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Winter Tree Pruning Begins

Tree pruning is scheduled for January through mid-March, weather permitting, as the Village moves into the third year of a cycle of pruning all trees on public property once every four years. The 2005 trim area is North Boulevard to Chicago Avenue from Austin Boulevard to Harlem Avenue and from Chicago Avenue to Division Street between Austin and East Avenue.

The *No Parking* signs placed in advance of the work list the specific dates and times when crews will be present and parking is restricted. Parking is restricted only during the dates and times listed on the signs. However, dates and times could change depending on the weather. Crews generally work from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Village forestry staff will prune parkway trees under eight inches in diameter and private contractor B. Haney and Son of Lombard, working under the supervision of the Forestry Division, will prune all trees over eight inches in diameter. Some 4,200 parkway trees are in the 2005 trim area, about 1,600 of which will be trimmed by Village crews and 2,600 trimmed by the contractor.

Trees are pruned to American National Standards Institute (ANSI) 300 standards to allow for vehicular and pedestrian clearance; remove crossing and interfering limbs, deadwood, stubs and damaged limbs; and to clear structures and signage. Trees also are inspected for defects that may require further evaluation.

For more information call 358.5700 or email the Public Works Department publicworks@oak-park.us.

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