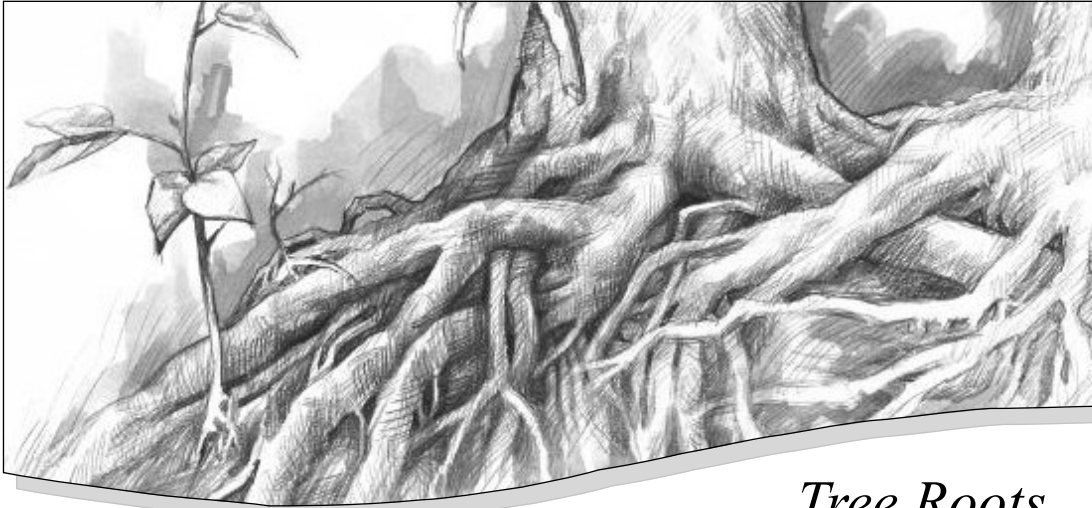




Chatham Court Newsletter



September & October 2013



Tree Roots

From time to time, we all see tree roots of beautiful trees choking out the grass beneath. But what can we do about it? Purdue horticulture experts say nothing can be done without harming the tree.

Gardens Alive disagrees, and offers several options to homeowners who would like to save their tree, and still have greenery underneath it. The easiest thing to do is cover that area with two inches of topsoil and seed it with a grass like fine fescue.

Another option is adding a low

ground cover or covering roots with peat and planting moss.

For more information see *When Tree Roots Surface*, Purdue Horticulture, and *Dealing With Above Ground Tree Roots*, Gardens Alive.

<http://www.hort.purdue.edu/ext/treeroots.html>

<http://www.gardensalive.com/article.asp?ai=1067>

Join us! Next meeting:
Thursday, October 24th
7:30 p.m.
6078 Mirkwood Ct.

Meeting Location:
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Palmdale, CA. 93536
(661) 992-3581

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Shirley Kohl-Secretary
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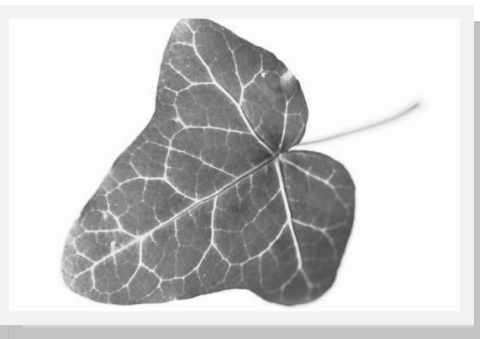
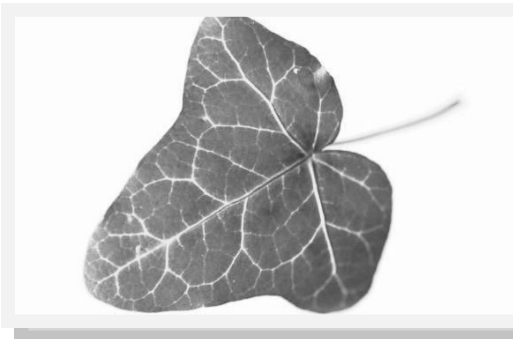
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Front Entry Area

As a common property community, we each take responsibility for our individual homes and yards. We also cooperatively take responsibility for common property such as the front entry area.

This week, a homeowner provided photos which the board hopes will provide very clear guidance to our landscaper. Our front area must reflect the values of our community, which include well maintained

landscaping and infrastructure.

The bushes in the front entry area have grown until they are obstructing the edge of the curb, as well as the sidewalk. In addition, a decorative layer on the brick wall is almost completely obscured by the tops of the bushes.

We will ask the landscaper to trim bushes away from curb and sidewalk edges. We will also ask him to lower the tops of bushes to four

inches below the decorative brick.

Furthermore, we will ask him to cut back vegetation around the fire hydrant so it has three feet of clearance to each side—regulation for fire hydrants.

We also plan to paint the gate and surrounding fixtures with a glossy black paint. Before winter precipitation begins, the metal needs to be protected. Paint will further improve the appearance of our front entry.

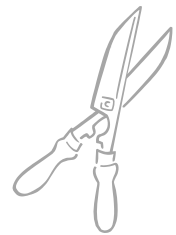
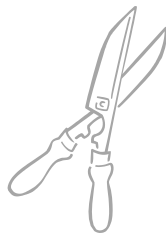


Statistics

Two fine letters will be sent out this month for uncorrected landscaping issues. Homeowners are working to correct all other issues.



Photos Showing Problems



Do you have any photos for our next newsletter? This could mean shots of what you think should be corrected, or shots of what you think looks particularly nice.

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