

## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** info@darrenjonesart.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 02, 2018 10:27 AM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Subject:** RE: Tree removal permit for 715 Bakers Lane  
**Attachments:** 715 BAKERS LANE.pdf

Hi Karen,  
Hope you had a good weekend!  
Here is a file with pictures and descriptions of the various damages the tree is causing.  
There hasn't been any work done on the house to repair damage done by the tree that would provide receipts, unfortunately.  
Hoping this helps.  
Best, and thanks for your help,  
Darren

-----Original Message-----

From: "Karen DeMaria" <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 4:08pm  
To: "info@darrenjonesart.com" <info@darrenjonesart.com>  
Subject: RE: Tree removal permit for 715 Bakers Lane

Great, the more documentation you can provide, the easier an approval can be given. Please make sure Kenny is aware of this request.

Sincerely,

Karen

**From:** info@darrenjonesart.com [mailto:info@darrenjonesart.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 3:52 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Tree removal permit for 715 Bakers Lane

Hi Karen,  
We'll check and get back to you before then with any photos/info/repair bills etc.  
Thanks for your help on this.  
Darren

-----Original Message-----

From: "Karen DeMaria" <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 3:48pm  
To: "[info@darrenjonesart.com](mailto:info@darrenjonesart.com)" <[info@darrenjonesart.com](mailto:info@darrenjonesart.com)>  
Subject: Tree removal permit for 715 Bakers Lane

Darren:

I am reviewing the application to remove the Royal Poinciana tree in the backyard for the Tree Commission meeting April 9, 2018. I would like some additional information, for the file. The application states that the root system of the tree is doing damage to the house. I can see outside the cracks to the rear porch but I was wondering if you have any photos from inside the house showing cracks/damage? Any repair bills or any other information showing damage to other items on the property due to this tree? The public gets very upset whenever a Royal Poinciana tree is slated for removal so I would like to document as much as possible the issues with the tree and your house. I would need any additional information submitted to my office by April 4.

Sincerely,

Karen

Karen DeMaria  
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715 BAKERS LANE:  
DAMAGE & CONCERNS REGARDING TREE:

1.  
The back concrete porch has been wrenched upwards and has been made unsafe due to the cracks and structural damage caused by the tree's roots. The entire porch has been raised up at one end by the tree's growth.

2.  
Water pipes have been raised and strained due the tree roots, causing trip hazards and potential damage to pipes.

3.  
The roof of the porch has both cumulative damage, and structural damage from Hurricane Irma, caused by the tree.

4.  
The brick garden pathway has been torn up entirely by the extensive roots of the tree. This pathway was rendered unusable and the bricks were removed. The path cannot be relaid until the tree is removed.

5.  
The tree overhangs the roof so closely that there is continual detritus from the tree falling on, and collecting on the roof. This has left a rusting stain beneath the canopy over much of that side of the roof, and is causing progressive damage to the roof over time.

6.  
During Hurricane Irma, the neighborhood lost many trees and natural coverage, leaving our tree far more vulnerable to high winds. The tree lost a limb during Hurricane Irma, which thankfully missed the house. We are extremely concerned about the tree falling on the house during future storms.



Damage to floor of porch



Damage to floor of porch



Damage to concrete, and twisted water pipes





The roof is being peeled away constantly when the tree rubs against it, and shaves pieces off.

The structure of the porch - the wooden beam - was snapped during hurricane Irma.



The root system reaches almost the entire way across the yard, and has torn up the brickwork path, from end to end.

This picture also demonstrates how stretched the water pipes are.  
Brick path used to reach to concrete path at the top of the picture.



Damage to remaining brickwork, and stacked bricks awaiting re-laying.





By the line of the porch roof, the raised left end of the porch is visible. Tree is on left.



The roof on this side of the house has a constant layer of grime, dirt and tree detritus, which is deteriorating the roof. Fittings are rusting, the metal is degrading, and the paint is being eroded. It is particularly bad in the fall, after collecting all summer.



A large limb came off the tree during Hurricane Irma, we believe the stump pictured, leaving the tree heavier on the house side.