

**AGENDA**

**ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING**

RUSH PARK  
Administration Building  
3001 Blume Drive  
Rossmoor, California

**Monday, March 6, 2017**  
**5:00 p.m.**

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**A. ORGANIZATION**

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Directors DeMarco, Nitikman
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. PRESENTATIONS: None

**B. PUBLIC FORUM**

*Any person may address the members of the Tree Committee at this time upon any subject within the jurisdiction of the Tree Committee of the Rossmoor Community Services District.*

**C. REGULAR CALENDAR**


1. RESIDENT PARKWAY TREE REMOVAL REQUEST FOR NEIGHBOR'S TREE
2. NON-DISTRICT TREE TRIMMING

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

**CERTIFICATION OF POSTING**

I hereby certify that the attached Agenda for the Monday, March 6, 2017, 5:00 p.m. Rossmoor Tree Committee Meeting of the Rossmoor Community Services District was posted at least 24 hours prior to the time of the meeting.

ATTEST:

  
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JAMES D. RUTH  
General Manager

Date 3/3/17\_\_\_\_\_

**ROSSMOOR COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

**AGENDA ITEM C-1**

**Date:** March 6, 2017  
**To:** Trees/Parkways Committee  
**From:** General Manager  
**Subject:** Resident Lynn McCarthy request to have parkway tree at 2971 Salmon removed.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Background of tree removal request
2. West Coast Arborist history of tree
3. Arborist Report
4. Letters from Lynn McCarthy and responses by Tree Consultant

**AGENDA ITEM C-1**Background of Citizen Service Request: Lynn McCarthy 2972 Salmon Drive Rossmoor, CA 90720

The following contains a complete history of RCSD correspondence pertaining to the requests by Lynn McCarthy for the removal of the of parkway tree at 2971 Salmon Drive in Rossmoor, CA 90720.

**October 2015:** Lynn McCarthy called RCSD and spoke to Tree Consultant Mary Kingman. She requested removal of Aleppo Pine tree located at 2971 Salmon Dr. Her reasons for removal request being that tree was too big and messy and blew pine needles into her yard and onto her car. At that time Mary Kingman informed her of the RCSD Tree Protection Policy and informed her that under the policy, the tree could not be removed for the reasons she stated.

**January 2016:** Lynn McCarthy again called to request removal of the Aleppo Pine tree located at 2971. Her reasons for the removal request being that the tree was not healthy. Mary Kingman inspected the tree and found that it was indeed suffering from drought stress but and that the parkway was not being irrigated. She did not find any additional signs of declining health or hazards within the tree. Mary Kingman added the tree to the RCSD watering truck schedule and Mary Kingman informed Ms. McCarthy of her findings and the fact that we would be watering the tree in a letter dated January 27, 2016. RCSD watered the tree twice monthly from January 2016 until the winter of 2016/2017, when the return of rain allowed for natural irrigation of the parkway.

**July 2016:** Mary Kingman received a letter from Lynn McCarthy requesting removal of the Aleppo Pine tree located at 2971. Her reasons for removal request being the following: 1. That the tree had a fungus that had spread to trees on her property. 2. That the tree will fall over in storm or winds onto her house and split her house directly in two, taking with it a street lamp wire and then catching fire. Mary Kingman responded in a letter dated July 20, 2016 that the tree did not appear to have a fungus as she mentioned and that the tree appeared to be structurally sound and therefore did not qualify for removal under the RCSD Tree Protection Policy.

**September 2016:** After performing a follow-up inspection on the tree, Mary Kingman added tree to an off-grid WCA trim list.

**January 2017:** Mary Kingman received a letter from Lynn McCarthy, dated October 15, 2016. In the letter she again cited her reasons for wanting the Aleppo Pine tree located at 2971 Salmon removed. She also included a note from a Certified Arborist that she hired to assess her own trees. The note, which was written on an invoice, that stated the Aleppo Pine tree located at 2971 Salmon needed to be pruned and was 'a safety concern due to heavy canopy, potential limb failures, lifting sidewalk and asphalt.' There was no arborist report included. Mary Kingman responded with a letter dated January 4, 2017, explaining that after inquiring with WCA about the scheduled pruning, found that it was not pruned due to a car repeatedly being parked near the tree and that she would coordinate pruning with the resident. She also referred Ms. McCarthy to Orange County Public Works for sidewalk and asphalt issues.

