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PRESS RELEASE

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Please be advised that the City of Gaffney and Sossamon Construction Company will begin the Downtown Tree Replacement Project on Friday, September 28, 2018. The replacement of these trees was approved as part of the 2018/2019 Budget after City Council received an update on the poor condition of the current downtown trees.

City crews and Sossamon Construction will remove these trees one block at a time beginning at Limestone Street's intersection with Meadow Street and Dr. L. M. Rosemond Lane. Electricians will also be working alongside crews to replace underground electrical service to the tree well area.

The City's main goal during this work is safety and keeping the inconvenience of this work to downtown businesses and citizens to a minimum. While the City realizes the nature of this work is messy, we are adamant about keeping a clean work site and leaving sidewalks open with signage to ensure the safety of the public. The final step will be replanting trees. This project is expected to be complete before Thanksgiving, with hopes that it will be complete sooner. Should there be delays as a result of any unforeseen circumstances, the project will be put on hold until the beginning of 2019 so that downtown merchants are not affected during the holiday shopping season.