

FOR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 20, 2012

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
Torrance City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the City Council:

**SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Commission and Community Services –
Accept and File the Living Dedication Tree Program 2011
Annual Report**

Expenditure: None

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director that the City Council accept and file the Living Dedication Tree Program Report for the period of January through December 2011.

Funding

Not Applicable

BACKGROUND

On November 17, 1992, on the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the City Council approved the implementation of a “Living Dedication Tree Program”. The purpose of the Program was to offer community members an opportunity to donate living trees to commemorate the life of a loved one or other significant events such as births and anniversaries. The implementation of the Program established guidelines for donating trees and an informational brochure was made available to the public at the various public counters of City buildings.

On March 24, 2009, on the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director, City Council approved a revised brochure and an increase in the price charged for a dedication tree.

ANALYSIS

Since the inception of the program in 1992, a total of 338 Living Dedication trees have been planted throughout various parks. In 2011 an additional ten (10) trees

were planted at ten (10) different City parks (Attachment A). Park Services staff members continue to personally assist donors with the selection of parks and tree species, and coordinate the planting of the tree. Certificates of Recognition for the Dedication Program are given to the donors.

The Parks and Recreation Commission accepted this annual report at its meeting on February 8, 2012. Both the Commission and the Community Services Director recommend that City Council accept and file this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Parks and Recreation Commission

By Hazel Taniguchi
Hazel Taniguchi, Chairperson

JOHN JONES
Community Services Director

By Robert Carson
Robert Carson
Park Services Manager

CONCUR:

John Jones
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Community Services Director

NOTED:

LeRoy J. Jackson
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City Manager

Attachments:

- A. Living Tree Dedications for reporting period 2011

ATTACHMENT A

**Community Services Department
LIVING TREE DEDICATIONS
REPORTING PERIOD
2011**

DATE RECIEVED	TREE/PARK SIZE/ LOCATION	DONOR	OCCASION Or in HONOR OF	DATE OF PLANTING
9/9/2010	15gal Cherry Tree behind monument sign south side S.S. Heroes Park	Adams family and neighbors	Billy Adams	2/8/2011
3/17/2011	15gal Jacaranda 150' south east of restrooms Delthorne	Betty Newhall Cafeteria Workers	Gertraud Dobos-Bubno	4/21/2011
6/11/2008	24" box Jacaranda 12' east of light pole # 84 Wilson Park	Torrance Historic Society	Debbie Hays	5/5/2011
5/17/2011	15 Gal Liquidamber NE Corner near picnic bench Los Arboles Park	Betty Grantham	Leighton M Grantham	6/9/2011
5/23/2011	24" box Tipuana NW Corner of De Portola park N of picnic benches	Sandra Gray	Wayland Nevitt	6/15/2011
3/7/2011	24" box Crape Myrtle w. parking lot NE corner El Retiro Park	Kathryn Joiner & Family	Jim Joiner	6/24/2011
5/27/2011	Guenser Park in picnic area	Jeanne Kipp/ Donna Martin	Lisa Carnett Brown	6/29/2011
5/17/2011	Torrance Park 15 gal tipuana In triangle near picnic shelter	Deborah Blessing	Jeanne Louis Ihde	7/26/2011
7/7/2011	Columbia Park 15gal tipuana n/e corner of park near dumpster	South Bay Hyundai	South Bay Hyundai	8/23/2011
7/24/11	El Prado Park south side of West half Rusty Leaf Fig	Class of 1966	Class of 1966	8/24/11