

*"There is not a village in America, however badly planned at first,
or ill-built afterwards, that may not be redeemed, in a great measure,
by the aid of shade trees in the streets ... and it is never too late
or too early to project improvements of this kind."*

Andrew Jackson Downing (1815-1852)

AGENDA

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

TREES AND PUBLIC GREENERY COMMITTEE

8:00 AM – Wednesday, August 13, 2025

City Hall, Conference Room A and via Zoom

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1. Acceptance of Minutes for June 11, 2025 meeting
2. Removal requests:
 - **239 Colonial Dr:** 1 Eastern red cedar, fair condition, removal requested by resident, removal recommended by the City. The homeowner will expand the driveway and to minimize the impact on the mature linden, they are proposing the removal of this cedar.
 - **50 Colonial Dr:** 1 little-leaf linden, fair condition, removal requested and recommended by the City. A storm caused the failure of a main leader of the tree. This resulted in a significant wound that is located below most of the tree's overall canopy and is a structural defect that increases the likelihood of failure.
 - **16 Barberry Ln:** 1 black cherry fair condition, removal requested by resident, removal recommended by the City. After the ash tree removal this tree is more exposed and is top-heavy with a bit of lean. The tree also appears stressed and declining slightly.
 - **Russell St:** 4 pin oak, poor condition, removal requested and recommended by the City. Three of the four trees are covered in galls that girdle branches. Broken and removed leaders, deadwood, and low vigor also present on these trees.
 - **Deer St at Russell St:** 1 Bradford pear, poor condition, removal requested and recommended by the City. This tree, along with the other pear trees on this road, are significantly declined and likely impacted by fungal disease and environmental stress. This tree needs to be removed to facilitate the intersection reconfiguration that will coincide with the other construction on Deer and Russell St.
 - **828 Woodbury Ave:** 1 Bradford pear, poor condition, removal requested by resident, removal recommended by the City. The tree has steadily declined due to fungal disease.
 - **Cater Park:** 1 boxelder, fair condition, removal requested and recommended by the City. The boxelder are typically weak-wooded and is not suitable to be next to the playground. Multiple stems is a structural defect that increases the likelihood of tree failure.
 - **Lincoln Ave at McNabb Ct:** 2 Norway maple, poor condition, removal requested and recommended by the City. Both trees have declined significantly likely due to environmental stress.
 - **600 Kearsarge Rd:** 1 Silver maple, good condition, removal requested by resident. The resident claims the tree is a nuisance by producing an abundance of litter, the roots are impacting the lawn, ruining the integrity of the property, and is too large for the location.
 - **196 South St:** 1 little-leaf linden, fair condition, removal requested by resident, removal recommended by the City. This tree is not appropriate for this site; street and structure clearance will be always significant and given the vigorous and low-growing habit of the tree, it will always be at odds with site requirements.

- **City Hall, lower parking lot:** 1 Norway spruce, poor condition, removal requested by resident, removal recommended by the City. The tree is exhibiting signs of fungal needle cast.

See Meeting Packet for images of the trees or review using the [Portsmouth Public Tree Viewer](#) to sort for trees proposed for removal.

3. New Business-- review of two new Urban Forestry door hangers for Tree Work and Japanese knotweed.
4. Old Business

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Bagley, Chair