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TREE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT AT FRIENDSHIP PARK

Work Will Take Place Tomorrow

On Wednesday Urban Forestry staff will be removing seven Austrian Pine trees located at the entrance to the parking area at Friendship Park, 631 E. Greta Ave. in the Nevada/Lidgerwood Neighborhood.

The trees are being removed to create more visibility for safety, as well as more clearance for vehicle traffic. Secondly, all of these trees have significant structural issues.

The good news is that later this spring, staff will replant the area with three deciduous trees, likely oak, elm or ash.

About Urban Forestry

City of Spokane Urban Forestry staff manages 50,000 street trees and another 28,000 trees on developed park land within the City of Spokane. City arborists help manage the urban forest by planting and maintaining trees throughout the City. The thinning of trees in some areas is also done to improve the overall health of various stands of trees in the City's park system. Improving the City's urban forest is an ongoing project that will take decades of work and careful management. In 2010 Spokane received its seventh year in a row designation as a Tree City USA. That program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. For more information please call 509.363.5470 or go online to www.spokaneurbanforestry.org

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