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The Rosanna Scott Bike Trail

by Darleen DeMason



Rosanna's daughters and Melba Dunlap

On July 28th, 2012 Victoria Avenue Forever (VAF), the Riverside Bicycle Club and the City of Riverside celebrated the naming of the bicycle trail on Victoria Avenue for former Ward 4 Councilwoman (1971-78), founding Board member and first President of VAF and city activist for beautification and preservation, Rosanna Scott. Rosanna was largely responsible for the creation of this bicycle/jogging/walking path along Victoria Avenue in 1976.

Everyone gathered at the Dr. Lewis Garden at the Jane Street corner. The Bicycle Club in their regalia had already ridden the length of the Avenue and the City had already installed 22 signs along the Avenue (see [table](#) on page 3 for locations), two of which were placed on the Jane Street corner. VAF provided trail mix in Dixie cups and bottled water for the participants. It was a beautiful, sunny day.

The program consisted of introductions by VAF Board President, Frank Heyming, and talks by Mayor Ron Loveridge, Roger Van Matre, President of the Riverside Bicycle Club, and Bob Buster,

County Supervisor, and the unveiling of a sign on that corner. In attendance were Rosanna's two daughters, Cindy Bigelow and Suzie Marsman, many current VAF Board members and former Board member Hal Snyder, former County Supervisor, Melba Dunlap, City Councilman Rusty Bailey and Parks and Recreation Director, Ralph Nunez.

Roger Van Matre talked about how important the bicycle trails in the City were to the Riverside Bicycle Club and that they recommend the Victoria Avenue bicycle trail to all their new members.



Riverside Bicycle Club

The Mayor talked about the history of his interactions with Rosanna over the years. He first heard about her when she moved to Riverside and that she was a graduate from UCLA in Political Science. He had many interactions with her over the years when she was a Councilwoman and when she worked for County Supervisor, Melba Dunlap. He recalled many important decisions that were made at her kitchen table. The Mayor also talked about how important citizen activity is to all cities. He congratulated Victoria Av-

enue Forever for their dedication to beautification and improvements on Victoria Avenue over the years and all the individuals, like Rosanna Scott who have been a part of this team. The mayor listed Victoria Avenue among the 5 icons of the City of Riverside. The others he mentioned were the Mission Inn, the Fox Theater, Mount Rubidoux and Fairmont Park.

The ceremony ended with the presentation of the prototype sign to Rosanna's daughters and the unveiling of the posted sign by Mayor Loveridge.

VAF thanks Jeff Smith, Field Operations Manager for Riverside Public works, the Cultural Heritage Board and the City Council for their support for this dedication.

Please see [table](#) on page 3 for locations of bike trail signs.



VAF President Frank Heyming and Mayor Ron Loveridge unveil the new sign.

President's Corner by Frank Heyming

The board of directors of Victoria Avenue Forever met for our annual planning meeting on July 11, 2012 to set up goals and priorities for the coming year. We discussed the progress report of the Myrtle/Victoria Memorial Grove which is out to bid. We planned the dedication of the Rosanna Scott Memorial Bicycle Trail which took place on July 28th, and discussed the expansion plans of Washington Park.

Our budget for the coming year will include a membership survey and membership drive to boost our membership and to find out about our members' views about Victoria Avenue.

We spent some time discussing Kiosks – message boards at the various parks along Victoria Avenue. Our existing kiosk at the Dr. Peter Lewis Garden at the corner of Jane and Victoria will be updated. The Hal Snyder Garden at the corner of Victoria Avenue and Harrison will receive an identification board that provides information about the plants in the garden. We are also looking at possible copy for a kiosk at Myrtle and Victoria. Ideas that were brought up included a history of Victoria Avenue, information on tree species on various blocks of the Avenue and possibly some information on Victoria Avenue Forever.

