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Subject: Re: [Caution - External Email] Re: Daffin Park Tree Damage
To: Saesha Carlile <Saesha.Carlile@Savannahga.Gov>
Sent: February 13, 2026 6:54 PM (UTC+00:00)
Hey! Personal is my personal phone.

At your convenience is totally fine.

Jared

From: Saesha Carlile <Saesha.Carlile@Savannahga.Gov>
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 1:06 PM
To: Jared Orton <Jared@thesavannahbananas.com>; Jay Melder <Jay.Melder@Savannahga.Gov>
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Good Afternoon Jared,

I'm the City of Savannah COO, is there a good number to reach you on? I'll give you a call.

Cheers,
Saesha Carlile

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Sent: Friday, February 13, 2026 12:28:22 PM
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I suppose what I mean is that I'd like to address this directly at large since I've now been directly and publicly accused of 'unpermitted construction' that will cause 'terrible loss and cause considerable outrage from the community'. For 11 years we have only made this place better than we found it with direct private investment over and above anything we've ever been asked to do. I take this very personally and remain available all day.

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Thanks for the prompt reply, Jared.

If Julie or team need to meet today, it's good to know you will be on site. I know our teams are in contact in this matter, and that there was a walkthru on Wednesday to assess.

Once we have more feedback from the arborists, we can discuss next steps. I'll let you know when we have that information.

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I'm available all day. Bring all interested parties.

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Jared—

I wanted to make sure you are aware of this highly distressing issue caused by construction at the Stadium. As I know you must be aware, mature live oaks are protected in city ordinance, and beloved by the community. Any loss or damage to these trees would be a terrible loss and will cause considerable outrage from the community—especially if the damage was caused by unpermitted construction activity at a city park.

We will await remediation recommendations from our arborists; in the meantime we need to ensure all construction work is well within the permitted scope as well as determine what/if any work was done outside of the permitted scope. I have included our City Engineer on this email, so she can ensure proper inspections are done.

I'm communicating directly with you because I want to emphasize the seriousness of this issue. I expect much work will need to be done to remediate the issue.

Regards,
Jay Melder
City Manager

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From: Gordon Denney <GDenney@Savannahga.Gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2026 4:59 PM

To: Jay Melder <Jay.Melder@Savannahga.Gov>; Gene Prevatt <GPrevatt@Savannahga.Gov>

Subject: Daffin Park Tree Damage

Jay,

I wanted to advise you of damage that has occurred to some of the mature Live Oaks in Daffin Park due to construction being done by the Savannah Bananas. The Bananas have a permit for their weight room expansion, which includes some utility work/connections outside of the stadium in the southern open gravel/grass parking area, but the work currently being completed behind the stadium is well outside of the approved limits of disturbance. By the time our Urban Forestry team was aware of the work the contractors had already impacted the root systems of nine (9) mature Live Oaks, most of them significantly.

Yesterday staff from Development Services and Urban Forestry met with the Bananas and their contractors to discuss the impact to the trees. We agreed to let them finish the work as a measure of good faith to not hold up opening day. For the most part the existing damage has already been done so finishing up the work would not make it worse. While compaction and poor growing issues were present prior to any recent root damage, the damage that has occurred may very well be the difference in these trees surviving in a challenging environment as they have done for years and not surviving at all.

We will be bringing forth recommendations for remediation measure which we feel will be necessary to provide these trees any chance of survival.

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Sent: July 7, 2026 4:47 PM (UTC+00:00)
Thank you. We have worked with Ricky a lot and it's always been a pleasure. I'll connect with him before our next events on July 30th -August 1st.

From: Saesha Carlile <Saesha.Carlile@Savannahga.Gov>
Sent: Tuesday, 07 July 2026 12:39:49
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Hi Neil,

Thanks for reaching back out. We had to go back to the drawing board on our field renovation due to cost and things are changing around a bit to accommodate the intended uses. I also wanted to let you know that Nick Roberts, our Senior Director of Recreation and Leisure, has left the city so I'm removing him from this correspondence and adding our acting Sr. Director, Ricky Allison, whom you may know. Right now, there isn't a clean way to get cars onto that part of the fields, but it is something we are considering in the renovation plans. I'll ask that Ricky reach out to you and get refreshed on your remaining games to see if there is something we could accommodate.

Cheers,
Saesha

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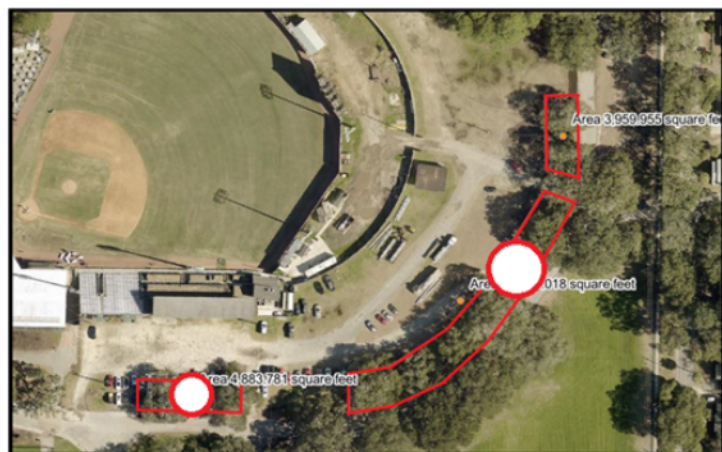
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Area of Ballard Installation

Removal of an additional 3,000 sf resulting in a new total tree protection area of approximately 19,000 sf.