**January 2017:** WCA did not inform Mary Kingman that the tree could not be pruned due to a car repeatedly being parked in the area beneath the canopy. She only discovered that the tree was not pruned upon receiving Lynn McCarthy's letter in January. On January 4, 2017, Mary Kingman sent a letter to the resident of 2971 Salmon Dr. requesting that the resident call her to arrange a time that tree could be trimmed when no cars would be parked. The resident at 2971 Salmon responded on January 7, and Mary Kingman coordinated with the resident and WCA to have the tree trimmed on January 24, 2017.

**January 2017:** Mary Kingman received a letter from Lynn McCarthy, dated January 18, 2016. The letter contained various complaints about Mary Kingman and the Aleppo Pine tree located at 2971 Salmon. Mary Kingman did not respond to the letter.

**February 3, 2017:** Lynn McCarthy's daughter called Mary Kingman asking legal questions pertaining to the RCSD Tree Policy and her mother's tree removal requests and stating that she was an attorney. Mary Kingman explained that she was not in the position to answer legal questions regarding the tree policy and informed her that the matter would be moved to the Tree Committee.

**Site Detail** (33.781411797449,-118.08210111847)(WCA InventoryID: 4649576)

| District | Address        | Location | Species                 | DBH | Height |
|----------|----------------|----------|-------------------------|-----|--------|
| 4        | 2971 SALMON DR | Front-1  | <i>Pinus halepensis</i> | 31+ | 60+    |
|          |                |          | ALEPPO PINE             |     |        |

| Utility | Maintenance | Parkway | PW Type | Estimated Value | Valid |
|---------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------------|-------|
| No      | Grid Trim   | 6       |         | \$17,220        | Yes   |

| Crew | Date       | Work Type / Comments    | Job # / Acct # |
|------|------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| WCA  | 01/24/2017 | Tree Pruning > 18 DSH   | 35572          |
| WCA  | 09/15/2016 | Car Repeatedly Blocking | 35572          |
| WCA  | 11/14/2014 | Tree Pruning > 18 DSH   | 28397          |
| WCA  | 07/07/2010 | Tree Pruning > 18 DSH   | 16864          |
| WCA  | 07/24/2006 | Tree Pruning > 18 DSH   | 9694           |
| WCA  | 06/14/2002 | Tree Trimming > 18 DBH  | 4425           |
| WCA  | 11/16/2000 | Safety Trim             | 3589           |



March 1, 2017

Rossmoor Community District

**ATTN: Mary Kingman**

3001 Blume Avenue

Rossmoor, CA 90720

**RE: 2971 Salmon Drive-Aleppo Pine**

Ms. Kingman,

Pursuant to your request this report has been prepared in order to present the results from my assessment of the Aleppo Pine (*Pinus halepensis*) located at 2971 Salmon Drive. The purpose of the evaluation was to determine the current health and condition of the tree and to provide any necessary maintenance recommendations based on these findings. The site was visited on February 28, 2017 and all comments and recommendations that follow are based on observations made while on site.

The tree was evaluated using the standards set for a basic health evaluation and a Level 2: Basic Risk Assessment. The criteria for this level of assessment is in accordance with the Best Management Practices (BMPs) for tree risk assessment; specifically the *ANSI A300 (Part 9)-2011 Tree Risk Assessment, a. Tree Structure Assessment*. This level of assessment includes a 360-degree ground based visual inspection of the tree crown, trunk, trunk flare, above ground roots, and site conditions around the tree(s).

