

# **Council Candidate Q&A Transparency Posting**

## **Posting No. 8**

To ensure transparency and provide equal access to information for all candidates, the City is posting the following question received from a candidate, along with the City's response. This information is shared exactly as provided so that all candidates have the same access to City resources and clarification.

#### **QUESTION SUBMITTED:**

Does the City regularly trim the trees aligning both sides of a shared use path? What are the determinants that guide which trees are trimmed, and how often? Is it City practice to trim just the branches that interact with the path, or is the full tree trimmed on some rotating basis?

#### **CITY RESPONSE:**

The City of Dublin strives to maintain all shared use paths so that pedestrians and cyclists can utilize them without conflict. This includes both brush cutbacks and tree pruning. With more than 150 miles of paths, this is an ongoing maintenance effort carried out year-round by both City staff and contracted crews.

Our in-house trimming and pruning work is performed by the City's Horticulture, Forestry, and second-shift maintenance teams. These crews operate on a rotational schedule by zone, and they also respond to individual service requests submitted through GoDublin or by phone. Contracted vegetation management typically occurs in late fall and early winter, focusing primarily on brush and invasive species cutback in areas where residential screening is less of a concern.

When contractors encounter structural tree limbs that require attention, our staff arborist assesses the situation and determines the appropriate level of pruning. For paths adjacent to residential properties, pruning is limited to vegetation that encroaches upon the path or City easement. If vegetation extends beyond that area, residents are notified in writing and given time to address the issue. Should they be unable to resolve it, City staff will take corrective action within the limits of the easement.

In general, trimming along shared use paths is focused on maintaining clearance and safety for path users rather than full-tree pruning on a set rotation. However, trees located on City property

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are periodically evaluated by our Forestry team, and pruning is performed as needed based on growth patterns, safety considerations, and overall health.

### **NOTE:**

The City of Dublin provides factual responses to questions from all candidates. Responses are limited to information that is publicly available and do not include campaign advice, strategy, or opinions. All candidate questions and City responses will be posted on the website for reference throughout the election period.

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