

PUBLIC WORKS
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**BID
OPENING**

- The bid opening for PW-08-10, Highland Dam Construction was held at City Hall on Tuesday July 27th.
- Five bidders submitted bids ranging from a low of \$60,489.00 to a high of \$78,800.00.
- Director Gillespie will make his recommendation to award the bid at the City Council meeting on Monday, August 2nd.

**Joe Gillespie,
Director**

**Jeff Dortch
Interim Asst. Director**

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Administrative Assistant**

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Supervisor WRF**

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Public Works

JULY 30, 2010

TREES

According to the latest application for the Tree City USA designation made to the National Arbor Day Foundation, the City of Highland spent nearly \$400,000 on maintaining our city's trees between November, 2008 and November 2009. This amount includes man-hour and equipment costs of the Public Works Department for tree trimming and removal. The costs incurred by the Parks and Recreation Department for tree maintenance as well as the costs associated with new tree planting is also included in this amount. In addition the City, on occasion, will hire a certified arborist and contracts with professional tree trimmers to handle the large jobs and to keep the electric lines clear.

The Public Works Department has divided the city into four sectors. Each year a different

sector is identified and each street tree in that area receives an inspection. This inspection generates trimming and removal recommendations for that sector. Despite our best efforts to maintain healthy trees Mother Nature sometimes will do a pruning or removal on her own, as was noted by the residents of the 1000 block of 9th Street on Saturday night. A large chunk of a Bradford pear tree was split away from the trunk on the corner of 9th Street and Pine Street and a huge Tulip tree fell in the middle of the block. The Street and Alley division later removed the rest of the pear tree and a contract tree trimmer was called in to handle Tulip tree.



Highland proudly received the Tree City USA designation this spring for the 21st year in a row and was also one of only 48 communities in Illinois to receive the Growth Award, which is given for going the extra mile to help improve our urban forest.



What remained of the tree on 9th at Pine. Street Dept. later removed this part as well.



Large street tree that came down during Saturday night's storm

