



March 13, 2014

**CITY OF CAMPBELL**  
Community Development Department

## **NOTICE OF TREE REMOVAL PERMIT APPLICATION**

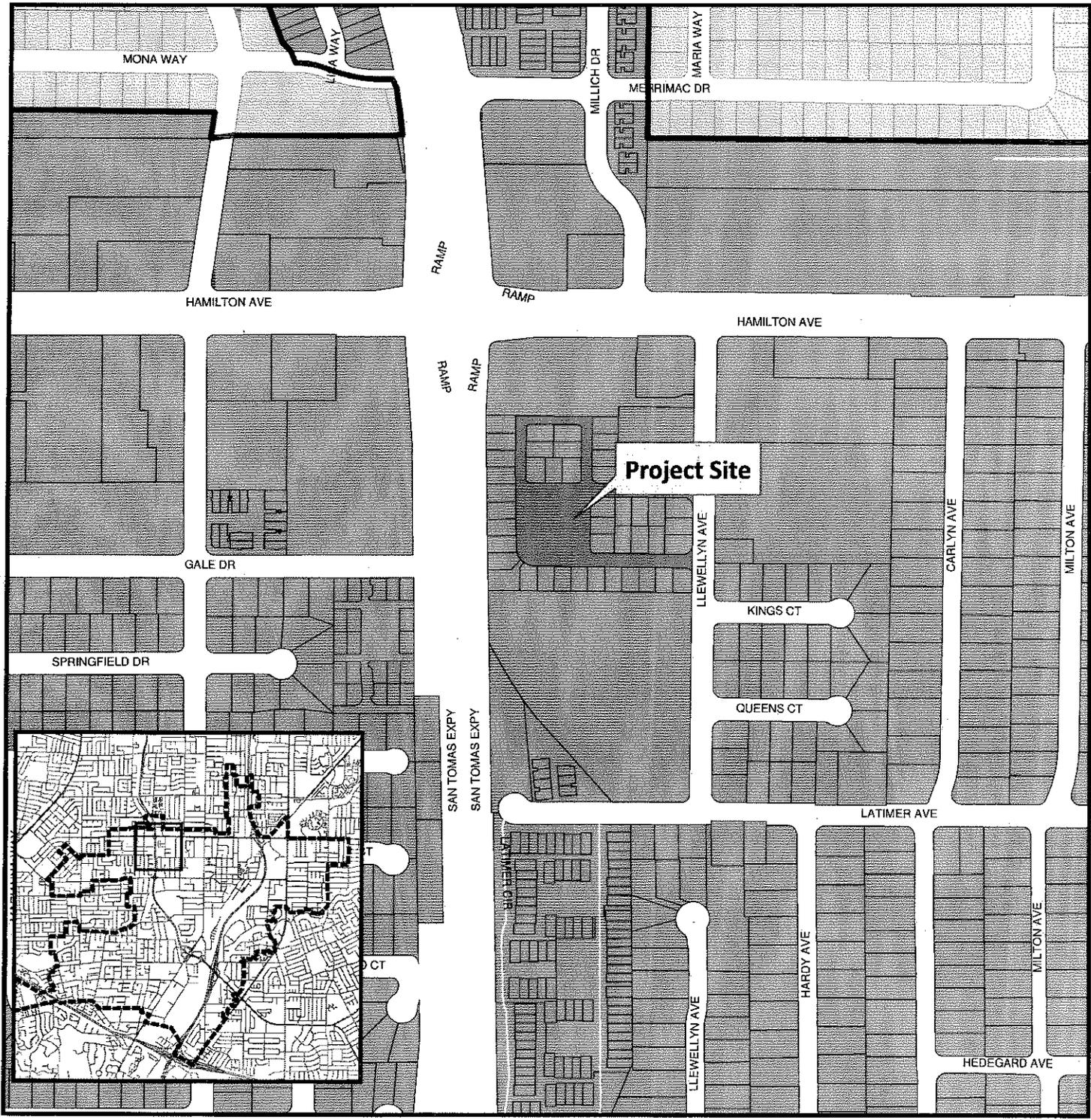
Notice is hereby given that the Community Development Department of the City of Campbell has received an application for a Tree Removal Permit (PLN2014-34) for the removal of three (3) London Plane trees located in the common park area of the Cambridge Park Home Owners Association due to liability risk of concrete damage incurred by tree roots. If approved, removal of the trees is subject to the replanting requirement of the Campbell Municipal Code.