The work days for the coming year will be October 13th, January 19th, February 16th and May (date to be determined). In October and May we will do general cleaning and sprucing up of the gardens. In January we will do our annual tree planting along the Avenue and the February workday will be in the Lorraine Small Rose Garden. The May work date will be coordinated with Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful.

We discussed our brochure – we still have a pretty good supply and will put labels over the material that is out of date.

Education is an area where Victoria Avenue Forever has been lacking. We will be putting together a power point presentation and several of the board members volunteered to be speakers at service clubs and other functions.

Our tree inventory using GPS (global positioning system) is ongoing. We hope to have every tree along the avenue designated with a point on the map by this time next year.

All in all it was a very productive planning meeting and we hope to continue our commitment to making and preserving Victoria Avenue as the treasure it is.

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Work
Days

Hope to see you!

Saturday, October 13, 2012

Clean up and mulch

Snyder and Lewis Gardens

Meet at Jane and Victoria

Saturday, January 19, 2012

Tree Planting

Meeting place TBA

All our volunteer work days are from 9:00 a.m. to about 11:00 a.m.

Letter from the Editor

by Darleen DeMason

Fall marks the transition to a new year of activities on Victoria Avenue. Every year your VAF Board has a planning meeting, usually in July, in which we plan projects and priorities for the coming year and decide on a budget to accomplish these goals. Among our goals for last year were to collaborate with Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful (KRCB) for the annual Great American Clean-up, which was accomplished and summarized by Pati Weir on [page 6](#). She acted as our liaison with KRCB. Another major goal for the past year was renovation of the Lorraine Small Rose Garden. This was spearheaded by Board Members Kathy Swanson and Jim Montgomery. A major planting with volunteers occurred on February 18th and was summarized in the [March 2012 newsletter](#). During the past year we bought an “EZ-Up” with our logo printed on it for work days and celebrations. A goal that cropped up later in the year was memorializing the Victoria Avenue bicycle path in honor of former VAF board member and Past President, Rosanna Scott. The celebration occurred on July 28th and the event is summarized on [page 1](#). The VAF Board and Frank Heyming as President conceived of this project and proposed it to the City. Frank chaperoned the concept through the Heritage Board and the City Council. The Board worked closely with Field Operations Manager Jeff Smith for a design of the signs by the City. VAF paid for installation of the 22 signs on the Avenue. The VAF Board had its annual planning meeting on July 11, 2012 for the coming year and a summary of our discussions is presented by President Frank Heyming on [page 2](#).

Cross Street	Number of Signs	Sign Direction
Central Avenue	1	West
Arlington Avenue	1	West
Lincoln Avenue	1	East
Anna Street	1	West
Maude Street	1	East
Jane Street	2	East and West
Mary Street	2	East and West
Madison Street	1	East
Adams Street	1	West
Monroe Street	2	East and West
Jackson Street	1	East
Van Buren Boulevard	2	East and West
Harrison Street	2	East and West
Tyler Street	1	West
La Sierra Avenue	1	East

While we were planning and accomplishing our local goals for Victoria Avenue a very important battle has been going on in Southern California to stop the most serious threat to citrus in the history of the citrus industry, where Riverside is the historic center. Some, but not enough, coverage has occurred in local newspapers. This is a bacterial disease known as Huanglongbing (HLB) or citrus greening disease that is transmitted by a psyllid insect vector. This battle has already been lost on the Asian and African Continents and is in full swing in Florida where an estimated \$3.6 billion in damages has already occurred. HLB attacks all citrus, is always lethal, and prevention is the only known cure. The psyllid vector has been in California since 2008, has spread recently to the LA basin and a diseased tree was identified this past year. HLB is a threat to Victoria Avenue which has more citrus planted on it now than ever before, to the citrus industry and to all homeowners who have citrus trees in their yards. Therefore, the battle requires “all hands on deck” and “ready battle stations.” To keep our membership informed I invited Dr. Peggy Mauk, Director of Agricultural Operations and Cooperative Extension Specialist for Subtropical Crops at the University of California, Riverside to write an article that provides information and contacts that you as citizens can use to help with this battle. Please keep informed, keep the contact information handy and pass it on to your neighbors. Let’s be the first success story against this disease.

