

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: January 30, 2019

RE: **412 Truman Avenue ROW (permit application # T2019-0022)**

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

An application was received requesting the removal of **(1) Strangler Fig tree**. A site inspection was done and documented the following:

Tree Species: Strangler Fig (*Ficus aurea*)



















Diameter: 5"

Location: 20% (major root issues with water meter and lines, growing on sidewalk with roots in a crack in the sidewalk and at base of wall)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 40% (poor, poor base/root structure with most of base on concrete and not anchored)

Total Average Value = 53%

**Value x Diameter = 2.6 replacement caliper inches**

**Recommendation: Recommend approval of the removal of one (1) Strangler Fig tree at 412 Truman Avenue ROW to be replaced with 2.6 caliper inches of dicot or fruit trees from approved list, FL#1, to be planted on City property.**

# Application



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CITY MANAGER

Tree Permit Application



CANOPY  
REMOVAL

2019-0022

Date: 1-11-19

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 412 Truman Ave ROW  
Cross/Corner Street Whitehead Duval  
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 1- strangler fig  
Species Type(s) check all that apply ( ) Palm ( ) Flowering ( ) Fruit ( ) 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 Volunteer tree growing in sidewalk crack. Causing issues to H<sub>2</sub>O line. (Citizen Request) Wrong place for tree of this species.

Property Owner Name city of Key West  
Property Owner eMail Address  
Property Owner Mailing Address PO Box 1409  
Property Owner Mailing City Key West State FL Zip 33042  
Property Owner Phone Number ( ) - -  
Property Owner Signature [Signature]

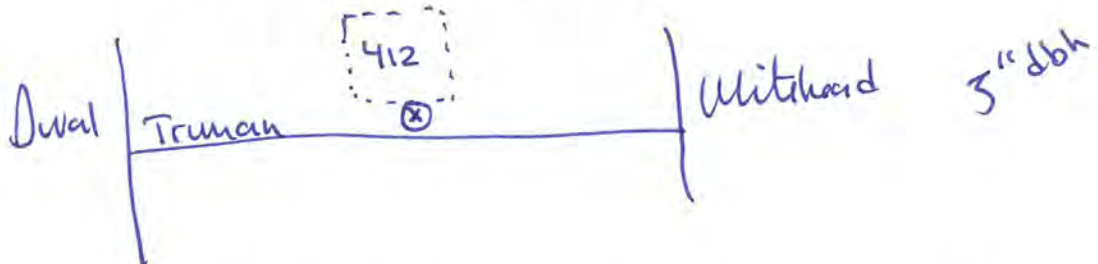
Representative Name Karen Dulawa  
Representative eMail Address  
Representative Mailing Address  
Representative Mailing City State Zip  
Representative Phone Number (305) 809-3768

