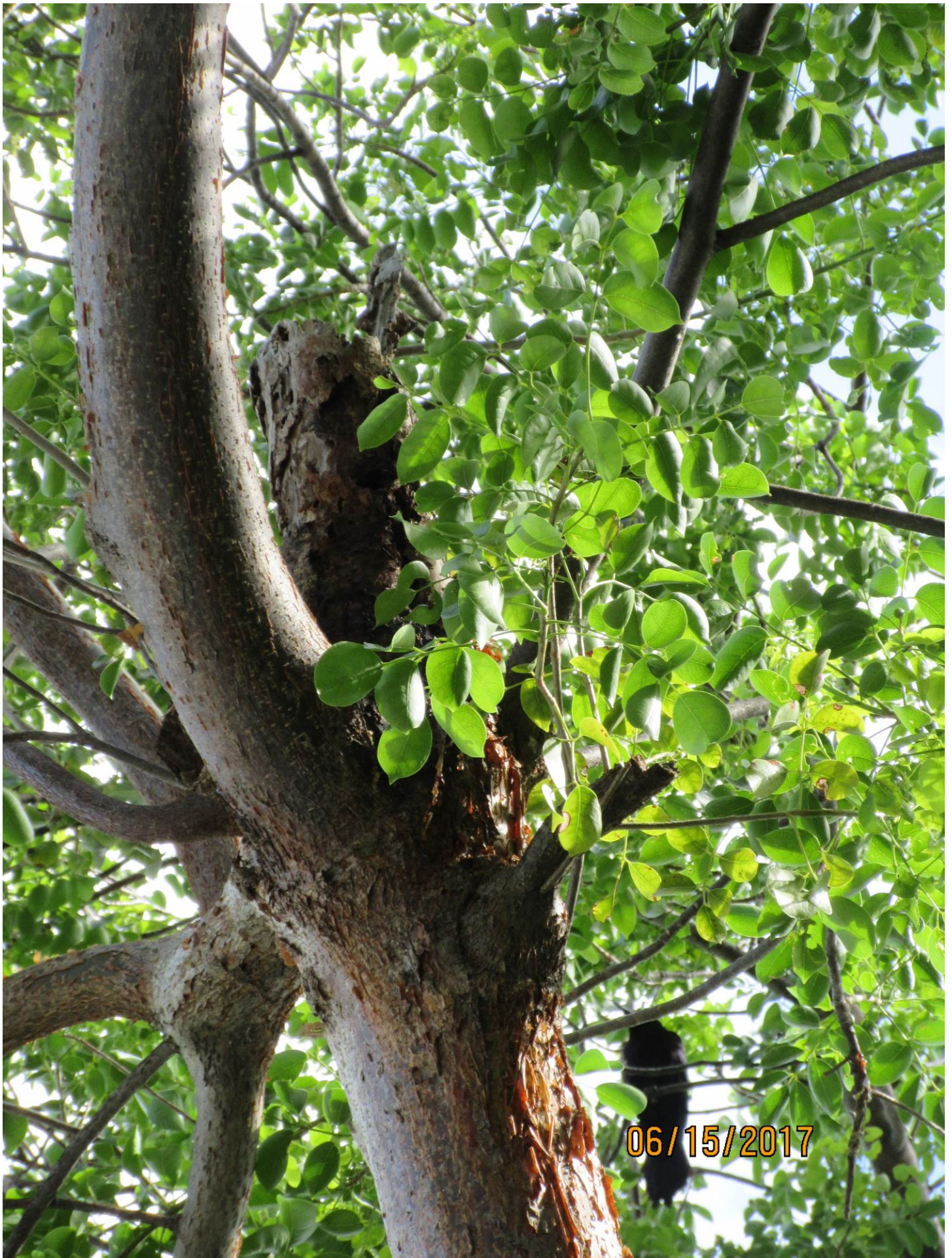
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Area of potential fail











Diameter: 14.6"

Location: 60% (back yard tree-potential failure of tree onto house)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 40% (poor, weeping sap and decay in one large trunk)

Total Average Value = 66%

**Value x Diameter = 9.6 replacement caliper inches**

NOTES: In April 2014, two Gumbo limbo trees were removed from this same area due to termite infestation.

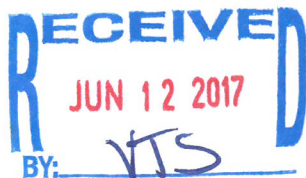
It is not known at this time what is causing the weeping sap or decay (insects? or disease?). Evidence of subterranean termites was not seen at the base of the tree.

The tree has three main trunks, two are growing toward the house and one is growing toward the rear property line. The one growing toward the rear property line has a major internal issue as evidenced by the weeping sap located at the juncture of two main branches on this trunk. Imminent failure of this area is expected. To properly trim/remove this area would require removal of the entire trunk which would unbalance the tree and leave all its canopy weight toward the house. Therefore, the rest of the canopy would have to be trimmed to re-balance the canopy. Any trimming work would likely result in having to remove a large portion of the tree.