USDA website information:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/citrus_greening/background.shtml

The article on the Asian Citrus Psyllid is on [pages 4, 5, and 7](#).



Asian Citrus Psyllid and Huanglongbing (Citrus Greening) Disease

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Asian citrus psyllid is an insect that carries a pathogen that causes a fatal disease of citrus. The disease is known as Huanglongbing (HLB), which in Chinese means Yellow Dragon or yellow shoot disease. It is also referred to as “Citrus Greening”. Many long time Riverside residents may remember a disease that had the potential to wipe out citrus, Citrus Tristeza Virus (Quick Decline). Quick Decline is a serious disease that is controlled using rootstocks that are tolerant to the virus, HLB is much worse because there is no cure; the end result is truly devastating, tree death. However, with the cooperation and support from our communities, we can save the California citrus.

In California, Asian Citrus Psyllid (ACP) was confirmed in San Diego in September of 2008. Eradication efforts were quickly implemented and the pest population was well controlled in San Diego. Unfortunately, it also arrived in Los Angeles County but was not detected until 2010 and was found to be widespread in 2011. The lack of early detection impacted the eradication efforts for Los Angeles County and thus the pest will not be eradicated. The Asian citrus psyllid, scientific name *Diaphorina citri*, is a very small sucking insect pest that is difficult to identify with an untrained eye. It is only about 1/8 to 1/4 of an inch in size. When it feeds on the stem of a plant, it is the size of an aphid. Although ACP causes damage to the plant, the real concern is the bacterial pathogen that it carries. The pathogen, *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus*, is known to cause the disease Huanglongbing

(HLB). The pathogen is lethal to all varieties of citrus trees and can be harbored in other plants that are citrus relatives, such as, Indian curry leaf and orange jasmine (not star jasmine). The HLB citrus disease is the most devastating disease of citrus known in the world. It has severely affected the citrus industries of China, Brazil, and in the USA (Florida). Since the discovery of HLB in Florida in 2005, commercial citrus has been reduced by nearly one-third. In all, there are over 40 countries on the continents of Asia and South America that have been impacted.



Figure 1. The Huanglongbing disease symptoms are asymmetrical mottling of the citrus leaves.

The disease is a very serious threat to the California citrus industry, as well as, to our own backyard trees. Once ACP transmits the bacterium into the plant it may take 1 to 2 years before there are visual symptoms of the disease. This disease has the potential to kill a mature citrus tree in 3 to 5 years. It is the lag between infection and symptoms that make this disease so difficult to eliminate. By the time an infected tree is discovered, the psyllids have been spreading the pathogen for 1-2 years. When newly established trees become infected, they generally do not survive to full production. An early symptom of HLB on a citrus tree is what is called “yellow dragons” or sections of a tree that are yellow or yellow-green. Another early symptom is “asymmetrical blotchy mottle of the leaves”, that is, the yellowing of the leaves in just one part or sector of the

tree (Figure 1). The blotchy mottling will occur on one side of the midvein half of the leaf but not the other half. This can occur on just one small branch or on several branches. Although the blotchy mottling is symptomatic of HLB, it is important to note that yellowing leaves can occur due to a number of other reasons, such as, nutrient deficiencies of iron, zinc or other nutrients. What is unique to HLB sectoring is that the pattern of yellowing is usually asymmetrical (nutritional deficiencies are symmetrical and more uniform). As the disease progresses, fruit will be misshapen and have dark aborted seeds and may have unusual fruit color, where ripe fruit will be green on the navel end half of the fruit and the fruit will drop prematurely. Over time, the HLB infected fruit will become bitter, sour and uneatable. The infected citrus tree begins to lose many of its leaves and has a very open appearance due to twig and branch dieback. Three to 5 years after the tree is infected, it will die. Currently, there is no known cure for this bacterial pathogen.