This is your opportunity to provide comment prior to the Director's decision. The 10-day comment period for this application will begin on March 13, 2014, and end on March 24, 2014. Comments regarding this application must be submitted in writing (including email) to the Planning Division before 5:00 p.m. on **March 24, 2014**, as a decision will be rendered after this time. No additional notice will be provided. A copy of the Tree Removal Permit application, and all associated documents, are available for review from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Community Development Department, City Hall, 70 North First Street, Campbell, California and on the City's 'Public Notices' web page (<http://www.cityofcampbell.com/501/Public-Notices>) under 'Administrative Decisions'.

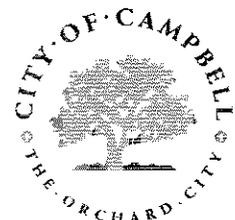
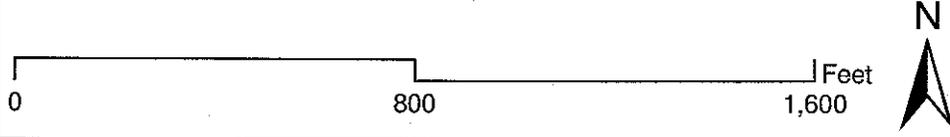
Decisions by the Community Development Director are final in 10 calendar days following the date of approval, unless an appeal is received in writing (including email) at the Community Development Department, 70 N. First Street, Campbell, prior to the end of the appeal period. A written appeal must be accompanied with the required \$200 appeal filing fee.

Questions or comments regarding this application may be addressed to Daniel Fama, Associate Planner, in the Community Development Department at (408) 866-2193 or [daniel@cityofcampbell.com](mailto:daniel@cityofcampbell.com).

# Project Location Map



**Project Location:** Cambridge Park HOA  
**Application Type:** Tree Removal Permit  
**Planning File No.:** PLN2013-34  
**Description:** Removal of 3 London Plane Sycamore trees



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 Planning Division



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March 3, 2014

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**CITY OF CAMPBELL  
PLANNING DEPT.**

City of Campbell  
Tree Arborist Dept.  
70 N. First St.  
Campbell CA 95008

Re: Tree Replacement at Cambridge Park

To Whom It May Concern:

The Board of Directors has recently sought Commercial Tree to address the continuing uprooting issue at the playground open to the public at Cambridge Park Homeowners Association. This park has been mandated by the city, while in the planning phase to be open to all Campbell residents. The governing documents for the HOA reference the ordinance. The document is attached to this letter.

The Board of Directors would like to limit any liability from the public and it's homeowners by installing the appropriate trees at the park and removing the current trip hazards. Any trips that occur on the property are liable to the Association. Please see the attached letter from our insurance carrier asking for the trees to be removed. Of course, the trees will be replaced with more suitable trees that will not cause trip hazards.

Please be advised that Socher Insurance is the only insurance broker that will insure the property due to the amount of exposure of insuring a park that is open to the public. The association doesn't get the same protections the city parks get, thus all insurance carriers contacted for bids (except Socher) has denied giving the HOA coverage.

The Board Directors will greatly appreciate the approval of replacing the trees at the children's playground to provide a safer playground, avoid higher insurance costs or termination and concrete maintenance costs.

Please feel free to contact me with any question or concerns.

Sincerely,

Brian Emery, Association Manager  
Cambridge Park Owners Association

**TREES TO BE REMOVED**

- #1 London Plane Sycamore (12 "DBH)
- #2 London Plane Sycamore (20 "DBH)
- #3 London Plane Sycamore (12 "DBH)