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



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





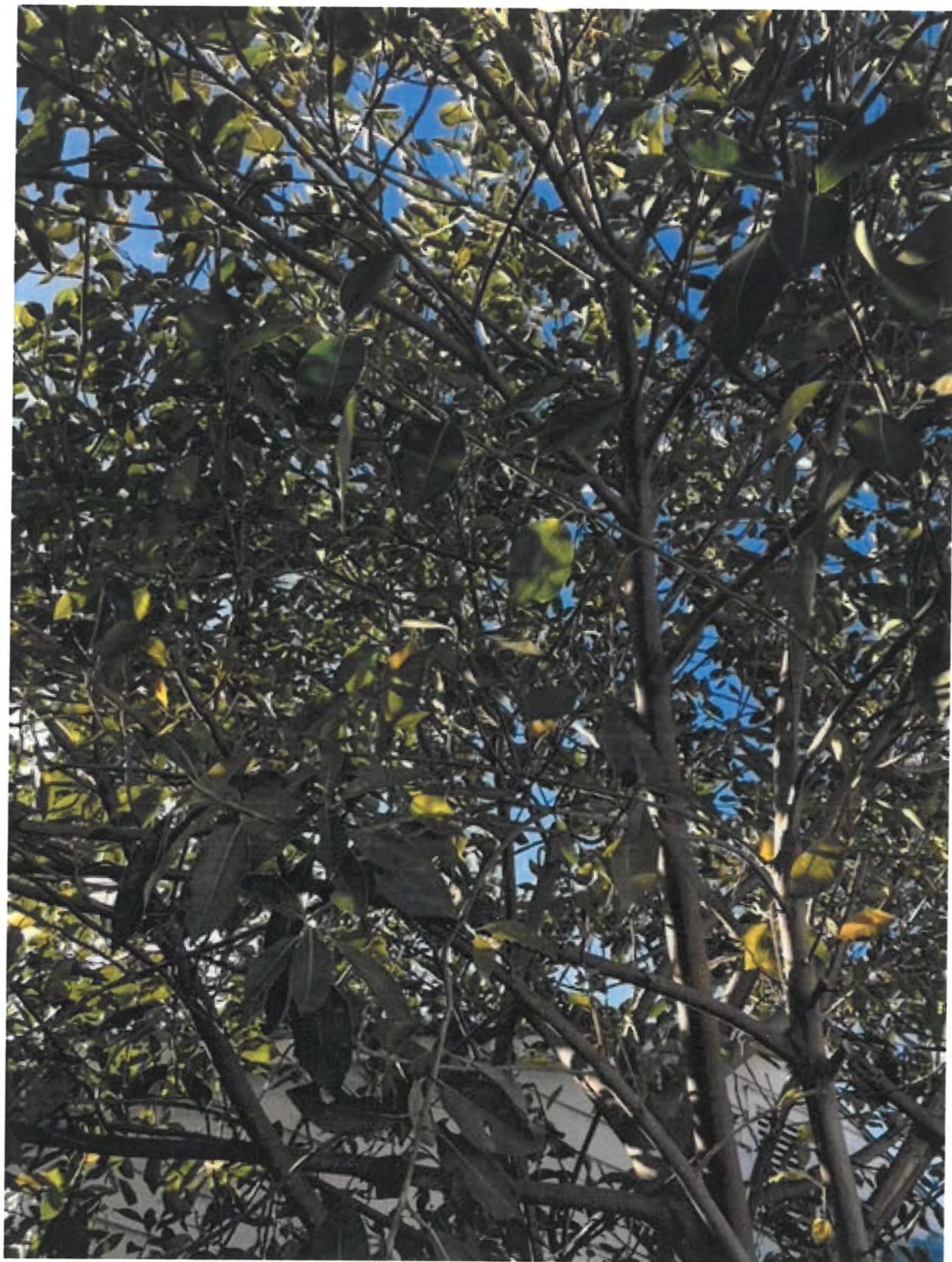






















1-9-19

412 Truman Ave

Barbara 305-731-1889

tree roots in H<sub>2</sub>O lines -

FKAA Fixed leak

1-8-19

huge issue

tree appears to be on  
city R/W in  
sidewalk crack.

**Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority**



**Melissa McLaughlin**  
Customer Service Representative

**(305) 295-2279**

1100 Kennedy Drive  
Key West, Florida 33040

Office: 305.296.2454  
mmclaughlin@fkaa.com

Supervisor

Danielle  
Mendez

1-14-19 emailed  
FKAA for  
additional info.

## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** Barbara Napoles <landlordagent17@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 10, 2019 8:20 AM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Subject:** 412 Truman  
**Attachments:** 20190109\_132633.jpg; 20190109\_132601.jpg; 20190109\_131756.jpg

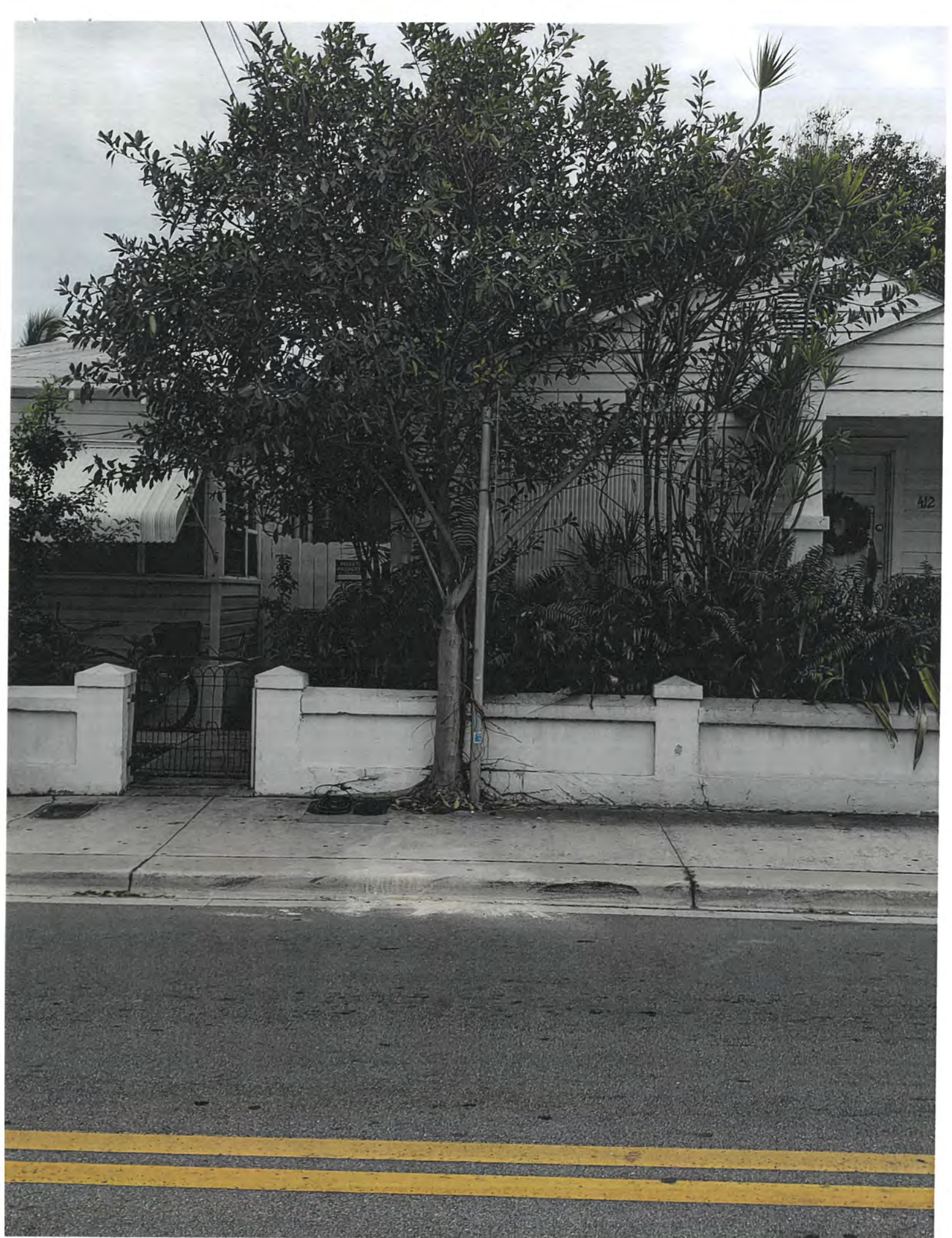
As per our conversation of today, attached are the images of the tree at the above address.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Barbara Napoles

