

## **BPA and Homeowners' Association replace trees removed from Grandridge Meadows neighborhood**

### **Local News**

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**Kennewick, Wash.** - The Bonneville Power Administration and a local homeowners' association are replacing trees BPA had to remove from the neighborhood greenbelt. BPA removed the trees a few weeks ago because they had the potential to grow close enough to BPA high-voltage power lines, which would create a dangerous situation for local residents and possibly lead to unplanned power outages. A BPA contractor, with the cooperation of the home owners association, will plant 28 shrubs in the BPA right-of-way.

"We have to provide safe and reliable power to utilities in the Northwest," said Robin Furrer, vice president, BPA Transmission Field Services. "When meeting this goal involves removing trees on private or public property along our rights-of-way, we make every effort to preserve the natural beauty that existed prior to removal. This is a good example of those efforts."

In July, BPA identified the trees for removal and proceeded to remove them this winter. BPA and Lonnie Marcum of the Grandridge Meadows homeowners' association worked together to identify the replacement trees that will be planted Tuesday. The new trees, red osier dogwoods, will not interfere with lines when mature.

Replanting trees is not always possible. In some cases, the distance between power lines and any kind of tall shrub or tree is not sufficient to maintain safe and reliable operation. Property owners adjacent to BPA rights-of-way should contact BPA before removing and replacing trees or high brush on a BPA right-of-way.

**Who:** BPA, Grandridge Meadows Homeowners' Association representatives

**What:** Tree planting to replace taller trees BPA had to remove earlier this year

**When:** Tuesday, Feb. 9, 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** Grandridge Meadows 213 N. Montana St, Kennewick, Wash. 99336