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Mayor Keith Pekau
Village Manager George Kocwara

Dear Sirs:

The purpose of this letter is to summarize the actual/true facts about the trees behind my property at 10514 Wildflower Road in Crystal Tree.

I contacted Jon Bailey, general manager at Crystal Tree last fall about the dead tree on Crystal Tree property just behind my house. Nothing happened for one month. I contacted Mr. Bailey again (end of October) and he stated that it was too late in the year and would be done early next spring the following year (2021). In spring, I called Mr. Bailey multiple times and he did not return my calls. Finally, I went to Crystal Tree on May 6, 2021 to confront Mr. Bailey and he stated the trees are on private property and the country club did not have to do anything, just leave them. I left furious and called the mayor's office immediately. I was told to contact Jason Zorena, code officer for Orland Park.

May 9 complaint against trees in Crystal Tree and also 5 to 6 poorly maintained properties in Crystal Tree. The property addresses with pictures were sent to Jason.

Long delays hearing anything, finally was told by Jason this had to be sent to engineering department for approval to send out a citation; again nothing happened. Supposedly the village arborist inspected the trees but subsequently was later told there was no village arborist, just a Crystal Tree Arborist, Called Shawn in engineering department early July (he left on vacation to Europe July 6 to 20) and told us on his return they had nothing to do with tree removal and did not understand why he was contacted.

Nils Johnson Tree Service here to take down the tree July 28; however they said they were taking down the tree and not removing it. Crystal Tree crew was to cut and remove the tree. THIS IS NOT WHAT WE WERE TOLD BY BONNIE AND JASON; THE ENTIRE TREE WAS TO BE REMOVED IN ITS ENTIRETY (WOOD AND ALL) JULY 28!! DID NOT HAPPEN!! And Steve from Crystal Tree was very sarcastic and belittling to my wife on multiple occasions when she was only trying to protect our property.

Your alleged arborist (would like to see his report and certificate) stated that the trees were dead; I have an outside independent arborist who states it is Oak Wilt and all the trees have to be disposed of and properly removed and burned ASAP. And we are not talking three trees. There are 18 to 24 trees. And these are diseased trees that have to go immediately and not in some long term plan) because it is spreading like crazy back there. And no one

ares!!! Last year Crystal Tree left a very large dead tree along the opposite side of the driveway that they finally removed in April (nine months later) Now there are many new (at least nine) dying trees on that side.

*****Mr. Greg Summers letter is totally inaccurate. The dates are totally inaccurate, with Jason taking way too long to act (almost two months from our initial complaint), sending to engineering when he was the man to control everything, and allowing Crystal Tree to lie to him because they are totally non-compliant. If my wife did not stop the tree removal, Crystal tree would leave it for months or maybe a year, given how naive and gullible Jason is (I'll keep fining them). So you really need to immediately drop the citation that was issued to my wife. And I really did not need Jason at my door with a police officer to deliver, like he is a criminal and after she was taunted and humiliated. And also Mr. Greg Summers telling me that all dead trees are not the same; what is that nonsense. A large tree that is alive with a large dead branch can also be deadly to people. Mr. Summers needs to review village code re: dead trees.

Both the village and Crystal Tree have too many excuses for not doing the right things and getting these dead and diseased trees out of here ASAP. The Village of Orland Park should have removed the trees on July 10, 2021 per your ordinance. I and my wife, Janice, sent numerous videos, photos and descriptions to Bonnie Carpenter, Jason, the mayor and village manager and there was practically no communication from anyone. Jason did not return multiple calls, emails, and texts over the 4 months. I asked Bonnie that I wanted to speak with the mayor and village manager to no avail. And none of you would come out and look at my mess back here!!! What happened to all of the transparency of government? Who are you protecting Crystal Tree or us and the real question is WHY are you doing this? If Crystal Tree would have followed the codes in Orland Park and took care of their property we would not have this problem. My wife has a message from Jason on July 22 that the entire tree was to be removed in its entirety. If necessary we can play it in court for you!! It is time to come clean and take care of business.

Is Orland Park willing to pay the \$2000 that I have to fork out to try and save one of my trees that has Oak Wilt from the golf course? There were coyotes in Crystal tree living in Crystal Tree's mess back here.

Let's see some action and a real plan to clean up this mess that Crystal Tree and Orland Park have created. Crystal Tree's mess, including the mess at the front of our development from the old golf course has really depressed real estate prices in Crystal Tree.

Robert Peiss