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TREE PLANTINGS TO FOLLOW THE GRAND BOULEVARD RE-PAVING PROJECT

Work Begins Monday

In advance of the street re-paving project scheduled for Grand Boulevard from 29th Avenue to High Drive, tree work will begin in that area on Monday that eventually will bring 38 new utility-friendly trees to the neighborhood.

In addition to pruning for vehicle clearance, nineteen damaged, declining, or poorly-placed trees will be removed. In their place thirty-eight replacement trees will be planted in the project area this fall after the street construction is complete. The new trees will be provided by the Spokane County Conservation District at no cost to homeowners. The new trees will be of utility-friendly size and located according to the Right Tree-Right Place principal to prevent future conflicts with underground and overhead utility lines.

About Right Tree-Right Place

A healthy community forest begins with careful planning. Before planting a tree, **carefully consider your surroundings. Trees need space to grow both above and below ground** – consider the type of tree and where it will be located in relation to overhead and underground utility lines. Learn more about selecting the right tree for the right place at <http://www.arboday.org/trees/rightTreeAndPlace/>

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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