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Good morning,

This weekend our team counted 125 vehicles within the proposed bollard locations marked by Urban Forestry. Please hold on moving forward with this project until there is a concrete plan for recovering these spaces.

Thanks,



From: Neil Trumler <Neil@thesavannahbananas.com>

Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2026 10:50 AM

To: Ret Weeks <Ret@thesavannahbananas.com>; Gordon Denney <GDenney@Savannahga.Gov>; Saesha Carlile <Saesha.Carlile@Savannahga.Gov>; Sean Brandon <SBrandon@Savannahga.Gov>

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Hello all,

I wanted to give you all an update from our games we have had this weekend. Overall, the weekend has been a huge success. We have the best fan experience at Grayson as we have so much control and support from the city of Savannah. However, the area where we are having the most complaints is parking.

Unfortunately, we aren't getting much of a turnout at Memorial stadium, and we are thinking that won't be a long-term solution. Meyers Middle is being heavily used which is a good thing. But we are having fans literally scream at our team for not having better parking solutions for the stadium.

Losing 75-100 spots that close to the stadium is going to be a huge friction point for us, and as partners we are hoping you will not leave us with "we will see" solutions that turn into nothing.

I would like to propose to delay this project until we can find a solution that matches the number of impacted spaces. We will count cars compared to the marked spaces, so we have an exact number to work with.

Let's try to create a win-win solution!

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Neil

From: Ret Weeks <Ret@thesavannahbananas.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 9:47:52 AM

To: Gordon Denney <GDenney@Savannahga.Gov>; Saesha Carlile <Saesha.Carlile@Savannahga.Gov>; Sean Brandon <SBrandon@Savannahga.Gov>

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Yes, the marking has been done but is showing incursions into some of the entrances and into the gravel roadway. The footprint is larger than expected and we are looking for clarification.

Thanks,



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Ret,

Good morning. Urban Forestry and Neighborhood Parks Division Directors should be visiting the site today to mark the corners of areas where we plan to install the bollards. This should give you a better understanding of the actual impact to parking. Also, we will be reviewing the potential for use of the eastern triangle of the large field for possible overflow event parking. We are sketching a conceptual layout and will review the plan, along with how it would be utilized both short and long term. Once we complete this review I will get back with you.

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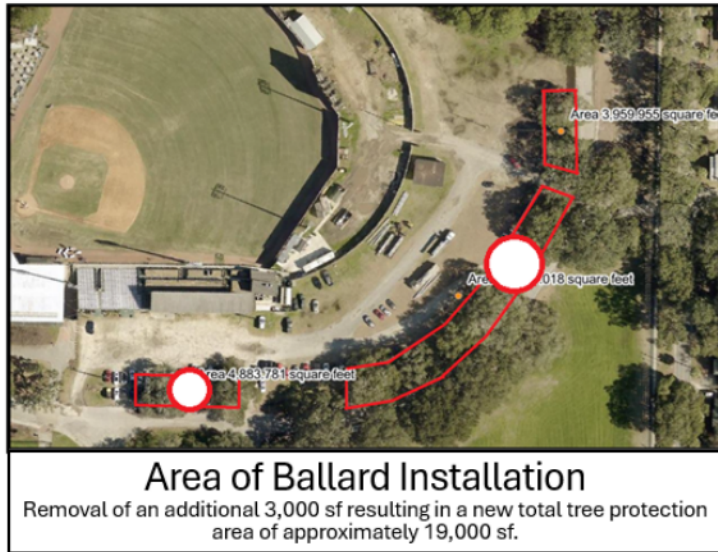
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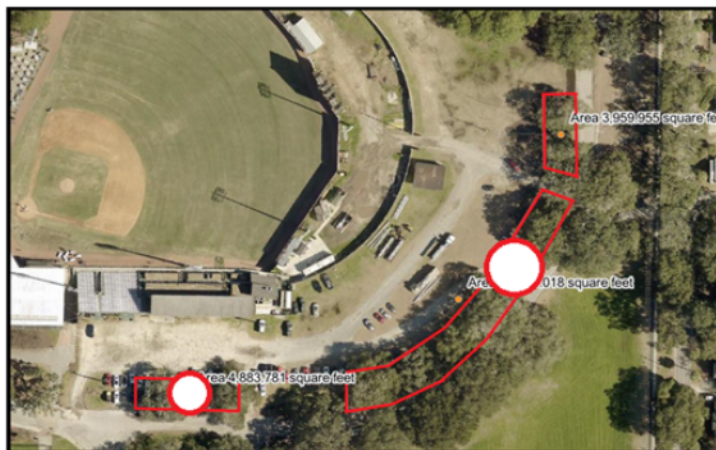


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Thank you for the kind words and the trust to pull this off!

Great to see everyone yesterday. Talk soon

Jared

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Jared,

I just wanted to take a moment to write you a personal note of thanks and gratitude for taking the time with us today to tour the improvements and investments you and the Bananas have made in historic Grayson Stadium. We know that innovation does not come easy - especially in America's pastime, so I'm especially proud of how you've threaded the needle between the old and the new. That shows in your work in restoring and enhancing Grayson, and as well in the TLC you've provided to highlight teams of yesteryear that are worth celebrating like the Indianapolis Clowns. What you're building is something that speaks to Savannah's heritage and we're grateful to call you our home team. Please send my warm regards along to the entire team and especially Rhett for his incredible service. We appreciate you.

With gratitude,

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