



STREET TALK

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Eric Garcetti
Mayor



From the desk of
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Bureau of Street Services



Chief Tom Carballo, Retires

Tom Carballo, Chief Street Services Investigator of the Investigation and Enforcement services retired after 32 years of service. On Friday June 24, 2017, Tom was recognized by the Board of Public Works for his successful career with the City. Additionally he received recognition from the City Council and the BSS Director's award for his lifelong service of hard work and dedication.



We wish Tom a healthy, happy and long retirement!

Life's a Beach When You Retire

On Wednesday June 21, 2017, Assistant Director, Ron Lorenzen was recognized by the Board of Public Works and the Bureau of Street Services for 25 outstanding years with the City. Ron began his public service career as a Tree Surgeon in the Urban Forestry Division. He continued to rise through the ranks of Urban Forestry until he eventually rose to the position of Assistant Director. Ron's career can best be described by his supervisors comments and reflections. They praised Ron time and time again for being a self-starter, knowledgeable, and always exceeding expectations. The Bureau is proud to wish him farewell on this new, well deserved, and exciting chapter in his life.



Urban Forestry Keeps Reaching New Heights

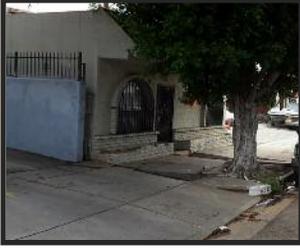
In the exploration to find new equipment, the Bureau's Urban Forestry Division recently had a demonstration of a Grapple hook truck. This truck has a 60" extending crane boom with a 28" grapple claw, with an attached chain saw. The truck's features allow it to reach up, grab a section of the tree, cut it, and bring it down safely. The trees can then be fed into a running chipper or placed in the back of the trucks own dump box. The Bureau is excited to be utilizing new technology that can potentially provide safe and efficient service to the public.



These Streets Were Made for Walking

The Bureau's Special Projects Division has joined forces with Council Member Jose Huizar to improve pedestrian safety in Council District 14. The crews began construction on Whittier Blvd. with the entire project stretching from Indian St. to Lorena St. The project includes removing, replacing and uplifting the sidewalk to ensure ADA compliance. The Bureau is proud and humbled to be involved in the process of creating safer streets that improve the quality of life in L.A.

Before



After



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