HLB was discovered in the Spring of 2012 in Hacienda Heights, approximately 50 miles from Riverside. It is too close for comfort. It is critical that we control the vector (ACP). By controlling ACP, we reduce the number of insects that can move and transmit the pathogen. If we don't control ACP, the disease will rapidly spread. This was the situation in Florida. When the insect was discovered, a choice was made to not control it. Some people thought the disease wasn't in Florida and therefore there was no need to control the insect. The disease spread throughout Florida in 3 years. The best approach for California is to kill ACP and continue to keep their population low with continued sprays. Early detection and rapid response is critical to keeping your citrus trees alive and productive. Due to the small size of the ACP, it is hard to see a solitary ACP insect but you might see adults feeding on the young stems and leaves (Figure 2). The adults can feed on stems and mature leaves as well as young tender leaves (Figure 3).

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Figure 2. Adult Citrus Psyllids feeding on a young stem. Note the 45° angle of the insect.

There are some unique physical characteristics of ACP that may help you to further identify this pest. The flying adult feeds with its tail raised up at about a 45-degree angle (Figure 2). Often it is easier to see the young insects (nymphs) clustered at the base of new leaves (Figure 4). They frequently secrete white waxy tubules that look like spaghetti on the soft green new growth (Figure 4). You will only see the eggs and feeding nymphs on the soft new green growth and flowers. The intermediate nymph stages secrete tubules of a white honeydew material that looks like spaghetti strands that end in a bulb form (Figure 4). Also, a key characteristic of feeding by nymphs or adults is notched leaves (Figure 5). The notching is the result of feeding (sucking) injury causing the leaf to become distorted growth.

On March 30, 2012, the first HLB disease infected ACP insect and first HLB infected citrus tree was confirmed in Hacienda Heights, California, in Los Angeles County. This citrus tree was a lemon tree that was grafted to pummelo. The tree was removed and destroyed. The grafting material came from a budwood exchange conducted at the homeowner's church. The United States Department of Agriculture is now doing a traceback/traceforward investigation on the original source of the budwood and what other citrus trees may have originated from this source. Trees that were budded from this tree are likely to be infected with the pathogen. The CDFA crew found only the one HLB-infected citrus tree. So far, surveys within 1,300 yards of the original find site have not found any additional positive trees. Unfortunately, due to the lag between infection and detection, it may be a year or more before we can detect HLB in other trees. All citrus trees within a one-half mile radius of the infected tree are being treated for psyllids. CDFA is surveying the area regularly to determine if there are any additional infected psyllids. As of March 31, 2012, all sales and shipments of citrus trees within a 5-mile radius of this original infection site have been suspended.



Figure 3. Two adult Asian citrus psyllids on a young tree's leaves. Note the yellow-orange nymph feeding on the top right edge of the leaf (left panel). Notice white tubules from nymphs above adult on right panel.



Figure 4. Nymphs secreting the white honeydew tubules.

If a citrus tree is found to be positive for HLB, CDFA requires that the tree be removed. This is to protect any other citrus trees that may have been planted next to it, as well as, any other citrus trees in the nearby communities. An HLB tree is like a tree with "Typhoid Mary"; any ACP that feeds on the infected tree will have the potential to pick up and spread the pathogen. Because trees can be infected but not have symptoms, it is important that no citrus grafting be conducted by any homeowner group or any private individual. Instead purchase trees and grafting materials from reputable nurseries. Without proper laboratory testing, it is impossible to tell if any grafting material is infected with HLB or not. It is critical that we follow this guideline to protect all citrus in California.

