

CITY OF SARATOGA HERITAGE TREE INVENTORY

Established by the City Council on June 19, 2013

Location	Heritage Tree	Description
12078 Beauchamps Lane	Coast Live Oak	This very large multi-trunked coast live oak is in good condition with a canopy spread of about 65 feet and a height of about 40 – 50 feet. It grows along Prospect Creek next to the trail along the railroad tracks. According to the owners, it provides shelter for coyotes in the summer. It is a mature specimen of the native oak for commonly found around Saratoga. It is visible to the many pedestrians that walk along the trail between the creek and the railroad tracks.
18820 Bella Vina	6 London Plane trees	These trees have a distinctive history; tying bricks to the limbs to create the horizontal spoke pattern of main limbs is unique and deserves consideration as a heritage tree. The healthiest specimen is in the most favorable location for the specialized pruning that it has received. The tree is reported by the owner to be over 50 years old.
20171 Bonnie Brae Way	Redwood	This old redwood is in excellent health and adds significantly to the value of the property on which it grows. It has a 4 foot trunk diameter, and has been well maintained over the years. The tree is visible from the street, adding to the aesthetic appearance of the property and the area. This species is native to this general area and is included on Saratoga's list of native species. The owners believe that this tree is 200 years old.
19616 Farwell Avenue	Coast Live Oak, Stone pine, 2 Valley Oak trees	The most significant of the four trees is a 70 inch valley oak with a 70 foot canopy spread growing in the back yard. It is thought to be 300 years old or older based on a letter from John Tucker, professor of botany at UC Davis provided in 1972 to the owners. The three other trees are also old and stately. The stone pine is visible from the street and is possibly 100 years old. Of the two valley oaks in the back yard, the smaller one is not visible from the street, is possibly 100 years old. The large, old coast live oak may be between 100 and 200 years old, and its structure has character. All four trees are spaced on the property so that they can be viewed individually. All four trees are of an exceptional size for one property and appear to have historical significance, given their lifespan and good maintenance.

Location	Heritage Tree	Description
13777 Fruitvale Avenue	Flowering Cherry Japanese Maple	The Japanese maple (<i>Acer palmatum</i> ‘Sango kaku’) is a young, healthy, multi-trunked tree with a height of about 4 feet tall. The Flowering cherry (<i>Prunus serrulata</i> ‘Akebono’) is a young flowering cherry with a height of about 8 feet tall. The two trees signify an important relationship between sister cities in Japan and Saratoga. Both trees are located on City Hall grounds and were planted to commemorate Saratoga’s relationship with its sister city Muko-shi, Kyoto. The flowering cherry represents the 15 th anniversary and the Japanese maple represents the 25 th anniversary of being sister cities.
12457 Lolly Court	Sycamore	According to the owners, this tree was planted in 1965 as a bare root specimen. It has been well cared for over its life, is in very good health, and has an outstanding structure. It can be viewed from the street and will provide shade to the residents of the neighborhood over the years. In a neighborhood where trees are not as prevalent and also not generally as tall as other sections of town, this tree stands out for its size. Although its size is not unusual for its age or species, it is distinctive in this location. Although this tree may not have a unique story other than being well cared for, it does set an example of how one family can make a difference in the greening of the City of Saratoga.
19802 Merribrook Drive	Ginkgo biloba	According to the owner, the tree is 50 feet tall. It is a multi-trunked Ginkgo biloba, maidenhair tree. The canopy spread is probably fifty feet wide, providing significant shade in the summer and beautiful fall color.