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TREE TRIMMING SCHEDULED AT ENGLISH SPRINGS PARK March 2nd - 13th

The Chino Hills Public Works Department has scheduled tree trimming and tree removal activities at English Springs Park from Monday, March 2nd to Friday, March 13th on weekdays only. The Park will be open during the project but park visitors will be kept safely away from work areas. The parking lot and the restroom will be closed on Wednesday, March 4th and, if needed, on Thursday, March 5th to allow crews to safely remove two large pine trees. Access to the Park will be available from Village Center Drive during the parking lot closure.

“English Springs Park is over 25 years old,” said Sean O’Connor, Parks and Facilities Manager and Certified Arborist (ISA). “This work is part of our ongoing management of the City’s urban forests.”

According to Mr. O’Connor, the trees slated for removal are in their declining years.

“We strive to have a mix of new and mature trees so that as trees are removed, new trees are reaching maturity,” said Mr. O’Connor. “This strategy ensures that park visitors will always enjoy the shade and beauty that trees provide.”

The new trees being planted stay true to the existing landscape design at the park, according to Mr. O’Connor.

“We are replacing the five weeping willow trees with five 36”- box Peppermint tree/Weeping Willows (*Agonis Flexuosa*), and planting two others near trees that are declining.”

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A stand of ten 15-gallon Forest Pansy Redbud (*Cercis Canadensis*) trees will be planted to add color along a portion of the sidewalk on the south side of the lake. Five 15-gallon Tulip trees (*Linodendron Tulipifera*) trees will be planted in gaps between the Liquidambar trees to grow and mature in preparation for the time when the Liquidambar trees are in decline and will eventually be removed.

Trees being removed on the slopes are not being replanted because the slopes have sufficient tree coverage. A total of 17 trees are being removed, most of which are on slopes surrounding the park, and 20 trees are being planted.

“This project does not result in any significant additional watering requirements as the majority of new trees will be watered by existing irrigation,” said Mr. O’Connor. “Five trees will be manually water during the first year as the trees get established.”

For additional information, please call (909) 364-2800.