If you think you have seen the Asian citrus psyllid on any of your citrus trees or even your neighbors, friends or relatives' trees, then call the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) at the toll free hotline 1-800-491-1899 or contact the Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner's office at 951-955-3045. The CDFA personnel will come out and inspect your citrus trees AND they will treat the trees for the insect at no charge. Treatments being made throughout Southern California will have the greatest impact on limiting the spread of this insect pest elsewhere. All citrus trees where ACPs have been found and any surrounding citrus trees will be treated by CDFA teams with a foliar and a systemic insecticide that is not harmful to humans or animals; for additional information go to <http://www.californiacitrusthreat.org> or <http://www.saveourcitrus.org>. CDFA is the best source for more specific information about treatment. This idea of area wide treatment, not just the single tree where an ACP has been found, has proven to be effective in slowing the movement of HLB. You must continue to inspect any citrus trees on a regular basis, at least monthly or even better, every week. If ACP is found you need to treat with the appropriate insecticides.



Figure 5. Leaf notched from long term feeding by adult psyllid.

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How can you as homeowners help? Please see [page 7](#).

The Great American Cleanup

by Pati Weir



For the last workday of the year on Saturday, May 12, 2012, Victoria Avenue Forever partnered with over 600 Riverside community volunteers who participated in over 36 projects, collected over 7 tons of waste, used 30 gallons of paint to eradicate graffiti, cleaned 20 city storm drains and planted 30 Washington Navel trees along Victoria Avenue. Volunteers cleaned 41 miles of streets in the City of Riverside. Volunteers were mobilized into all 7 council wards and the Riverside Chamber's 6 business councils.



Student volunteers from University of California, Riverside

Later that day, after all the volunteers had worked so diligently to beautify our city while wearing their free t-shirts, KRCB Board and staff organized an awards and lunch celebration outside City Hall.

All the volunteers were served free pizza, chips and a drink. Mayor Loveridge and KRCB presented awards to "clean campus competition" winners. Alvord High School was awarded the title of "2012 Champions."

All in all it was a great day for America. This day showed people do care across the country how their cities look. VAF is proud to be a part of caring America!



VAF wants to thank all of the local volunteers who came out on Saturday, May 12 to spread mulch, pull weeds, and pick up trash at the corner of Victoria Avenue and Harrison Street at the Hal Snyder Garden, and also at the corner of Victoria Avenue and Jane Street at the Peter Lewis Garden. Both gardens look great and that wouldn't have been possible without all the caring people who gave up their Saturday to work with VAF board members.

All this work came about by the organizational skills of Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful (KRCB) who coordinated with the Great American Cleanup sponsored by Keep America Clean. All across America, people were doing the exact same thing, cleaning up their cities.



How homeowners can help fight the threat to citrus



- Buy citrus trees with CDFA tags only from reputable, CDFA licensed California nurseries.
- Do not exchange trees, give or receive budwood. The disease is initially symptomless so you will not know if the budwood is clean.
- Do not move citrus plants, citrus plant materials or fruits in or out of quarantine areas, across state or international borders.
- Inspect your citrus plants regularly for pests and diseases.
- If you are in an area known to have ACP, dry out or double bag your citrus prunings to prevent moving ACP to new areas.
- Cooperate with county and state inspectors when they ask to place insect traps on your property to find ACPs.
- Report any citrus trees that look sick or dying to CDFA at 1-800-491-1899.
- Be aware that there are fines and penalties in place for knowingly moving citrus and violating quarantines that range from \$1,100 to \$60,000 per violation!

The best way to control this lethal disease, Huanglongbing, is to kill the Asian citrus psyllid. **Remember if you think you have seen the Asian citrus psyllid on any of your citrus trees or even your neighbors', friends' or relatives' trees, then call the California Department of Food and Agriculture at the toll free hotline 1-800-491-1899 or contact the Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner's office at 951-955-3045.**

Save your citrus
Save our citrus
Don't move citrus!



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Recently the late Gail Ferman was acknowledged with an outpouring of memorial gifts to Victoria Avenue Forever. We want to be sure to acknowledge every one in our next issue.

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