MEMORANDUM

DATE:

July 8, 2013

TO:

Trees and Views Committee

FROM:

Lilly Schinsing, Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT:

August/September Tree Tip of the Month

Discussion:

At the June 24, 2013 TVC meeting draft language for the August Tree Tip was discussed and Member Rosenstein was assigned the month of September.

Recommendation:

1-Review the draft language for August Tree Tip, make appropriate modifications and approve the Tip for publication; and

2-Review the draft language for the September Tree Tip and make appropriate modifications and direct staff to return at the August meeting with a final draft for the TVC review.

Attachments:

1-Draft August Tree Tip for approval

2-Draft September Tree Tip for review

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August Tree Tip of the Month (Wilhite)

Sometimes you need to reduce the height of a tree, but remember that there are alternatives to "topping." When you shear off the top of a tree, it not only looks unnatural but also causes faster growth on top. Many new shoots will form, and they tend to grow straight up, making frequent shearing a necessity. Topping may affect the overall health and longevity of the tree. Consult an arborist for ways to reduce the tree's height without shearing it like a hedge.

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September Tree Tip of the Month (Rosenstein)

Here's a few tips to help promote the health of your oak trees.

- create favorable growing conditions
 - avoid harmful landscaping & gardening practices such as frequent irrigation
- avoid disturbances to the root zone
 - root loss, poor drainage, soil compaction & pavement are common stress factors
- prune properly
 - o it should be done in the dry season (June October)
 - o use of clean/sterile tools helps prevent disease transmittal
 - o don't remove more than 20% of the tree
 - o avoid removing excess foliage

For more information, consult your certified arborist.

* Information obtained from the Oak Mortality Task Force. June 2010.

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