**TREES TO REMAIN**

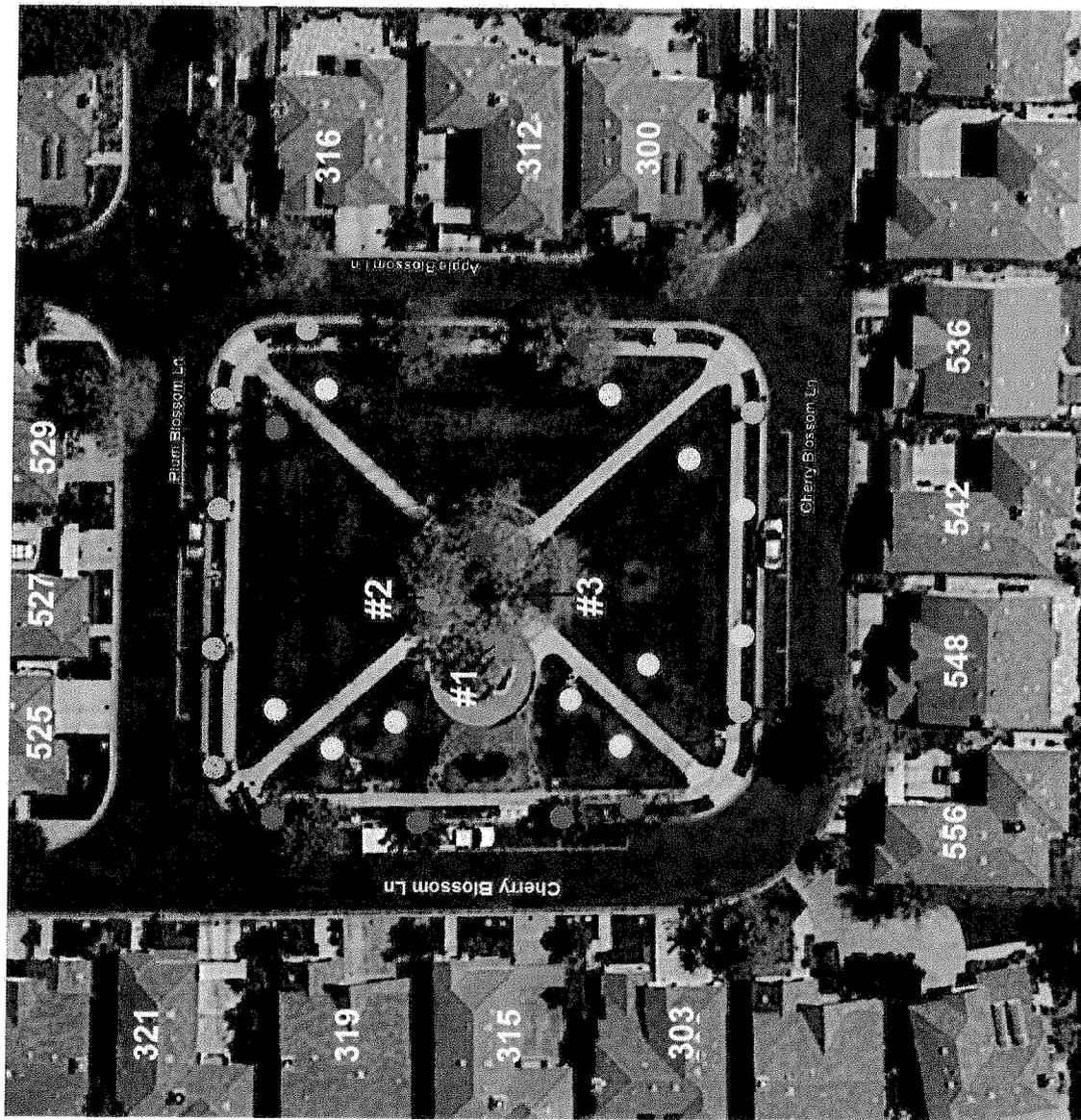
- (9) Crape Myrtle
- (3) Sycamore
- (8) Pear
- (2) Oak
- (2) Cherry
- (5) Ash

