

Covenants & Restrictions Corner
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Tree Protection

To my dear neighbors,

As you enter our lovely neighborhood, a prestigious, waterfront community, you observe the acorn on our signage representing an oak tree. Most of us moved to this area because of the beautiful trees and the one-of-a-kind homes that are nestled among them. Our unique homes, beautiful landscaping, proximity to the river, and most of all, beautiful trees, are the things that increase the value of our property.

The Association is continuously striving to increase property values - not decrease them by altering Charter Point's unique terrain. Take a look at our beautiful wall, the lights, the trees and flowers that were planted. Soon we will place lights in our median and light our bulletin board

The Board is requesting that you get permission before making major alterations to your landscaping. We all understand that if a tree is damaged, about to fall, or is diseased, it should be cut down. However, often times simply trimming a tree will take care of minor concerns without robbing the neighborhood of the overall beauty of the tree. What a tree surgeon's ax can fell in a day can take decades to replicate.

As poet Joyce Kilmer said in his poem, "Trees" --



*I think that I shall never see
A poem as lovely as a tree
A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.*

On behalf of the Charter Point Community Association Board members, please give careful consideration before inalterably changing the look of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,
J. Burnie Caine
Chairman, Covenants and Restrictions Committee