

## Street Tree Canopy Maintenance

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Fall 2024 Work:

Start date: tbd

Murrey Drive – sections 21, 38

Donegal Drive – sections 50, 66

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Historically South Riding mulches street trees (trees located between the sidewalk and the street) and elevates the canopy (limbs/branches) up to 12'-15' feet.

In 2023, in the four oldest sections of the community, we tested an additional service, a complete canopy maintenance and pruning.

2024 – 2030:

Going forward we are budgeting for this service for all street trees for the entire community. The work will be completed by a team of professionals with an arborist overseeing the work. The maintenance and pruning will be completed on the entire tree with the goal of improving the health and storm resistance of the trees as well as trimming them away from nearby light poles and homes.

This service will be provided on a systematic schedule, continuing in order of age (oldest home sections to newest), need for pruning and arborist discretion. In short, we hope to provide this service on a 5–7-year regular schedule.

In order to maintain and manage costs, deviation from the schedule or special requests will not be available. Should a homeowner wish, they are more than welcome to have a professional prune their tree at the homeowner's expense (this has been our historic tradition).

Please note, we will not be pruning the canopies of the locust trees. They are nearing the end of their life cycles and are being monitored for removal. We anticipate that in the next 2-4 years the majority of the locust trees will have died.

10/30/2024 - We are still working on the RFP for 2025-2028 tree work. Once complete the schedule will be posted here for resident reference.

The 2024 ‘completed’ spring schedule of work (see below).

Start Date**	Street	Sections	Home Type
Done	Planting Field (east)	1A	Single Family
Done	Eustis Street	3B	Town Home
Done	Talamore Dr.	11, 12, 15, 16	Single Family
Done	Pinebluff	9, 10	Single Family
Done	Sarazen Dr.	10, 11, 13, 14	Single Family
Done	Chorleywood	9, 10, 11	Single Family
Done	Edgewater Dr.	11 (Planting Field to Flintonbridge)	Single Family
Done	Heyer Sq (center parking)**	3A3	Town Home
Done	Golf View Dr.	3A3, 3A4, 3A5, 3B, 3C, 4B	Town Home
Done	Owen Parkway	1B1	Town Home
Done	Moshupe Way	1B1	Town Home
Done	Morse Drive	1B1	Town Home
Done	Indian Hill	1B1	Town Home
Done	Upper Clubhouse	1B1, 1B2	Town Home
Done	Upper Clubhouse	2C	Single Family
Done	Planting Field (west)	1A	Single Family
Done	Chilmark Dr.	2C	Single Family
Done	Lighthouse Pl	2C	Single Family
Done	Maple Cross St	2C	Single Family
Done	Ashbury Drive	4B	Town Home
Done	Beachall St	4B	Town Home
Done	Center Street	1B2, 4B	Town Home
Done	Priesters Pond	9, 10, 23	Single Family
Done	Flintonbridge	23	Single Family
Done	Rachel Hill	10, 11, 17, 40, 41	Single Family
Done	Glasgow Dr.	11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16	Single Family
Done	St. Andrews	16	Single Family
Done	Hyland Hills	12	Single Family
Done	Mink Meadows	15, 17, 40	Single Family
Done	Hagen Ct.	13	Single Family
Done	Longleaf St.	14	Single Family

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***Remove branches shown with dotted lines:***

**Remove limbs that extend beyond the natural crown of the tree.**

**Remove dead, broken or crossing limbs**

**Remove limbs that turn inward towards the trunk.**

**Do not leave branch stubs.**

**Remove root suckers and sprouts.**

**Remove competing stems to develop a single trunk.**

**Shorten low branches to develop trunk thickness**

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