

Removal of Memorial Avenue Elm

Maintaining and enhancing the health of the memorial trees along Memorial Avenue continues to be a priority for the City. We conduct regular arboriculture inspections of the trees to determine their health and advise the public of any necessary actions.

Unfortunately, another elm tree on Memorial Avenue has been identified as having significant structural decay. An external fungal conk was observed on the trunk, prompting a detailed inspection of the tree's condition. Subsequent drilling and assessment revealed extensive decay in multiple areas, including both visible wounds and internal sections of the trunk. Several pockets of decay extend into the outer third of the tree's shell thickness, and older wounds on major limbs show advanced deterioration as well.

Given the compromised structure of the canopy and the decay affecting key scaffold limbs and their attachment points, it is necessary to remove the tree to ensure public safety. Like previous tree removals on Memorial Avenue, once the tree is removed, the stump will be ground, and a new elm planted adjacent to the site.

Removal of the tree will occur on February 13. During this time, parking on Memorial Avenue and a partial road and sidewalk closure may be necessary to ensure the safety of the public. Detours will be provided.

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