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Spring 2018

Dear Resident,

This past winter's rain and heavy snowfall caused many trees and bushes to bend and even to break off impacting the public right-of-way on sidewalks and streets and utility lines. Public Works staff and contractors spent many weeks in January and February cutting back and removing branches at great expense. By City Code 70-322, residents and property owners are responsible for trimming trees and plants so as not to cause a hazard to the public-impacting intersection sight distance or obscuring traffic signs, interfering with utility lines and blocking sidewalks.

This winter bent trees and bushes interfered with garbage collection and snow removal operations. This summer greater effort is needed to trim back trees and bushes by the public and Public Works. Residents and property owners are encouraged to trim leaning or overhanging trees and bushes in their yards, along property lines and under utility lines by June 4<sup>th</sup>. Branches and limbs cut into a maximum length of 4 ft. and bundled by residential trash will be collected on garbage collection days. Residents can also transport cut trees and branches and residential trash to the Borough Landfill at no cost anytime.

Trees that have grown into GVEA power lines or have a high potential to fall into a power line must be trimmed or removed by GVEA crews. Please call GVEA at 451-5692 to report a hazard tree on your property.

Public Works staff will begin right-of-way maintenance along sidewalks, road ways and street light poles by hand and mechanical methods beginning Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and will continue to work through the summer to address leaning or overhanging trees and bushes

Working together we can ensure that trees and bushes are aesthetically and safely trimmed to improve public safety on sidewalks and streets in all seasons.

Public Works maintains a stockpile of chipped material for residential use in the green space outside our fences. Residents are welcome to secure the free chipped material at any time.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Jacobson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Jacobson  
Public Works Director