**OBSERVATIONS:**

- This large specimen tree is located in a five foot wide parkway in front of the above listed address, The trunk diameter is 40 inches, and the tree is roughly 60 feet tall with a 45 foot canopy spread, see Figures 1-3.
- The tree has a multiple, co-dominant architecture, with four similarly sized, fairly large stems arising from the same place. There are at least two stems which seem to have included bark and one of these crotches appears to have active sap flow from the area (Figures 5 and 6).
- There is a very small amount of twig and small branch dieback around the canopy, see Figures 7-9.
- The trunk base almost fills the parkway and the roots have caused damage to the surrounding hardscape elements. The adjacent sidewalk panels are lifted and have been ground down to reduce the trip hazard. There is also buckling in the roadway which appears to be from support roots. See Figures 10 and 11.
- Water flow along the gutter has been impeded and this is also believed to be a result of root issues. See Figure 12.



**GENERAL DISCUSSION:** Species Profile: *Pinus halepensis* is native to the Mediterranean region, is drought tolerant and has a moderate to slow growth rate, reaching 60-70 feet tall and 40 feet wide. Generally this pine species has an upright and slightly spreading, single stemmed form but it is not uncommon to find multi-stemmed individuals. Considered to have a “strong” branch strength rating.

**SUMMARY:** Based on observable characteristics of the subject tree I do not believe there is a high level of risk of any part of this pine failing anytime soon given normal, expected weather patterns. However, as this is clearly a co-dominantly structured tree, there are inherently risky elements present. Two of the stems are possibly displaying included bark and there is active sap flow from at least one; there is a medium probability that one of these larger stems could give way. For this reason, it is highly suggested that the entire canopy be thinned and reduced in order to allow for better wind movement through the crown and to lessen the loading on the lower points of the main stem attachments. This is going to be especially important on the larger limb that is nearest the garage and residential building, as this is the stem which also has the sap flow. This level of mitigation will not remove all risk, however, it will greatly reduce the chance of a failure and leave the tree with a low risk level.

As a side note, it is assumed that because of the water drainage issues, that some type of repairs will be needed along the curb and gutter sometime in the future. If and when any such hardscape work is undertaken, it is highly recommended that any roots exposed during the construction process be examined to determine if there will be any adverse impacts to stability prior to cutting.

The intent of this report was to provide as complete and unbiased an opinion as possible with regards to the current health and condition of the specific tree discussed above. It is hoped that the information provided is sufficient to enable management staff to make necessary decisions with regards to the maintenance of both trees. However, should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at (714) 991-1900 ext., 149.

Respectfully,

*Rebecca Mejia*

Rebecca Mejia

ISA Certified Arborist #WE-2355A

ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified (TRAQ)

West Coast Arborists Inc.





Figures 1-3. Showing the Aleppo Pine located in front of 2971 Salmon Drive, as seen from three different perspectives. The crown of this tree is fairly well balanced, with slightly more weight situated over the front yard area.

One small area of concern is with the number of stems arising from the main stem, this is considered “co-dominant” structure and is not characteristic of the species, which is more known to have a singular main stem.





Figures 4-6. Showing closer images of the four co-dominant stems. At least two of the points of attachment appear to possibly have included bark. There is also an area where active sap flow is present near one of these areas. This could become a problem later as the stems continue to increase in size and weight. The tree has produced some good reaction wood around the areas directly under the ridges, which does add some supportive strength to the areas.

At this time, it is suggested that the tree be thinned and reduced in order to lessen the loading on the lower trunk and stems.

