

# Salida Tree Board

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*A town without trees isn't fit for a dog!*

## **BOARD MEETING October 14, 2014**

**Members Present:** Kathryn Hardgrave, Tom Jacobson, Marilyn Moore, Dan Osborn, Bob Salmi, Diana Smith

**2015 Work Plan, Budget:** The city asked Marilyn to submit a work plan and budget for 2015, and Marilyn distributed copies to the board members. The budget request included the purchase of 15 trees for the city right-of-way on D Street by the high school. However, the city wants the trees planted immediately, so the cost will have to come out of this year's budget. Six 15 gallon Chanticleer pears will be planted on D Street and four on 9<sup>th</sup>. Tree board is on the agenda for the October 21 council meeting to present the work plan.

**Trees vs. Sidewalks:** Marilyn and Jerry Loudenberg looked at trees in the city right-of-ways where sidewalk slabs had been removed, and they determined that 19 were in such bad shape (more than 50% dead) that they should be removed before the new sidewalk is poured. If they are removed later, a new sidewalk would have to be poured again. Bids for the work have been solicited and the cost will come out of this year's tree board budget. The smaller limbs will be chipped and the larger limbs will be hauled to Poncha Springs.

**Riverside Pruning:** Terra Firma Forestry has several arborists who are particularly skilled at climbing who will be working in the park on October 23, 24, and 25. They will evaluate a willow with a large cracked limb and remove the limb if necessary, remove the dead limbs over-hanging the sidewalk from the enormous willow east of the band-shell, and crown clean the two cottonwoods and evaluate them for decay.

**Emerald Ash Borer:** Kathryn will be attending a workshop on emerald ash borer in Boulder. The statewide monitoring protocol calls for removing at least two limbs 2" in diameter from the middle of the crown at the point where they join the trunk and peeling them to look for the ash borer. There are several dying ash slated for removal, and they should be examined for EAB *before* the tree comes down. If the tree is infested, the wood must be separated from any that will be used for firewood.

**Shade Tree Program:** Jill has submitted an article to the Mountain Mail on the shade tree program, but it has yet to appear. The article will also be posted on the city website, on the Salida Citizen, on our Facebook page, and PSA's will go to the radio stations. The program will offer hackberries, Kentucky coffees, and oaks of about 1" caliper in grow-bags.

**Memorial Tree(s):** Tree board is occasionally approached about planting a memorial tree in one of the city parks. Past contributions have been set aside in a memorial account and total about \$1000. We really don't have room in our parks for many/any more trees, but would like to be able to honor these requests. Dan suggested designating a memorial tree and encircling it with bricks that can be removed and engraved with the loved one's name as we receive contributions. Funds that are left from the cost to purchase and engrave a brick could perhaps be used to plant trees in the city right-of ways. Dan will find out sources and costs of the bricks.

**Pruning Workshop:** Kathryn will present a Colorado State Forest Service sponsored pruning demonstration on November 1 at Trailside Estates. Jake will contact homeowners who would be willing to have the tree in the city right-of-way in front of their homes pruned. There are also crabapples and a chokecherry along the public access to the Salida trail that can be pruned. Kathryn will announce the workshop in the Mountain Mail, on the city website, on the Salida Citizen, on our Facebook page, and a PSA will also go to the radio stations.

**NEXT TREE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, November 11, 8 am, River's Edge (note change in location!)**