



June 30, 2016

RE: CIVIC CENTER DRIVE EUCALYPTUS TREE SAFETY PRUNE

Dear Resident,

A letter previously sent to you regarding the pruning of City-owned trees located on Parcel 13 contained a numbering error that may have caused confusion. Below is the same letter formatted correctly. The City apologizes for the error.


The City continues to experience problems with the Eucalyptus trees along the north side of Civic Center Drive between Oakhurst Drive and Beverly Boulevard within the southern section of the area known as Parcel 13. Several arborists have expressed concerns with these trees, ranging from poor overall health to structural instability.

At this time, the City wishes to lessen the danger these trees pose to the public by performing a safety prune of those limbs that hang over the Civic Center Drive roadway. While this work will not address the decline and structural instability issues that continue to exist in these trees, it will lessen the likelihood that additional limbs from the trees will shed onto the Civic Center roadway. While every effort will be made to preserve some level of aesthetic, public safety will be the main consideration as these trees are pruned. The work shall be performed as follows:

1. Properties adjacent to the work area will receive this mailed notice.
2. One (1) model tree will be pruned near the intersection of Civic Center Drive and North Palm Drive on July 11, 2016 @ 8 am. Pruning shall consist of removing those limbs that hang over the Civic Center Drive roadway, by cutting the limbs back to the Parcel 13 south fence line.
3. The City arborist, in conjunction with an independent arborist, will oversee the pruning of the model tree. The public will not be permitted to enter the work zone while the model tree is being trimmed but, once the model tree has been trimmed, the City arborist and the independent arborist will be available to answer questions regarding the specifics of the pruning treatment.
4. Beginning the day after the pruning of the model tree, on July 12, the remaining trees will be pruned, using the model tree as a standard. The trimming of the remaining trees is expected to take as many as seven (7) work days.

5. The state Department of Toxic Substances Control has told the City they will have a representative on site periodically.
6. At no time will any worker be permitted to:
 - Enter the fenced area of Parcel 13.
 - Use chippers
 - Use blowers
 - Do any work without the physical presence of the City arborist
7. Once the described trimming has been completed, other than emergency responses to limb/tree failures into the roadway, no work will be performed without prior notification of the adjacent properties.

Please contact Parks and Urban Forest Manager Ken Pfalzgraf at (310) 285-2537 if you have questions concerning this work. Thank you for your patience as we work with the Eucalyptus trees along Civic Center Drive.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Pfalzgraf". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

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