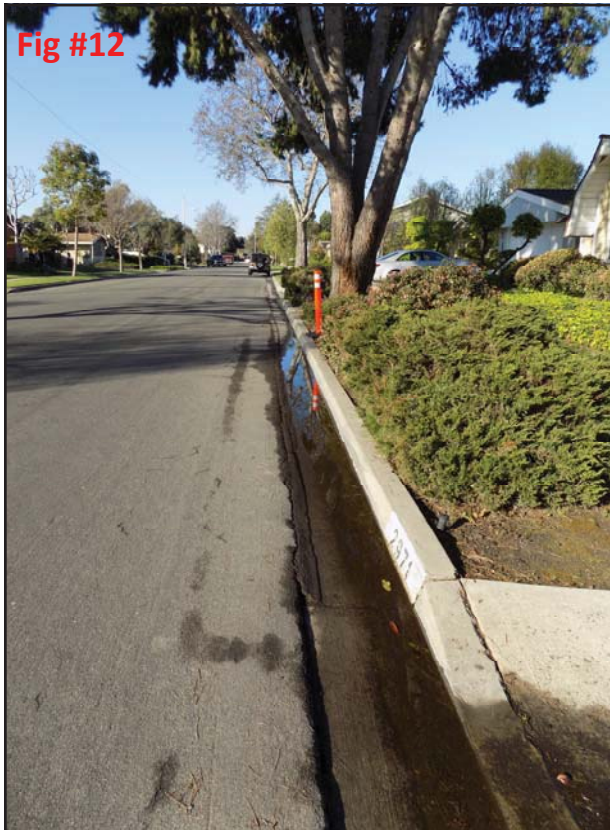




**Fig #10**



**Fig #11**



**Fig #12**

Showing the various degrees of damage to the surrounding hardscape elements.

Figure 10. The sidewalk panels are lifted and have been ground down in order to reduce potential trip hazards.

Figure 11. There is buckling and lifting of the asphalt roadway, most likely this is also due to root growth.

Figure 12. Water movement has been impeded and there is standing water in the gutter. This too is most likely being caused by tree roots



## **ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITING CONDITIONS**

1. Care has been taken to obtain all information from reliable sources. All data has been verified insofar as possible; however, the Consultant can neither guarantee nor be responsible for the accuracy of information provided by others. Standard of Care has been met with regards to this project within reasonable and normal conditions.
2. The Consultant will not be required to give testimony or to attend court by reason of this report unless subsequent contractual arrangements are made, including payment of an additional fee for such services as described in the fee schedule and contract of engagement.
3. Loss or alteration of any part of this report invalidates the entire report.
4. Possession of this report or a copy thereof does not imply right of publication or use for any purpose by any other than the person to whom it is addressed, without the prior written consent of the Consultant.
5. This report and any values expressed herein represent the opinion of the Consultant, and the Consultant's fee is in no way contingent upon the reporting of a stipulated result, a specified value, the occurrence of a subsequent event, nor upon any finding to be reported.
6. Unless expressed otherwise: 1) information contained in this report covers only those items that were examined and reflects the condition of those items at the time of inspection; and 2) the inspection is limited to visual examination of accessible items without dissection, excavation, or coring, unless otherwise stated. There is no warranty or guarantee, expressed or implied, that problems or deficiencies of the tree(s) or property in question may not arise in the future.
7. Arborists are tree specialists who use their education, knowledge, training, and experience to examine trees, recommend measures to enhance the beauty and health of trees, and attempt to reduce the risk of living near trees. It is highly recommended that you follow the arborist recommendations; however, you may choose to accept or disregard the recommendations and/or seek additional advice.
8. Arborists cannot detect every condition that could possibly lead to the structural failure of a tree. Trees are living organisms that fail in ways we do not fully understand. Conditions are often hidden within trees and below ground. Arborists cannot guarantee that a tree will be healthy or safe under all circumstances, or for a specific period of time.
9. Any recommendations and/or performed treatments (including, but not limited to, pruning or removal) of trees may involve considerations beyond the scope of the arborist's services, such as property boundaries, property ownership, site lines, disputes between neighbors, and any other related issues. Arborists cannot take such considerations into account unless complete and accurate information is disclosed to the arborist. An arborist can then be expected to consider and reasonably rely on the completeness and accuracy of the information provided.
10. The author has no personal interest or bias with respect to the subject matter of this report or the parties involved. He/she has inspected the subject tree(s) and to the best of their knowledge and belief, all statements and information presented in the report are true and correct.
11. Unless otherwise stated, trees were examined using the tree risk assessment criteria detailed by the International Society of Arboriculture's publications *Best Management Practices – Tree Risk Assessment* and the *Tree Risk Assessment Manual* and *A Photographic Guide to the Evaluation of Hazard Trees* (Matheny & Clark).



