

**Large Ash tree at 207 Amelia Street  
will be removed  
Thursday, June 27, 2019**



A large ash tree in front of 207 Amelia Street (across from Baptist Church) is scheduled to be taken down on Thursday, June 27, beginning at 7:00 AM.

Because a crane is required for takedown, and because ash becomes as brittle as glass when dead, we will be completely closing the 200 block of Amelia until the tree is taken down.

A detour will be in place guiding delivery trucks and other traffic to a safe alternative right on Caroline to Herndon and back to Princess Anne. There will be a blinking message board in place beginning TODAY, at the corner of Caroline and Amelia, advising of the coming detour and road closure. On Thursday morning, the message board will change to indicate the road closure and the detour direction.

Barrels will be placed at the intersection of Amelia and Princess Anne, as well, on Thursday morning to enclosure and secure the work zone. Pedestrians will also be denied access to the work zone area.

No parking signs will be posted along the 200 block of Amelia, as no parking will be allowed within the work zone.

The tree has significant dieback from Emerald Ash Borer, which is a devastating beetle invasion that is killing native ash populations. Several ash trees around the City have been treated with injections to bolster them against Emerald Ash Borer, but this one is too far gone to qualify for treatment. Treatment trees must have significant healthy "crown", which is the leaves you see. Unfortunately, this tree's crown has too many dead branches to give it a good chance at recovery. Trees require leaves to be able to photosynthesize, which is the process by which trees convert carbon dioxide into nutrients needed by the tree for survival.

A new street tree will be planted in this spot in the fall, and will grow to shade the street and provide a multitude of benefits, just as this large ash has for many years.

For more information on the Emerald Ash Borer, please visit this site:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/pests-diseases/hungry-pests/the-threat/emerald-ash-borer/emerald-ash-borer-beetle>

[Why Are Trees so Important?](#) Click this link to read about a few reasons.