



125 SE Broad Street, Southern Pines, NC 28387

PRESS RELEASE

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Sycamore Removal – Scheduled Road Closing

The large sycamore tree located in front of 140 SW Broad Street is scheduled for removal by a professional tree service beginning at 6:30am on Sunday 07/14/2019. Removal of this large specimen will require a crane and in the interest of safety, the 100 Block of SW Broad Street will be closed to all traffic, including vehicular and pedestrian until the completion of the project.

This sycamore has fallen victim to a common issue experienced by a majority of the sycamore specimens in the area, a condition known as bacterial leaf scorch. Having lost more than 75% of its canopy in recent years, what remains of the tree is mainly deadwood. A more appropriate tree specimen for the challenging and limited growth environment of the downtown sidewalk will be considered for later replanting.

“Anytime we lose a tree as historic and significant as this old Sycamore it’s like losing an old friend or family member. Growing up here in Southern Pines I enjoyed the shade from this tree many times. But sadly trees die and we have to take them down and remove them. Especially when they pose a threat to us, vehicles, and buildings. This Sycamore has lived a good long life. We did our best to help it to this point, but alas it must be removed.” states Jeff Grey, Town of Southern Pines Arborist.

The patience and understanding of the public, businesses and offices effected by this necessary closing is appreciated. Any questions regarding the project may be directed to the Town’s Buildings and Grounds Division at 910-692-4863.