July 5th, 2016

Ms. Mary Kingman  
 Rossmoor Community Services District  
 3001 Blume Drive  
 Rossmoor, California 90720

Dear Ms. Kingman:

I spoke with you on October of 2015 regarding a 60 foot Pine Tree located at 2971 Salmon Drive directly across the street from my home 2972 Salmon Drive.

This tree should be removed however, according to you this tree is just water stressed, per your letter to me copy attached dated January 27, 2016. You state you will have this tree watered twice a month, when in fact you never sent a water truck. If so I would like to see a copy of the requestion and on what days and dates has the tree been watered. This tree also has fungus which was also told to you last year. Now the fungus as infilted my 50 year old Monterey Pine tree, along with three of my Crepe Myrtle trees (which I was told just today need to be replaced) along with my beautiful parkway tree which is no longer a beauty it is dying slowly. This Pine tree should have never been planted in a parkway due to its size. This tree belongs in a park setting. It is a hazarrd to all residential homes. CONGRATULATIONS JOB WELL DONE. YOU SAVE ONE FUNGUS RIDDEN TREE AND I LOST SEVEN TREES. Thank you for your kindness. GOOD JOB WELL DONE

In the Rossmoor Signature News Letter you state in your article to please all those who read this please let you know before a potential tree catastrohe happens. Are you a licensed tree arborist???? Having grown up on a ranch I wish to inform you that should we have a Santa Ana or a Storm this tree will directly fall on my home and split it into two. However, before the tree reached my house it will also take out the electrical wires in its path, this will cause this particular tree to catch fire. It will go up as a tinder box but dont you worry you dont live on this street.

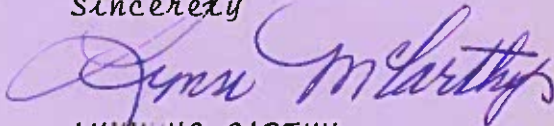
This TREE IS A PUBLIC RISK you have again done a great job. Would you like to tell me how we get to the 90 year old who owns the house at 2971 or the lady next door who is 86. I am sure when the fire occurs you will come to our aid. NOT..... This tree is bone dry and rotten in the center from fungus why dont you look at the bark also you can see the infestation.

If you did not wish to remove this tree you should have trimmed the tree and it should have been sprayed. To late now the tree has spread the fungus to all my trees. Wont be long before the whole street in infested from this one cheerful dying tree.

Thank you for also sending me a copy of the Rossmoor Tree maintenance policy. I have enclosed a copy you will note that several of your 3080.40 Tree Removal valid reasons for removing a tree apply to this tree.

I am 70 years old and you have upset me emotionally and now the rest of my trees are at risk for this fungus. Not to mention (death) I do not wishto die being crushed to death. So far I am losing seven trees along with the Azaleas are now starting to die. I thank you again for not processing this 60 foot tree in the proper manner.

THIS TREE IS A PUBLIC HAZARD. 3080.41 THIS TREE AS YOUR PAPER STATES HAS A SPLIT TRUNK IT IS FIVE HUGE SEPERATE TRUNKS. IF A HUGE WIND STORM COMES T#IS TREE WILL SURELY GO DOWN. WHOSE HOUSE WILL GO FIRST AND WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN OUR WHOLE STREET IS BARREN OF TREES FROM THIS FUNGUS??????  
Sincerely



LYNN MC CARTHY  
Rossmoor Homeowner since 1972



10-15-2016

Mrs. Mary Kingman  
3001 Blume Drive  
Rossmoor, CA 90720

Dear Miss Kingman:

Enclosed please find consultation paper on my personal trees & the Aleppo Pine located at 2971, directly across the street from my house. You will see I hired a license arborist. I have for over one year been corresponding with you regarding this tree.

All your fancy articles state to let you know before a catastrophe happens. You really don't care, as long as you don't have to spend any money, you are very happy. Your letter to me states you would rather fix the sidewalks and fix the street, which this ~~the~~ pine tree has damaged. I thank you for sending the water truck, however, watering doesn't remove all the dead hanging <sup>BROKEN</sup> branches. When a child or person is injured from your lack of protecting the homeowners, human life can't be replaced. However, you own these trees you are responsible.

