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HERITAGE TREES INSPIRE TREASURE HUNT

I drove down Willow Glen Way one afternoon and a majestic sycamore growing in a small front yard captured my attention and took my breath away. Later I looked at the list of heritage trees posted on the OCF website and there it was — a magnificent California Sycamore with a 72” diameter. I wondered what other spectacular trees graced our urban forest. Inspired by my unplanned discovery, I took a drive around my neighborhood with the list of heritage trees in hand. I found half a dozen within blocks of each other like a beautiful California Bay tucked away at the end of Brace Street and 3 large diameter cedars at 800 Malone. *(Look for their photos on our website)*



This majestic California Sycamore is at 660 Willow Glen Way

I also found other memorable trees that are not yet on the list like the magnolia on Newport Drive and an olive tree with a rippled trunk on Bluett. A self-guided tour is a perfect way to celebrate California Arbor Day on March 7th!



This beautiful magnolia tree (above) is at the corner of Newport Ave. and Roycott Way.

Heritage trees are protected by law. Send your discoveries to OCF — photo & address — to postmaster@ourcityforest.org



This Olive tree on Bluett Ave. has a trunk like rippled hair.



TREES BEAUTIFY SAN JOSÉ'S MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

One of February's many plantings included 54 trees at the San Jose Municipal Golf Course, a project funded through Our City Forest's State highway mitigation grant. Selecting the right trees for the golf course was challenging because the grounds are irrigated with recycled water. The recycled or "gray" water has a high salinity content which can build up quickly in the root zone of the soil. This is especially the case in San José where much of the soil is a heavy clay with poor drainage that doesn't allow the salts to leach out. Most trees can't tolerate these conditions and will show signs of stress with symptoms such as die back and "leaf burn". OCF arborist Christian Bonner worked with golf course staff to select several varieties of oaks and other species that can tolerate recycled water.



TREE TEACHERS SHARE LOVE FOR TREES

"After 67 years of living, I've determined that some of the best things in life are free — one of them being my love for trees. Sharing something I love makes me feel wonderful inside and teaching about trees does just that for me."

—Ellie Gersley, Planet Tree Teacher

Planet Tree raises awareness in elementary students about the value of our urban forest. The demand is great and the more teachers we have the more children we can reach. Consider joining the Planet Tree team.

Our City Forest is a nonprofit organization dedicated to mobilizing the people of Silicon Valley in the development, planting, care and appreciation of our natural urban environment, including our urban forest. Your support is encouraged! Donations are tax-deductible. Contact Our City Forest at postmaster@ourcityforest.org or write to us at 595 Park Ave. Suite 100 • San José, CA 95110

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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Wednesday, March 2nd 1 PM
Morrill Middle School Contact Asma:
amalik@ourcityforest.org
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Saturday, March 5th 9AM
N. 16th St. Contact Asma:
amalik@ourcityforest.org
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March 7th
California Arbor Day!
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Saturday March 19th 9 AM
Horace Mann Neighborhood
Contact Christian: cbonner@ourcityforest.org
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Thursday, March 24th 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Monthly Volunteer Meeting & Environmental Series
Rhonda Berry - "Trees & Carbon Dioxide" - 595 Park Ave
Come at 6:15 for Chicago Pizza !

**GET THE SCOOP!
THURSDAY, MARCH 24th
"Trees & Carbon Dioxide"**

CALL 998-7337 FOR MORE PROJECT DATES!

BECOME A TREE AMIGO TRAINING STARTS MARCH 9TH

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Partial List of Topics</i>
Wed. 3/9	What is Urban Forestry? What Makes A Tree Work?
Sat. 3/12	Downtown Tree Tour
Wed. 3/16	How to Select the Right Tree for the Right Place
Sat. 3/19	How to Select a Healthy Tree & How to Properly Plant A Tree
Wed. 3/23	Tree Care & Pruning
Wed. 3/30	Video, graduation & potluck !

Call Our City Forest at 998-7337 to register.

Join our team of Amazing Amigos for the 2005
Mercury News Run/Walk on April 10th.
Contact Tree Amigo Antony Nispel for details
at (408) 971-0810.

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