# Application





Canopy-  
Removal

8524

## Tree Permit Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 3544 DUCK AVE KEY WEST, FL 33040

Cross/Corner Street \_\_\_\_\_

List Tree Name(s) and Quantity (1) Gumbo Limbo

Species Type(s) check all that apply ( ) Palm ( ) Flowering ( ) Fruit (X) Shade ( ) Unsure

Reason(s) for Application:

(X) REMOVE ( ) Tree Health ( ) Safety (X) Other/Explain below

( ) TRANSPLANT ( ) New Location ( ) Same Property ( ) Other/Explain below

( ) HEAVY MAINTENANCE ( ) Branch Removal ( ) Crown Cleaning/Thinning ( ) Crown Reduction

Additional Information and Explanation Safety of the house before it does damage to the structure. Also to give other Gumbo Limbos in the vicinity room to grow.

Property Owner Name RICHARD JOHNSTON

Property Owner eMail Address CHANDA767@YAHOO.COM

Property Owner Mailing Address 3544 DUCK AVE

Property Owner Mailing City KEY WEST State FL Zip 33040

Property Owner Phone Number (305) 923-6661

Property Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Name Tree Man - Sean Creedon

Representative eMail Address keystreeman@gmail.com

Representative Mailing Address 10 Roosevelt St.

Representative Mailing City Big Pine Key State FL Zip 33043

Representative Phone Number (305) 900-8448

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 >>>>>

Please identify tree(s) with colored tape

3' 10" circ  
14.6" dbh

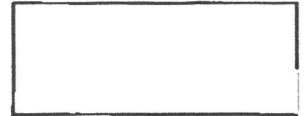
Gumbo  
Limbo

DUCK

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\$ / ✓

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





## Tree Representation Authorization

Date:

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.

All Information unless indicated otherwise.

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Property Owner Name RICHARD JOHNSTON  
Property Owner eMail Address CHANDA767@YAHOO.COM  
Property Owner Mailing Address 3544 DUCK AVE  
Property Owner Mailing City KEY WEST State FL Zip 33040  
Property Owner Phone Number (305) 923-6661  
Property Owner Signature [Signature]

Representative Name Tree Man - Sean Creedon  
Representative eMail Address Keystreeman@gmail.com  
Representative Mailing Address 10 Roosevelt St.  
Representative Mailing City Big Pine Key State FL Zip 33043  
Representative Phone Number (305) 900-8448

I RICHARD JOHNSTON, 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 if there is any questions or need access to my property.

Property Owner Signature

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this

By (Print name of Affiant)  
produced

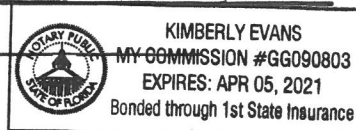
who is personally known to me or has  
identification and who did take an oath.

### NOTARY PUBLIC

Sign Name: Kimberly Evans

Print Name: KIMBERLY EVANS

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



- State FL



### Summary

**Parcel ID** 00053380-000000  
**Account #** 1053996  
**Property ID** 1053996  
**Millage Group** 10KW  
**Location Address** 3544 DUCK AVE, KEY WEST  
**Legal Description** KW KW FWDN SUB PLAT 2 PB1-189 LOT 23 SQR 11 G43-483/84 OR922-181 OR2629-1375/76 OR2698-894/95  
 (Note: Not to be used on legal documents)  
**Neighborhood** 6223  
**Property Class** SINGLE FAMILY RESID (0100)  
**Subdivision** Key West Foundation Co's Plat No 2  
**Sec/Twp/Rng** 34/67/25  
**Affordable** No  
**Housing**



1053996 3544 DUCK AVE 7/22/15

### Owner

JOHNSTON CHANDA H/W  
 3544 Duck AVE  
 Key West FL 33040-4429

JOHNSTON RICHARD  
 3544 Duck AVE  
 Key West FL 33040-4429

### Valuation

	2016	2015	2014	2013
+ Market Improvement Value	\$132,541	\$138,076	\$130,143	\$130,143
+ Market Misc Value	\$13,025	\$11,678	\$4,803	\$4,974
+ Market Land Value	\$262,500	\$345,000	\$234,000	\$144,000
= Just Market Value	\$408,066	\$494,754	\$368,946	\$279,117
= Total Assessed Value	\$408,066	\$421,139	\$353,582	\$163,591
- School Exempt Value	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)
= School Taxable Value	\$383,066	\$396,139	\$328,582	\$138,591

### Land

Land Use	Number of Units	Unit Type	Frontage	Depth
RESIDENTIAL DRY (010D)	6,000.00	Square Foot	50	120

### Buildings

Building ID	4327	Exterior Walls	C.B.S.	
Style		Year Built	1953	
Building Type	S.F.R. - R1 / R1	Foundation	CONCR FTR	
Gross Sq Ft	1592	Roof Type	GABLE/HIP	
Finished Sq Ft	1592	Roof Coverage	METAL	
Stories	2 Floor	Flooring Type	CONC ABOVE GRD	
Condition	AVERAGE	Heating Type	NONE with 0% NONE	
Perimeter	172	Bedrooms	2	
Functional Obs	0	Full Bathrooms	2	
Economic Obs	0	Half Bathrooms	0	
Depreciation %	33	Grade	500	
Interior Walls	PLYWOOD PANEL	Number of Fire Pl	0	
Code	Description	Sketch Area	Finished Area	Perimeter
FLA	FLOOR LIV AREA	1,592	1,592	0
TOTAL		1,592	1,592	0