



Village of Addison

DEPARTMENT of Public Works

Dear Resident:

The Village of Addison has contracted with _____ for trimming parkway trees on your street. Pruning is done to accomplish the following:

1. Insure safety to persons and property by inspection of trees, removal of hazardous dead wood, evaluation of large cavities, etc.
2. Provide adequate clearance for safe pedestrian and vehicular passage as required by Municipal Code and remove interfering limbs or branches near private homes, ornamental plants, trees, overhead wires, etc.
3. Develop an aesthetically pleasing tree eventually growing as nearly to characteristic form of the individual species (elm, maple, oak, etc.) as possible by balancing, crown raising, thinning, etc.
4. Improve the health and vigor of the tree and eliminate breeding areas for destructive insects.
5. Limit growth to an acceptable height when this is necessary; e.g., ornamental planting, trees growing under wires or adjacent to structures, etc.

Please be aware that severe pruning may at times be in the best interest of a particular tree species for structural and/or aesthetic reasons. Following this drastic procedure, the appearance may initially shock you, especially during winter months when the absence of leaves creates a rather stark effect. However, the crown will fill in within a comparatively short time and the end result will be acceptable and beneficial. Also bear in mind that heavy pruning of trees is necessary since a period of approximately 7 years will elapse before additional major trimming is done in your area. Additionally, pruning at this time of year will cause a profuse discharge of water at the pruning cut. This is not harmful to the tree and will dry in a matter of weeks.

Should you have further questions, please contact Tim Tokarz, Electrical & Forestry Foreman for the Village of Addison at (630)620-2020.

Thank you.