*Kevin Allen*

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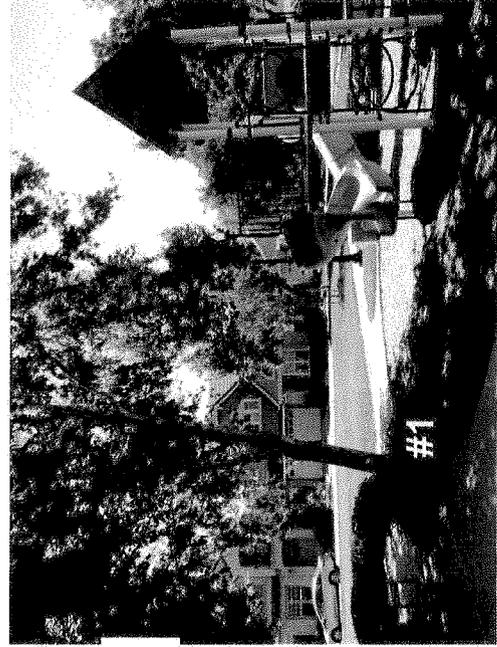
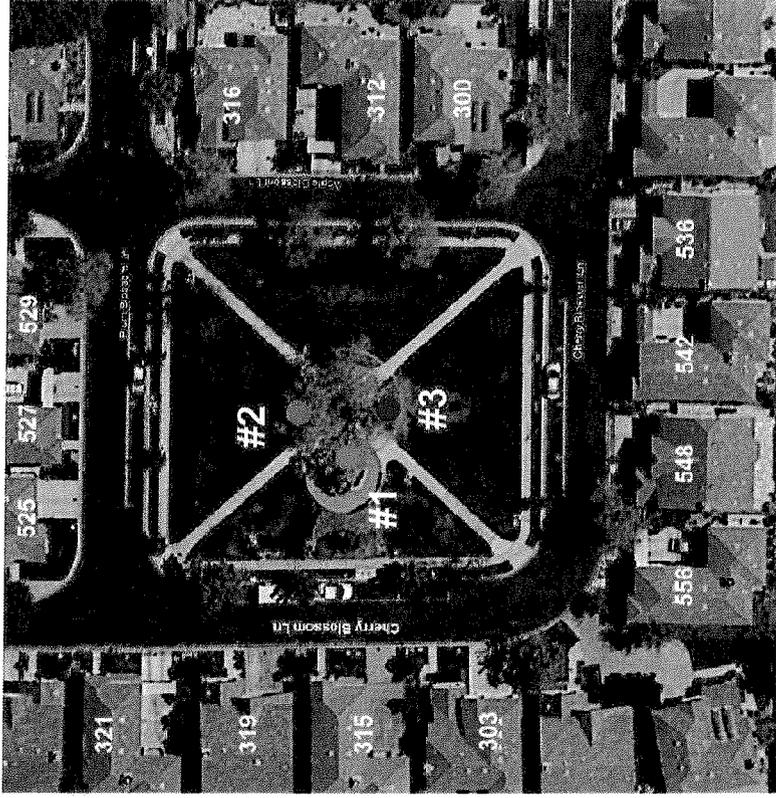


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**Sycamore Roots Lifting & Cracking Concrete**



