



# Public Notice

This Silver maple tree, (*Acer saccharinum*), a longtime resident and honored citizen of Grant Park, will be leaving the neighborhood soon. If you look closely at the main stem, you will notice fungal fruiting bodies (conks) and a small, deep cavity. Additionally, it is suspected there are areas of internal decay at the primary scaffold limb attachments as evidenced by burls, peeling bark and unusual wood formation. Also, portions of the upper canopy continue to die back collecting dead wood. Examination of this tree by Certified Arborists have determined that structural integrity is suspect making this tree vulnerable to failure.

Park arborists have extended the life of this tree for years by pruning the canopy to reduce excessive weight and remove large deadwood. Although this strategy has worked for a long time, the tree continues to decline and decay is likely advancing.

Although we will miss this tree and all of its contributions to the human comfort and welfare of the Grant Park Neighborhood, we are fortunate to have other large trees nearby. Portland Parks will plant trees as needed, to maintain a healthy urban forest canopy in Grant Park.

This tree is scheduled for removal before the end of: April 2013

If you wish more information, David Kahler in the City Forester's Office has been assigned this case and may be reached at 503-823-1691.

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