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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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City to remove hanging limbs from 1500 street trees

Missoula Parks and Recreation has contracted with a local tree service to remove "hangers", or broken limbs lodged in a tree's canopy, from about 1500 boulevard trees. Beginning Monday, January 11, contractors will begin pruning these hazardous limbs from street trees throughout the City.

The project, which is slated to last about four months, will begin in the University District neighborhood and includes the Northside, Westside, Heart of Missoula, Lower Rattlesnake, Franklin to Fort and Riverfront neighborhoods. Residents in other neighborhoods may call 553-6253 to report hanging limbs in City-owned boulevard trees.

Parks and Recreation Urban Forester Chris Boza says the project's impact on traffic and on-street parking will be minimal. When required, on-street parking restrictions will be posted in advance, typically the night before work is to begin, Boza says. The project's projected cost is approximately \$135,000, and is an important part of the City's urban forest risk management program, added Boza.

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