

To SVOA Board
From Logan Norris (tree committee)

The tree Committee has initiated a major project to remove and replace 10 flowering pear trees near the clubhouse. The problem is that this species *Pyrus callerana* (callery pear) suffers from a serious problem of weakness in the branch crotches.

It is the opinion of two certified arborists we have consulted that it is increasingly likely that these trees will begin to lose limbs with possible danger to people and property. Snow or ice will likely cause major damage to these trees. This species of pear has been a popular tree because of the lovely spring flowers, but the Tree Committee concludes that for safety it should be removed from the Village. We understand the City has or will remove trees of this species when they occur as street trees in the Village.

The Tree Committee selected trees we propose as replacements. Specifically two red maple (*Acer rubrum*, variety Sun Valley seedless) at the north and south end of the project area, four magnolia variety Vulkan to be planted across the front of the clubhouse and four *Ginkgo biloba* (variety Princeton sentry) to be planted along the north driveway into the parking area in front of the clubhouse. This selection of trees will add variety to the shape and color of the trees near the clubhouse.

This project is within the budget of the Committee.

This proposal is currently pending for ARC approval.