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City Hall Trees Get A Second Life

Veterans Plaza in front of City Hall is about to get a “face-lift”. As part of the City’s redevelopment plans the stately trees adorning the plaza were examined. Consultants inspected all the trees and recommend the removal of certain hazard trees. The City incorporated the recommendation into the Plaza planning process and two trees will be removed today.

“These trees are iconic and unique in our community so we wanted to find a way to give them a second life,” indicated Doug Hofstede, City Recreation Coordinator, “so we approached a non-profit community group that could add an artistic flair to the project”. The Prince George Woodturners Guild was contacted to be that partner. The guild has a number of craftsmen and artisans that will turn the trees into bowls, vases and a number of other unique items. Many of the creations will stay with the guild members but a few pieces will be donated back to the City to be used as gifts for dignitaries. “The story of a tree can add a lot of significance to our pieces,” says Ken Turner of the Guild. “It conceivable that the pieces the City receives could end up anywhere in the world, which is exciting”.

The Guild meets monthly and welcome new members, visit their website at www.pgwoodturners.com

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Photo opportunity:

Parks staff will start removing the trees Tuesday July 7th



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