

## **Burlingame Beautification Commission**

The Burlingame Beautification Commission was first appointed by the Burlingame City Council in 1968 to serve as the public appeals board on City staff decisions related to tree removals. Today the Commission continues to act in an advisory capacity to the City Council, the City Manager, and the Parks and Recreation Director in all matters related to City trees and privately owned protected trees.

With input from the Burlingame City Arborist, Burlingame Legal Counsel, and the Parks and Recreation Department Staff, the Commission provides general oversight, input, public information, and proposes policy formation with regard to the City's street, park, and privately owned trees. The Commission also cooperates with other governmental and civic groups in the advancement of sound reforestation and tree protection planning and programs.

The Burlingame Beautification Commission:

- Hears public appeals for the removal of City street trees and/or privately owned protected trees.
- Works with City staff to promote public information, education, and awareness through the City's annual Arbor Day Tree Planting Celebration.
- Brings general items of interest or issues to the attention of the City Arborist and/or the Parks and Recreation Director.
- Reviews, comments, and/or recommends plans or policies related to trees and the beautification of public parks, parkways, and City owned or leased buildings.
- Works with City staff to provide input and direction with regard to landscape maintenance in the downtown business districts.
- Works with City staff to monitor public and private tree removal and replacement policies, procedures, and related ordinances.
- Promotes and awards the annual Business Landscape Award to a Burlingame business for exceptional landscaping and attractive visual contribution to the streetscape.
- Awards the annual Residential Sustainable Landscape Award to a Burlingame residence for outstanding landscaping with a focus on the selection of sustainable plant material, support systems, and landscape design.