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Issue/Concern: Unhealthy Trees along East Road

Signature of Initiator(s): <signature on file>

Provide information, which succinctly but fully discusses the issue/concern (if necessary, add additional pages).

A. Describe the issue/concern:
The trees along East Road and the baseball field (on both sides) have a lot of dead wood (branches) in them and they are also loaded with mistletoe, which is slowly killing them. They are very unhealthy. One in particular is behind the south gym on the grass next to the sidewalk. Every summer it drips sap onto the sidewalk creating an ugly sticky mess.

My concern is that the dead wood can fall out of the trees and damage vehicles or land on someone causing property damage and injury. Not to mention after a big wind you have those broken branches all over the cars and lying on the ground that people can trip on, then someone has to come and clean up the mess. In the spring the branches hang down so low they scrape the tops of the cars.

It would be a shame to lose any of these trees. They are part of what makes SCC so appealing and beautiful. Providing shade during those hot days for vehicles the student walkway and the baseball players in the Afternoon.

B. What do you recommend or suggest solving this issue/concern?
I suggest contacting a Tree Arbor to come in and give our grounds keeper's direction on how best to doctor and care for these trees to bring them back to good health so as not to lose any of them. Then set a time after the first of the year when they might be pruned and doctored to bring them back to health.

C. How will this recommendation support the success of SCC students and benefit the campus community?
By maintaining these trees it will continue to enhance the beauty of this campus. Providing a relaxed and appealing environment for students, faculty and staff to study and work. Plus we will continue to be the envy of other colleges.