J.V.



Word on the street is you don't pay more than \$30.00 per tree to prune a tree. This tree needs more than \$30 - one branch pruning. The tree is half dead.

Also the tree canopy reaches clear across the street touching my Elder tree. It's a great umbrella as your news letter states wonderful shade. During a rain, heavy storm or heavy Santa Ana winds all these branches which are dead will surely break & fall off.

My Alder tree in the park way is slowly dying. It's my understanding these trees belong to you you own the parkway tree. See your letter copy attached your letter states if I remove my tree and replant you will remove the new tree. Nice is this what happened to the Crepe Myrtles planted Blume you removed them?

You can see I hired at my own expense an licensed Arborist I paid for myself. And I will continue to do so until you deal with pine tree which should never have been planted in a residential area it's 60 feet tall. This tree is also dangerous to property and residents. It's also a huge fire hazard.



Thank you for all your articles in the Lossmoor news letter - its just to bad you don't respect the safety of our residents, our property and the safety of our children who play near this tree.

Sincerely,  
Ann McElroy  
Resident since 1972

Copy Consultation on  
of trees attached  
Business Card attached  
5- color photos attached

I have scheduled another  
arborist for an additional  
consultation

P.S.



There is not one tree as large as this pine tree in Rush Park. This pine tree has outgrown its space. I have driven all of Lossmoor not one tree this large height & width.

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 Lynn McCarthy  
 2972 Salmon Dr.  
 Los Alamitos, CA 90720  
 (562) 431-0886

**Service to:**  
 2972 Salmon Dr.  
 Los Alamitos, CA 90720

| P.O. # | Terms          | Due Date  |
|--------|----------------|-----------|
|        | Due on receipt | 8/17/2016 |

| Description   | Qty | Rate   |
|---|-----|--------|
| Consultation fee 8/16/16<br>received payment ck # 2165<br>Thank you!<br><br>Front yard<br>Deep root fertilize Junipers w/ fertilizer spikes & liquid fertilizer every 4 months Do not trim Junipers.<br><br>Silversheen Pittosporums - aerate soil and fertilize w/ fertilizer spikes & liquid fertilizer<br><br>Crape Myrtles - spray for Powdery Mildew<br><br>Birch tree - watch for Aphids<br><br>( 1 ) Aleppo Pine at 2971 needs to be pruned. It's overgrown and a safety concern due to heavy canopy, potential limbs failures, lifting sidewalk & asphalt.<br><br>Alder tree located on Parkway is in a stressed condition with considerable deadwood which needs to be removed.<br><br>Included are watering instructions for established trees. |     | 100.00 |

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| <i>Thank you!</i> |                |                          | <b>Total</b>            |
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Jan 18, 2017

Ms. Mary Kingman  
Tree Consultant AC9D  
3001 Blume Drive  
Rosemead, Calif 90920

Dear Miss Kingman:

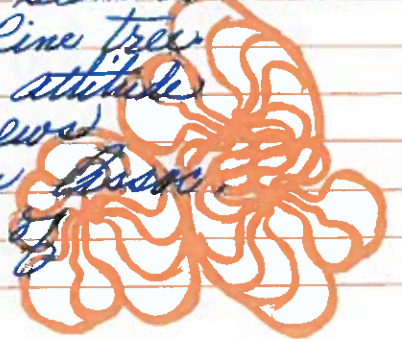
Thank you for your letter of 1-4-2017 however, I am confused. Thus, I am sure you can clarify for me. You say you are trying to contact the homeowner - he is 90 years old and deaf. However, he is very active he owns two BMW cars \$125,000.00 each auto. He the homeowner does not park under this pine tree unless for a quick minute. No one parks under it.

Another amazing thing happened we have had twice on our street, a little up the street, two times the tree trimmers. They stated they had no order or ever had order to trim the pine tree we are worried about. Also I wonder since you ordered it trimmed no one posted a sign - No Parking - Tree Trimming. Where is your requisition for this.

I suspect you looked at the pictures I sent you & assumed the car parked was homeowner, I think the car parked was the photographers auto. Surely, does anyone park under that tree.

