

## Historic Fir Trees Saved in Lithia Park

Citizens associated with Friends of Lithia Park are extremely pleased that the two 100-year old Douglas fir trees by the Japanese Garden will be saved! The Ashland Parks Commission and Ashland Parks Foundation are now proposing to incorporate these healthy Douglas firs into their design for revamping the Japanese Garden.

This significant adjustment, described in the Oct. 3 *Daily Tidings*, keeps the trees standing and protects them during the 2-year construction phase (new plantings, recirculating stream, koi pond, paths, and deer fence).

These majestic trees are part of Lithia Park's initial landscaping (1914-1915) by John McLaren, famous for his work at Golden Gate Park. They are now two of Lithia Park's largest Douglas firs (diameters of 49 and 46 inches).

The Parks Commission will consider this garden plan amendment at their Oct. 21 Study Session, followed by a vote at the Oct. 28 Monthly Meeting.

Allowing these two trees to live and thrive honors both the past and future. A wise decision!

Friends of Lithia Park