

**Feisthamel, Matthew**

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Hi Matt,

Thank you again for coming over today.

I'm not sure if I was able to convey to you how much my parents and I fear the tree. No matter how much pruning is done, as long as the tree is there, the front yard will be a danger zone. I forgot to mention that the branch that fell on Sunday (11/3) afternoon was approximately 5 foot in length (well within a pruned branch length) and the diameter of the branch was 2". It fell in the front yard and fortunately I was not there at the time that it did. This afternoon when I tried to do some gardening under the tree I was stressed out and was very jumpy anytime I heard a crackle fearing another branch was headed my way. (Unfortunately with all the dried leaves and branches, it was hard to avoid the crackling sound.)

Moreover, I forgot to point out the camelia bush that is next to the tree. My 75-year old mother likes to cut the camelias to bring into the house. But she is hard of hearing and definitely slow in reaction and movement. So, if a branch fell in that area, she would be in serious danger and not able to avoid injury. If the tree remained, she would not be able to do one of the things she enjoys in her own home due to the high risk.

I would be very disappointed and dismayed if the city prioritized canopy over peace of mind and safety at one's own home. I would like to reiterate that I am happy to replace the tree with a male gingko (also have it closer to the sidewalk) and even willing to pay for a full size tree to minimize the "loss of canopy" while waiting for a smaller one to grow.

Thanks again for your consideration,  
Wanda