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Neighborhood Tree Pruning, November 2023

Dear Resident,

You are receiving this letter because the Village of Germantown has approved a tree pruning project that will take place in the right-of-way adjacent to your residence. The project is occurring as a continuation of pro-active urban forest management within the village. The village is committed to trimming trees throughout our residential subdivisions to maintain our urban forest. The project will be focused on roadway clearance, reduction of cross-branches, reduction of deadwood, and will work to minimize co-dominate leaders to ensure the overall health of each tree trimmed.

The project will be completed by Crawford Tree & Landscape Services, who will be working on behalf of Germantown. The contractor will work Monday through Friday, during normal business hours. The project will commence in the beginning of December, and we anticipate its completion by the end of February. The project area will cover three different residential areas within the village, which will affect the timing within your area specifically.

The project will prune right-of-way trees, owned by Germantown, and will come at no cost to you as residents. Please see the enclosed document to help you have a better understanding of the distinction between right-of-way, easements, and your property proper. Referencing a copy of your lot survey could also help you clarify your property lines.

Trees improve the quality of life now and will continue to do so in the future, provided they are managed to their fullest potential. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, please contact our Department Project Manager and we will work to help provide you with additional information if possible. krodger@germantownwi.gov

Thank you for your understanding.
Scott Anderson
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Right-of-way: "A right-of-way is a type of easement granted or reserved over the land for transportation purposes, such as a highway, public footpath, rail transport, canal, as well as electrical transmission lines, oil and gas pipelines".

- Within the Village of Germantown, the right-of-way is most typically denoted for the purpose of roadway construction or maintenance. The land itself is owned directly by the village and is not part of your property proper.

Easement: "A right to cross or otherwise use someone else's land for a specified purpose".

- Easements can be held by almost anyone, even between private property owners. In most cases, easements are used to install and maintain utilities in order to provide a service to neighboring properties. It's important to remember that the land itself is still owned and maintained by the property owner directly. As an example, if there is a dead tree in a sanitary sewer easement within your property, you as the landowner are responsible for the removal of that tree. The easement itself only exists so that the utility can have access to maintain sanitary service within the area. Easements themselves often have restrictions. The details about a right-of-way or easement, including their location and other specific details can be found on your property survey. Many times, you may have received a property survey when purchasing your home, which can help you have a better understanding.