



City of Grover Beach

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RAMONA GARDEN PARK CYPRESS TREE TO BE REMOVED

GROVER BEACH, CA — The City of Grover Beach is preparing to remove a decades-old large Monterey Cypress tree in Ramona Garden Park due to the poor health of the tree. The approximately 90-foot high tree is located on the east side of the park along North 10th Street, midway between Ramona Avenue and Brighton Avenue. Over the past 10 years with direction from the Council, the City has implemented numerous costly measures in an effort to preserve the tree, including careful pruning and installation of support cabling, and designing parking and sidewalk improvements around the tree so that it would be preserved.

The City recently retained a certified arborist to assess the condition of the tree and opportunities to extend the tree's life. The arborist's report identified the presence of significant internal decay in all parts of the tree. The arborist concluded the condition of the tree will likely lead to substantial failures, including falling tree limbs. In light of this recent arborist report, the tree presents a public safety hazard and needs to be removed.

This Monterey Cypress is located in a heavily used area of the park that is currently cordoned off to protect the public from falling branches. The park area is used for events such as the Stone Soup Music Festival, Farmers' Market, and the Summer Concert Series. As a result, City staff has determined that removal of the tree is warranted.

The removal process will include two days of work. The areas in and around the perimeter of the park, as well as North 10th Street, will be closed while the work is being performed. The removal is expected to be completed by Friday, March 31st.

Once the tree is safely removed and a new planting area prepared, a replacement tree will be selected and planted in its place. The City is planning a tree planting ceremony and will provide additional information once a final schedule is identified.

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding the removal and replacement of the tree, please contact the City's Public Works Department by telephone at (805) 473-4520 or email at publicworks@groverbeach.org.

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