

Tree Removal in Community Park

Weather permitting later this week, the City will remove two elm trees adjacent to the tennis courts in the Community Park. The trees are being removed to protect the surface of the tennis courts and sidewalks, prevention of drainage issues as well as to ensure the safety of people using this area of the park.

Removal of mature trees is not a decision easily made for the City's parks crews who will plant suitable replacement species far enough away from the sidewalk to not cause future issues.

Several options were considered by the operations department and it was determined the best choice to retain and protect the infrastructure of the tennis courts, sidewalks and associated drainage structure is the removal of the two mature trees. The continual heaving and cracking of the court surface continues to be the cause of hazards to the users of the tennis courts. Sidewalk panels were also removed to mitigate the issues around the base of the trees; however, the uneven surface is not suitable for those with accessibility concerns. On a number of occasions, repairs in this area have been made and it is no longer feasible to continue with this same approach.

The drainage system around the tennis courts will be renovated as a portion of the system is adjacent to the two trees and removal will allow the drainage and sidewalk connection in this area to be re-built.

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