**HOA Kids Play Ground**



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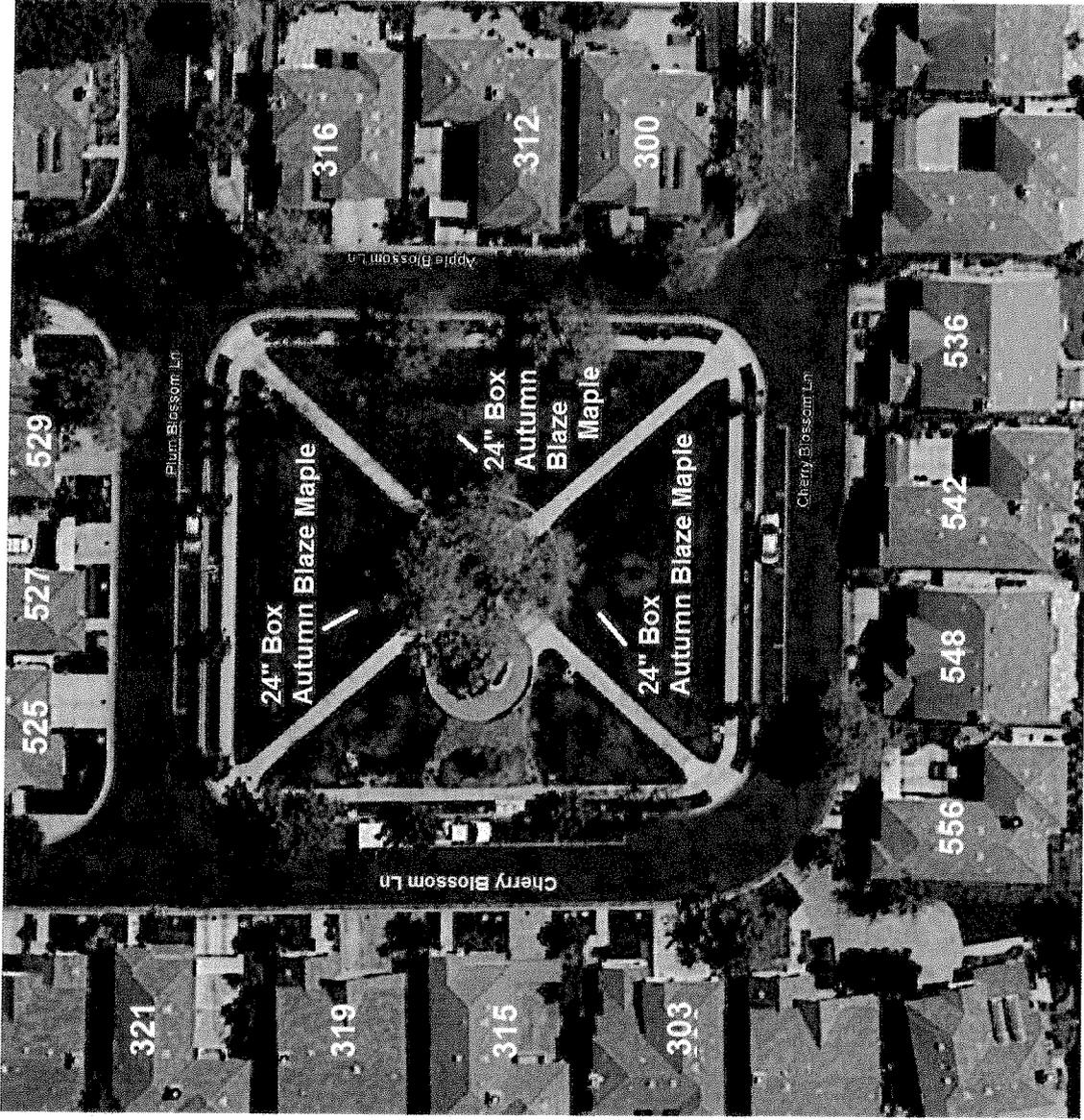
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**REPLANTING PLAN**

- Autumn Blaze Maple (3) at 24 inch box



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Plum Blossom Lane, Campbell



# Commercial Tree Care

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## Arborist Report

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January 29, 2014

Brian Emery  
1935 Dry Creek Road, Suite #203  
Campbell, CA. 95008

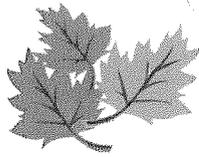
Re: Cambridge Park HOA "Community Park" Sycamore Trees

Dear Brian,

Thank you for providing Commercial Tree Care with the opportunity to preview your property. All inspections were visual and there were no soil or tissue samples taken. This is for the purpose to obtain a tree removal permit from the City of Campbell. The following are our findings and recommendations:



Close up of the proximity of the damaged concrete due to shallow root system. Tree roots have & will continue to create trip hazards for park users. Tree trunks are growing within 12 inches of the concrete. Sycamore tree trunks have the potential to become 4 feet in diameter. Clearly the trees were planted too close to the existing concrete when the park landscape was installed.



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Sycamore Trees #1, #2 & #3 are damaging the existing park walk. Root severance to accommodate the concrete repair would most likely cause future health & stability issues for Sycamores #1, #2 & #3.

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Sycamore Tree #1 leans toward playground. If root (s) were severed to accommodate the repair of the concrete walk it would most likely create a tree falling hazard in the future towards the playground.

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Sycamore tree roots from Trees #1, #2 & #3 are causing major damage to the park sidewalk and will continue to lift and cause a trip hazards for the park users if trees are not removed.

It is recommended to remove these 3 Sycamore trees before repairing the park sidewalk.

The 4<sup>th</sup> sycamore tree that has a potential canopy spread of 50 feet would remain to help shade the sitting area in the near future. The 4<sup>th</sup> Sycamore tree trunk is approximately 10 feet from the existing concrete and should not pose a problem with root lifting in the future.

(3) – 24 inch box Autumn Blaze Red Maple replacement trees would be located within the lawn area approximately 20 feet from the existing Sycamore trees, far enough away from the existing concrete to prevent any future root lifting issues. (see replanting plan for locations)

**Thank You,**

*Kevin Allen*

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