Did you happen to hear on the news, an article written in the LA Times. A wedding took place in a park in Whittier, Calif the tree from being over saturated from the rain fell over and killed the bride's mother. You seem to have no concerns with urgency to this pine tree.

Your resistance and laudacious attitude is amazing to me. Maybe a KTLA News Truck and a letter from the Homeowner ~~there~~ would get you change your attitude. Tomorrow your tomorrow never come.





Your letter to me does confirm this Pine tree does have a large canopy and death growth within the crown. You also admitted this tree needs attention. ASAP Your plan is just write another letter, put it on the list move on. Wait + hope homeowner doesn't answer. We are now heading for a 6 day storm I hope I and my neighbors make it thru. Weather report says we shall have wind too.

Just for your info this pine tree has not been trimmed in over 10 years. So much for your four year plan. My parkway tree has dead branches + I have been told by the arborist which I hired and paid for myself. The tree is dying and needs dead wood trimmed off. See papers I sent to you. So you put the tree on the list with 200 other trees.

Lastly, I am so happy to know you are the person who decides the status on these trees. This tells me nothing is to be done just send out another letter + I hope I forget. I have been corresponding with you over one year. This is ample time for you to have taken the proper steps to secure this tree. To date you have done nada = NOTHING!

This tree does not have one trunk it has more than five huge trunks going in all directions. If it cracks or falls + has the potential to take 3-4 homes with it. We have a newly widowed 86 yr old, we hope the tree does not fall her way she lives next door to this tree it's not just me all the neighbors are aware of this tree. It's a danger + safety hazard.

Edison was out this AM at 7:00 AM trimming trees in the flood control away from the wires + power lines in anticipation of the coming storm.





yet here we all sit awaiting your approval and we pray our houses don't split in half & no one is maimed or killed from this hazardous tree.

I have a map of Foxmoor and would be happy to make you a copy. I have lived here since 1972 I have driven all streets & have not seen one "PARKWAY" tree of this size so large & looming broken branches dead crown - see your letter.

Please no more you need to stop your Tree Corner in the Foxmoor News Letter. You must tell the truth don't call you as you elected your policy shall be do nothing. Over a year you have been stalling with just letters.

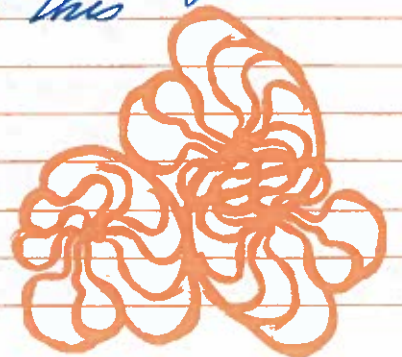
It still amazes me two times in last few months tree trimmers were on our street. They just trimmed the smaller trees this 60 foot Pine tree has been yet again pruned over.

My arborist who I paid for & no personal interest in said the Pine tree is a safety matter.

Why do you keep postponing all progress on this tree? you have elected to trim all other trees & by pass this tree. And my White Alder in parkway dying. Oh yes - you decide what gets done.

You should come down to our street & check this tree out yourself. Look at the pictures I sent you. Oh that's right you must wait and call homeowner, hope tree doesn't fall as you have no intention of dealing with this tree —

Lynn McCarthy



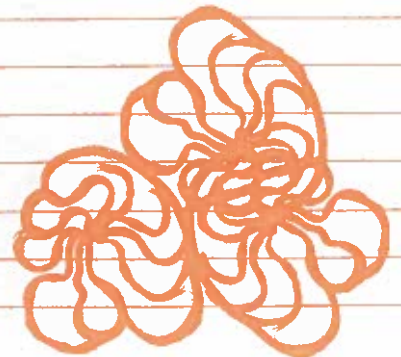


Are you the lady with the black hair who was taking pictures herself of this tree? If it was you - you would surely know the urgency of this tree.

