



Light Pole Safety Project Frequently Asked Questions

Project website: www.portland.gov/lightproject

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1. Why are some of the light poles in Portland parks being removed?
 - Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) recently evaluated a specific type of light pole in the park system. The process identified a flaw with the anchoring system in about 250 poles located in 12 Portland parks. This flawed anchoring system poses a potential life and safety hazard to the public. PP&R is in the process of removing and replacing the identified light poles to help ensure the community's safety.
2. What is the difference between the light poles being removed and similar looking light poles that are not being removed?
 - The light poles being removed have an anchoring connection which was determined to potentially pose a life and safety hazard. There are light poles that look similar but are not being removed because they have a different type of anchoring connection and are buried in the ground.
3. Which parks will have some light poles removed?
 - Colonel Summers Park
 - Irving Park
 - Ladd Circle Park
 - Lair Hill Park
 - Montavilla Park
 - Mt. Scott Park
 - Mt. Tabor Park
 - Rose City Golf Course
 - Sellwood Park
 - Sellwood Riverfront Park
 - Woodstock Park
 - Wallace Park
4. When will light poles be replaced?
 - Based on the manufacturer's timeline, materials are expected to be delivered in mid-December 2023, then installation will begin in parks where light poles have already been removed.

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5. How is this light pole removal and replacement project being funded?
 - The Light Pole Safety Project is now fully funded. The current estimate to remove and replace identified light poles is \$11.5 million.
6. What will PP&R do to help mitigate the effects of the light pole removal process at 12 City Parks?
 - Park Rangers have increased evening visits to affected parks. PP&R is also optimizing the use of existing lighting to keep parks as bright as possible. In addition, Portland Commissioner of Culture & Livability Dan Ryan has directed PP&R to close affected parks at 10:00 pm.
7. Can I attach anything to light poles in City parks?
 - No. Do not attach anything to poles. City Code 20.12.100.