305-731-1839















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**From:** Danielle Mendez <dmendez@fkaa.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019 10:53 AM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Cc:** landlordagent17@gmail.com  
**Subject:** RE: 412 Truman Avenue-tree root issues with meter and lines  
**Attachments:** 412 Truman Ave.pdf

Good Morning Karen,

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Please let me know how you would like me to proceed.

Thank you,

Danielle

**From:** Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019 10:28 AM  
**To:** Danielle Mendez <dmendez@fkaa.com>  
**Cc:** landlordagent17@gmail.com  
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# Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority

## Service Order

Scheduled Date/Time: 1/8/2019 / 12:00:00 AM

Request Code: LEAK AT METER

Service Order No: SORD00003081771

Order Desc: Leak at meter

Instructions: Leak at meter

Route ID: K104

Location ID: 002413

Service Address: 412 TRUMAN AVE KEY WEST FL USA 33040

Meter ID:	MIU:	Notes:

Customer ID: 561162

Customer Name: WILBUR WRIGHT 725 LLC

Customer Address: PO BOX 121 NEW YORK NY USA 10014

Customer Notes:

Last Statement: \$425.21 1/9/2019

Deposit Balance: \$0.00

Location Notes: CITY OF KEY WEST  
INDIVIDUAL

Move In Customer: 515217

Meter ID	Last Reading			Current Reading	
	Cons1	Cons2	Cons3		
1 07029394	292051	0	0		
Class:SINGLE7	Last Reading Date:1/7/2019		Type:Actual		

Task ID	Description	Charge	Employee	Completed
COMMENT READING	Comment Reading on SO	0.00000	2480	Yes
MTR RUNNING	Is meter running	0.00000		Yes
TURN OFF	Turn off meter	0.00000		Yes
ADVISE O&M	Advise O&M	0.00000		Yes
CHECK MIU PIN	Check MIU pin	0.00000		Yes
CHECK METER LID	Check Meter Lid	0.00000		Yes
CUSTSERVLINETY	CUSTOMER SERVICE LINE TYPE	0.00000		Yes

Requested by:

Entered by:

### Comments

☐ Locked/Left notice ☐ Entry refused ☐ Bad key ☐ Entry blocked ☐ Gate locked

Alexandria Careaga

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**To:** Danielle Mendez  
**Cc:** Karen DeMaria  
**Subject:** Re: FW: 412 Truman Avenue-tree root issues with meter and lines  
**Attachments:** 20190109\_132614.jpg; 20190109\_132601.jpg; 20190109\_131756.jpg

Thank you. This tree is also destroying our cement fence. It should be removed. I have attached pictures for your perusal.

Thanking all in advance.

Barbara Napoles, Landlord agent  
[Landlordagent17@gmail.com](mailto:Landlordagent17@gmail.com)

On Thu, Jan 24, 2019, 11:11 AM Danielle Mendez <[dmendez@fkaa.com](mailto:dmendez@fkaa.com)> wrote:

Good Morning Karen,

Please see below comments on our field visit to the property with the tree issue. I will advise when our Operations Supervisor visits the property.

