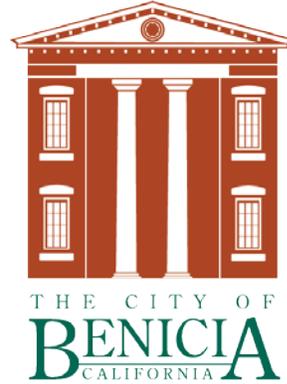


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IMPROVEMENTS TO FIRST STREET TREE WELLS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN JUNE 10

Benicia, CA (May 31, 2019) — The City of Benicia Parks & Community Services Department will be filling the First Street tree wells that lack tree grates with decomposed granite. Each tree well will be excavated to 3" deep, filled with decomposed granite with stabilizer, and compacted to provide a hard surface that is flush with the surrounding sidewalk. The project will make First Street more attractive while improving pedestrian safety. According to Parks Supervisor Theron Jones, the City Arborist, "Adding decomposed granite to the tree wells is a great way to improve First Street for pedestrians while still allowing room for the trees to mature and grow."

The project is scheduled to start on Monday, June 10, 2019 and is expected to be completed by the end of the month. Because the work involves excavation, the location of all utilities near the tree wells are required by law to be marked. Utility companies will be marking the location of the various utility lines using colored paint. The contractor will be removing the marks upon completion of the project.

To minimize impact on parking and downtown businesses, the work will be limited to two city blocks at a time. Work will begin on the east side of First Street at B Street, then proceed north to Military before moving south on the west side of First Street from Military to B Street. No work will be performed after noon on Thursdays to accommodate the Farmers Market. We appreciate your patience during construction. If you have questions about the project, please contact Theron Jones at (707) 746-4226.

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