If you are bent on saving this tree you need to give a large trim & trim more than every four years. This is a large overgrown tree. Oh - Why waste my time you do nothing put it on a call list & keep trying to call home-owner - job well done - just wait for the destruction of homes, and hopefully no one gets killed or hurt. You are in charge - it will be on your desk - put it on call list. Good Luck

I do not ask anything more than would save lives, property and make our street safer

Thank you



January 27, 2016

Mrs. McCarthy  
2972 Salmon Dr.  
Rossmoor, CA 90720

Re: Tree Removal Request

Dear Mrs. McCarthy,

This letter is to follow up on your January 26, 2016 request to RCSD to have the parkway tree at 2971 Salmon Dr. removed.

I have inspected the tree and it does appear to be water stressed. I have added the tree to the District watering list and we will water twice monthly while drought conditions continue. I will also continue to monitor the tree for any further signs of declining health. At this time, I cannot authorize removal of this tree under Policy 3080, which I have attached.

Thank you,

Mary Kingman  
Tree Consultant for RCSD  
(562) 430-3707 x-106



July 20, 2016

Mrs. McCarthy  
2972 Salmon Dr.  
Rossmoor, CA 90720

Re: 2971 Salmon Drive

Dear Mrs. McCarthy,

This letter is to follow up on your July 5, 2016 letter in which you expressed concerns about the parkway tree at 2971 Salmon Drive.

The tree does not appear to have a 'fungus' as you mention. Fungus on trees usually appears either as mushroom-like structures or has a mossy, lichen-like appearance. The pathogen that is affecting White Alder trees, which is the tree in your parkway, along with Crape Myrtle trees is Phytophthora. This disease has been killing White Alder trees in Rossmoor for a few years now. So far 54 White Alder trees within Rossmoor parks and parkways have died from this disease and is now starting to kill Crape Myrtle trees as well. There is no spray that can stop this pathogen. An obvious symptom of this disease is a rapid decline of the tree crown, turning from green to brown within a few months or a few weeks. The Aleppo Pine across the street from you is not the cause or carrier of this disease as it does not exhibit the symptoms.

The Pine tree does show signs of drought and water stress and is watered twice monthly by our water truck.

The tree in question does not meet any of the qualifications for Tree Removal under section 3080.40. The tree appears to be structurally sound, is not creating problems that are considered valid reasons for removal since tree size or litter it creates are not valid reasons. It does not have a split trunk (which means a broken or cracked trunk, not multiple trunks). There are no records of limbs falling from it and it is not diseased or infested. As far as it being the 'wrong species for its location', there are many older trees that were planted by residents before the policy came into effect and under current policy they are not removed. Newly planted unauthorized trees are removed by RCSD or Orange County Public Works.

Thank you,

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January 4, 2017

Mrs. McCarthy  
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Re: 2971 Salmon Drive

Dear Mrs. McCarthy,

This letter is to follow up on a letter we received on January 3, 2017, dated October 15, 2016, in which you expressed your ongoing concerns about the parkway Pine tree at 2971 Salmon Drive as expressed in previous letters to me and to which I have responded accordingly.

I ordered a trim on this tree back in September of 2016. The trimming crew has made several attempts to trim the tree but have been unable to due to a vehicle blocking the area they need to access in order to trim the tree. The crew posted notices and attempted to contact the resident, but had no luck in doing so. The tree was last pruned back on Nov. 11, 2014. Our parkway trees are on a four-year pruning schedule, but since the tree does have a large canopy and some dead growth within the crown, I ordered a trim sooner than the four-year schedule. We will continue to attempt to contact the resident so that we can have the tree trimmed. As for the sidewalk issues, you will need to contact Orange County Public Works since that agency manages sidewalk repairs. They prefer it that a resident call in a request themselves so that they can maintain their own service request records. The number to call is (714) 955-0200

In response to your concerns about the White Alder tree in your parkway, the tree is on my watch list, along with the other 221 White Alder trees in Rossmoor. As I mentioned in my previous letter, this species of tree has been greatly affected by a disease and continue to decline and die. I will add the tree to a removal list once they have reached the point where I determine that they will not recover from disease and when the risk of failure becomes eminent. I will check the tree for dead wood and have the tree trimmed if needed.

Thank you,

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