

Council Meeting of
March 24, 2009

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

Members of the City Council:

SUBJECT: Community Services – Recommendation to accept and file the Living Dedication Tree Program Report for the Period January through December 2008

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 January through December 2008.

Funding

Not Applicable

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

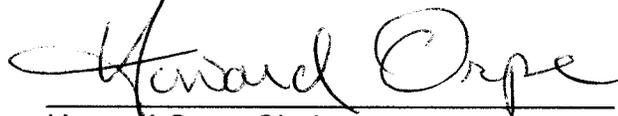
On November 17, 1992, on the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the City Council approved the implementation of a Living Dedication Tree Program. The purpose of the Program was to offer community members the opportunity to donate living trees to commemorate a life or other significant 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.

Since the inception of the program, a total of 289 trees have been planted at various parks and City properties (Attachment A). The majority of trees planted have been in memory of individuals. Staff continue to personally work with the donors in the selection of a suitable park and tree and coordinate the timing of the tree planting. Formal certificates, in lieu of plaques or individual thank-you notes, are given to the donors.

The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the annual report at its meeting in February and is asking the City Council to accept and file this report.

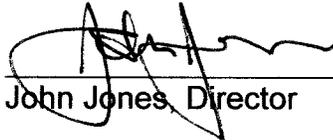
Respectfully submitted,

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION



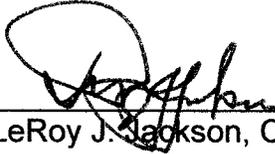
Howard Orpe, Chairperson

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



John Jones, Director

NOTED:



LeRoy J. Jackson, City Manager

Attachment: A) Reporting Period 01-01-08-12/31/08

ATTACHMENT A

**Community Services Department
LIVING DEDICATION TREE PROGRAM
REPORTING PERIOD: 2008**

DATE	TREE/PARK	DONOR	OCCASION	DATE OF PLANTING
5/3/05	Wilson Park 24" box Flowering Pear Tree	Friends from Farmers Market	In Memory of Ron Littlefair	3/1/2008
5/3/05	Wilson Park 24" box Flowering Pear Tree	Friends from Farmers Market	In Memory of Alex Causey	3/1/2008
5/3/05	Wilson Park 24" box Flowering Pear Tree	Friends from Farmers Market	In Memory of Tony West	3/1/2008
3/3/08	Walteria Park Liquid Amber Tree	Yvette & Jack Oreskovich	In Memory of Jack Oreskovich	3/9/08
2/21/08	Jacaranda Tree Wilson Park	Torrance Certified Farmers	In Memory of Danny Pritchett	10/18/08
4/1/08	Torrey Pine Tree Los Arboles Park	Monica, Jessica & Chris Levack	In Memory of Melissa Lea Burkhalter	5/10/2008
5-22-08	Flowering Plum Tree Wilson Park	Sue Walters	In Memory of Alice Taylor	6/ 13/ 2008
6-5-08	Sycamore El Nido	Jean Jenkins Torr unif sch dist.	In Memory of Norma Banning	9/30/2008
8-6-08	1 st Alder Wilson Park (tree house)	Betty Newhall Family and friends	In Memory of David Newhall	8/27/2008
8-6-08	2 nd Alder Wilson Park (treehouse)	Betty Newhall family and friends	In Memory of David Newhall	8/27/2008
8-12-08	Tipo Paradise Park	Betty Newhall Dottie Miler	In Memory of Jan Leritz	9/10/08
8-6-08	3 rd Alder Wilson Park (treehouse)	Betty Newhall family and friends	In Memory of David Newhall	8/27/2008

8-14-08	4 th Alder Wilson Park (treehouse)	Auto Club of Southern Calif.	In Memory of David Newhall	8-27-08
6-20-07	Sycamore El Nido	TUSD Food Service	In Memory of Norma Banning	10-01-2008
10-03-08	Sycamore Marsh	Tammi Arroyo	In Memory of Linda K. Arroyo	10-10-2008
3-25-07	Jacaranda Wilson	Farmers Market	In Memory of Raul Rios	10-18-2008
9-23-08	Jacaranda El Prado	Keri Gilbert	In Memory of Fred Gilbert	12-04-2008