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**City of Columbia To Hold Public Education Forum
On Utility Line Tree Trimming**

The City of Columbia and SCE&G will hold a public education session on Thursday, September 22, 2011 from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in the large meeting room at the Capital Senior Center, located at 1650 Park Circle, to discuss upcoming tree trimming activities near utility distribution lines.

Citizens are encouraged to attend this information session to learn more about tree trimming that will resume in early October.

Topics covered will include:

- Purpose and Guidelines for Utility Pruning
- ANSI Standards
- Grand Trees
- Protection of Trees
- Columbia's Aging Tree Canopy

Representatives from the City of Columbia and SCE&G will provide educational materials and be available to answer any questions about proper pruning techniques and upcoming activities.

For additional information, please contact the Forestry and Beautification Division of the City of Columbia at 803-545-3860.

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