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**NEXT MEETING:**

**Thursday, May 25, 2006**  
**Tree Relocation**  
**Valley Crest Corporate HQ**  
**Calabasas, CA**

**2006 MEETING SCHEDULE**

May 25	TREE RELOCATION Presented by ValleyCrest	ValleyCrest Corporate Headquarters Calabasas
June 29	GOLF TOURNAMENT	Royal Vista GC Walnut
August 24	TBA	Tree People Los Angeles, CA

If you have a great idea for a meeting for the 2006 year, please contact Kevin Holman at 714.870.6352

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*"To promote the advancement of urban forestry and provide a forum for tree care professionals to share their experiences, knowledge, and expertise for the benefit of the membership and the enhancement of Southern California's community forests."*

**VISION STATEMENT**

*"To enhance the health and beauty of Southern California cities by improving the quality of our community forests."*

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**OR EMAIL HIM @ DTEUSCHLER@VCTREE.COM WITH YOUR RESERVATION**



**Fighting Citizens Claims & New Tree Well Technology**

April's Street Tree meeting had two informative speakers. The first topic was "Fighting Citizens Claims", which was then followed by an update on tree well products now available through Chameleon Ways.

Judy Sullivan from Ward North America, LP of Riverside, CA, spoke on "Fighting Citizens Claims". She gave these helpful hints for investigation: etc:

**Trees**

- ◇ When was the City notified of a problem with subject tree and/or limbs?
- ◇ History of Inspection/maintenance of subject tree.
- ◇ What is the City trim cycle?
- ◇ Who inspected the tree after the claim was reported? Confirm the subject tree is owned by the city.
- ◇ What did the inspection reveal? Disease, rot, lack of routine maintenance by homeowner, etc?
- ◇ Is tree scheduled to be removed? Why or why not?
- ◇ What are arborists recommendations for tree trimming inspections of subject tree?
- ◇ Photograph subject area of camera available and warranted. (You will want to take a picture of the area around the tree as well as the tree itself).

- ◇ Have tree roots been removed in the past? Has sidewalk been ramped or repaired prior, due to these subject roots?
- ◇ Are the tree roots causing the resulting claimant damage?
- ◇ What procedure is recommended for handling the tree root problem and resulting damage?
- ◇ Photograph subject area if camera available and warranted.

If you would like to contact Ward North America, LP, you may do so at 951.784.0114

Peter Hopkins from Chameleon Ways gave a presentation on Addapave Tree Pit System. Addapave tree pit system is a paving system allowing the use of natural aggregates or recycled materials to be mixed with semi-transparent resin and placed as a paving around a tree,



Sample usages of Addapave as shown on Chameleon Way's Website.

or to any area requiring a solid surface. Addapave tree pit system must be installed up to a solid edge. The achieved finish provides a durable and "tidy" surface without the inconvenience of "escaping" surface aggregates.

Traditional tree grate systems are magnets for trash and debris and can pose a tripping hazard for pedestrians. Addapave TP eliminates these dangerous and unappealing systems while enhancing the curbside appeal of any city's sidewalks.

**Tree Roots**

- ◇ When was City notified of a problem with subject tree roots?
- ◇ History of inspection, complaints, etc., of subject tree roots.

For more information or to contact Chameleon Ways, you can go to [www.chameleonways.com](http://www.chameleonways.com) or call 626.296.0383

**UPCOMING MEETING INFORMATION**

**MAY 25, 2006**

**TREE RELOCATION**

Hosted by  
**Valley Crest Tree Company**

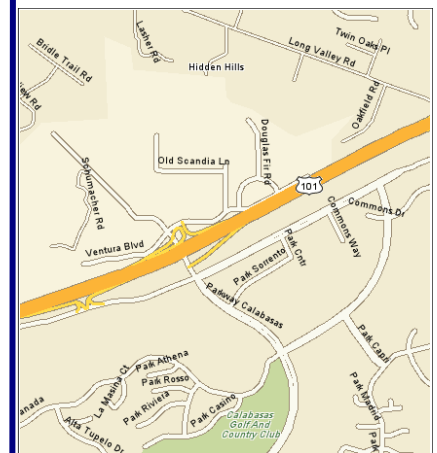
LOCATION:  
**VALLEY CREST CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS**  
 24151 Ventura Blvd.,  
 Calabasas, CA 91302

**COST:**

**ALL FEES WILL BE COVERED BY VALLEY CREST !**

**MEETING SCHEDULE:**

10:30-11:00 Gathering  
 11:00-12:00 Program  
 12:00-1:30 Lunch & Meeting



**Directions:**

101 north to parkway Calabasas. Exit parkway Calabasas and make left turn on Ventura Blvd. Go forward on Ventura Blvd. Straight up hill past chevron. Our offices are at the very end of Ventura Blvd.



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## STS Business Meeting— April 27, 2006

**Past Presidents in Attendance:**  
None

the membership is greatly appreciated.

Dan Jensesn, Leroy Tafoya, Susan Sims, Eddie Hernandez, Dave Teuschler

**Publications Report:**  
The publications committee is continuing to go through the process of adding and deleting trees for in the next addition of *Street Trees Recommended for Southern California*. Any feedback from

**Raffle:** Raffle prizes generously donated by : RPW, Street Tree Seminar, Valley Crest Tree Company, West Coast Arborists.

