

"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, September 11, 2025

City Hall, Conference Room A and via Zoom

To register in advance for this webinar via Zoom:

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1. Acceptance of Minutes for August 13, 2025 meeting
2. Removal requests:
 - **600 South St:** 1 white ash, poor condition, tree removal requested by the resident, removal recommended by the City. The tree is declining due to EAB.
 - **475 Broad St:** Revisiting this topic first introduced in May 2025. 1 Norway maple, 1 thornless cockspur, good condition, resident request. The removal of these trees will allow the grade of the sidewalk to be corrected and a driveway to be created.
 - **300 Rockland St:** 1 Norway maple, fair condition, and 2 red maples, good-to-fair condition, tree removals requested by resident. The resident stated the City trees are crowding those located on private property and by removing these trees in the ROW, the others will benefit. The central maple is subordinated by the surrounding trees. The Norway maple has a minor necrotic area, but with good reaction wood growth. The Norway is multi-stemmed, and while not an immediate structural issue, this will be problematic in the future.
 - **122 Thaxter Rd:** 1 Norway maple, fair condition, tree removal requested by the resident. The tree is stressed and in a general state of decline. There are damaged roots near the driveway.

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:
 - Fenceline clearance policy -- Discussion on the importance of maintaining and installing new fences around City facilities which will require removing City trees. This is a public safety and resource concern.
 - Tree Order 2026 - Review of trees on order from Schichtel's Nursery in New York.
 - Portsmouth Pee Post - The City will install a post in Haven Park to encourage dogs to urinate in one localized area to reduce urine damage to trees, shrubs, and grass.
4. Old Business

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 9, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Bagley, Chair