Thank you,

Danielle Mendez | Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority

Customer Service Area Manager, Lower Keys

1100 Kennedy Drive

Key West, FL 33040

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I am looking at removing the tree so the meter does not have to be relocated. The application to remove the tree will be heard at the Feb 12 Tree Commission meeting. In order for the application to be an emergency permit, I needed documentation that shows the repairs can not be completed at this time until the tree is removed. Sounds like the repairs have been done but there will probably be future impacts so I will be asking for the tree removal approval. Once the tree is removed, then FKAAs can remove the root from the existing box/meter and the homeowner will not have to worry about future issues.

Sincerely,

Karen

**From:** Danielle Mendez <dmendez@fkaa.com>  
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**From:** Dana Vega  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 24, 2019 8:26 AM

**To:** Danielle Mendez <[dmendez@fkaa.com](mailto:dmendez@fkaa.com)>

**Subject:** RE: 412 Truman Avenue-tree root issues with meter and lines

Los visited the property 01/23/19 and advise me that one of the boxes had a root inside of it covering the meter and the other had roots running under our service.

He contacted Tony Campo that it would be in our best interest to relocate the meters. Tony will be going himself evaluate the location and let us know his thoughts.

**From:** Danielle Mendez

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019 4:31 PM

**To:** Dana Vega <[dvega@fkaa.com](mailto:dvega@fkaa.com)>

**Subject:** FW: 412 Truman Avenue-tree root issues with meter and lines

Dana,

Can someone please go to this address and verify if the roots from the tree are causing issues in the meter box and on our side of the meter. IDK what ticket you wanted me to do. Also please advise if a relocate would be in the best interest of the FKA.

Thank you,

Lo 002413

Danielle

**From:** Karen DeMaria <[kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019 2:25 PM

**To:** Danielle Mendez <[dmendez@fkaa.com](mailto:dmendez@fkaa.com)>

**Subject:** RE: 412 Truman Avenue-tree root issues with meter and lines

That is good, thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Karen

**From:** Danielle Mendez <[dmendez@fkaa.com](mailto:dmendez@fkaa.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019 10:53 AM

**To:** Karen DeMaria <[kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

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I need verification that the FKA has issues with this tree and water meter. Some documentation of the repairs to the water line and meter would be great-what date, is the repair complete or is more work needing to be done. I would assume that the FKA would like that tree removed so you can remove the roots from the meter line area and permanently repair the leak area (meter and lines to the meter). All I have now is verbal information. I need something in writing.

Sincerely,

Karen

**From:** Danielle Mendez <[dmendez@fkaa.com](mailto:dmendez@fkaa.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019 9:13 AM  
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**Cc:** [landlordagent17@gmail.com](mailto:landlordagent17@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** RE: 412 Truman Avenue-tree root issues with meter and lines

Good Morning Karen,

Please let me know how the FKAa can be of assistance with this issue for Mrs. Napoles.

Thank you,

**Danielle Mendez | Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority**

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Barbara Napoles <[landlordagent17@gmail.com](mailto:landlordagent17@gmail.com)>

**Date:** January 18, 2019 at 11:29:54 AM EST

**To:** [dmendez@fkaa.com](mailto:dmendez@fkaa.com)

**Subject:** Fwd: FW: 412 Truman Avenue-tree root issues with meter and lines

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**From:** Karen DeMaria <[kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)>

**Date:** Tue, Jan 15, 2019, 1:27 PM

**Subject:** FW: 412 Truman Avenue-tree root issues with meter and lines

**To:** Barbara Napoles <[landlordagent17@gmail.com](mailto:landlordagent17@gmail.com)>

Barbara:

I am still waiting to hear from FKAa but I wanted to ask if you had some documentation of the repairs to the water line. I need some sort of documentation of a leak and where it is so I can process the permit. I also really need something from the FKAa regarding the meter area and the tree roots for the emergency permit. If you can speak with them and ask them to send me an e-mail, that would be great.

Sincerely,



Karen

**From:** Karen DeMaria  
**Sent:** Monday, January 14, 2019 10:30 AM  
**To:** [mmclaughlin@fkaa.com](mailto:mmclaughlin@fkaa.com)  
**Subject:** 412 Truman Avenue-tree root issues with meter and lines

I am in the process of gathering information to submit an emergency permit request to the City Manager to remove the strangler fig tree that has grown in the sidewalk crack and appears to be impacting water lines at 412 Truman Avenue. I was hoping to get something in writing (e-mail is fine) to confirm there is an issue at this property. I was told by the homeowner that FKA did some repair work out there last week. Can you help me please.

Sincerely,

Karen

*Karen DeMaria*

Urban Forestry Manager

Certified Arborist

City of Key West

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