Raffle Winners: John D'Acerno, Valin Gray, Dan Hardgrove (x2),

**Next Meeting: May 25, 2006**  
Next meeting, Tree Relocation, will be held at Valley Crest's beautiful headquarters.

## Upcoming Industry Events

May 25, 2006

**Mauget Certification Class**  
Target Specialty Products  
15415 Marquardt Avenue, Santa Fe Springs  
Contact: Target 800/352-3870

June 19-21, 2006

**Community Forestry At It's Best National Conference**  
Arbor Day Farm  
Nebraska City, Nebraska  
Contact: NADF 402/474-5655

June 9-10-11, 2006

**Climbing at the Arboretum Workshop WCISA Tree Climbing Championships**  
LA County Arboretum  
301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA  
Contact: WCISA office 714/639-3610

July 29-Aug 2, 2006

**Hooked on Trees, Arboriculture up North**  
ISA 82nd Annual Conference & Trade Show  
Minneapolis Convention Center  
Minneapolis, MN  
Contact: ISA- www.isa-arbor.com

## The Importance of Street Trees— Scholarship Essay

Submitted by Michael Reed, 2005 Scholarship Recipient

I am wide awake now; the sound of noisy tractors like a million buzzing bees, and the smell of fresh soil give me a sense of togetherness with mother earth. I am a grower. It is almost like being a father to thousands of children. I begin their lives from seed or cutting, taking a piece of their mother and giving them their own path. They rely on me for nutrients and water, while I depend on the earth to illuminate the sky and give them a reason to grow. I scan my fortress of life, making sure that all the trees are as green as the hills after a rainy winter, listening for the sound of constant water. I listen to the plants because they tell me their exact needs. I know an immense amount about them, and sometimes it feels like they know that much about me.

Street trees play a massive role in the everyday lives of humans. The trees offer us oxygen, shade, beauty, and surround us with life. On a daily basis people take tress for granted, you don't realize the importance until they are gone/ I am a grower of these trees that benefit our everyday lives. I see beyond the trees in the median and look deep into their lives. Watching every inch that they grow and become more beautiful for society. The tree lined streets

of Southern California was one of my main inspirations to pursue a career in horticulture. I would drive down to the beach and see the beautiful washingtonias towering over our freeways, and all the coral trees and pepper trees providing beauty on our streets. Without street trees this word would seem naked to me. The importance of growing and providing living esthetics is so important to me that it is difficult to describe in words.



### MICHAEL REED

Michael is a 21-year old sophomore at Mt. San Antonio College. He has a 3.8 GPA and plans to transfer to Cal Poly Pomona to pursue a degree in Horticultural Sciences. He currently lives on the nursery grounds and works as Horticultural Production Assistant. His goal is to one day own and operate a successful nursery.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

## Mulch- Not Just for Looks - a Consumer Press Release from ISA

**C**HAMPAIGN, IL (May 3, 2006) - Many homeowners choose to mulch because they enjoy the well-cared-for look it gives their landscape. But, they may not realize they are also providing many benefits for their trees. With mulch the result can be a better growing environment for trees and their roots.

Homeowners should be aware that, generally, the root system of a tree spreads out not down. "The roots of most trees extend out a significant distance from the trunk. Most of the fine absorbing roots of trees are located within inches of the soil surface," says Jim Skiera, Executive Director of the International Society of Arboriculture. These shallow roots are essential for taking up water and minerals for trees, and they require oxygen to survive. A thin layer of mulch, spread widely, can provide a healthier environment where these roots grow.

### Mulch Benefits

Properly applied mulch provides many benefits to the health of a tree. Unlike trees growing in a forested environment, urban trees are not typically planted in an optimal environment for root growth and mineral uptake. Typically, urban environments are harsher with poor soil conditions and large fluctuations in moisture and temperature. Applying mulch can help reduce the stress of such conditions through these benefits:

- ◇ Helping to maintain soil moisture with less evaporation
- ◇ Reducing the number of weeds
- ◇ Providing insulation by

keeping soil cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter

- ◇ Protecting from damage caused by lawn equipment such as weed-eaters and lawn mowers
- ◇ Improving soil fertility, aeration, and drainage

### Organic or Inorganic

Mulches are either organic or inorganic material mixtures that are placed over the soil surface around the base of a tree. Mixtures consisting of various types of stone, rock, pulverized rubber, and other materials are labeled as inorganic.

Because these types of mixtures do not decompose, they need replenishing less often. However, this also means they do not improve soil structure, provide nutrients, or add organic materials to the soil. Inorganic mulches do still provide other benefits such as insulation, and protection.

Organic mulches consist of wood chips, pine needles, bark, leaves, and other products derived from plants. These mulches decompose, thus are very beneficial in improving soil quality by replenishing nutrients. They do however require more maintenance because decomposition creates the need to replenish more often.

### Mulching Do's and Don'ts

In order for mulch to be beneficial, it must be applied correctly. "All things in moderation should be a homeowner's mulching motto," says Skiera. "As beneficial as mulch is, too

much can be harmful in more ways than one." Too much mulch can create excess moisture that may lead to root rot. Other problems created by over mulching include insect and disease problems, weed growth, sour smelling planting beds, and chewing rodents.

To ensure the health of your trees and plants, follow these practical mulching tips to landscape like the pros:

- ◇ *Thin is better.* Apply a 2 to 4-inch layer of mulch unless a drainage problems exist then a thinner layer is recommended. Do not add mulch if there is already a sufficient layer. Instead, rake the old mulch to break up any matted layers and refresh the appearance.
- ◇ *No volcano mulching.* Avoid placing mulch against the tree trunks. If mulch is already piled against the stems or tree trunks, pull it back several inches so that the base of the trunk and the root crown are exposed.

◇ *Mulch Wide.* Mulch out to the tree's drip line or beyond if possible.



*The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), headquartered in Champaign, Ill., is a nonprofit organization supporting tree care research and education around the world. As part of ISA's dedication to the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees, it offers the only internationally-recognized certification program in the industry. For more information and to find a local ISA Certified Arborist, visit [www.treesaregood.com](http://www.treesaregood.com).*

