

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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Friend—

We wish you safe and happy holidays and a better new year! And we hope you'll join us (virtually) for one of our efforts. Please read on to learn more.

Join us Sunday, January 10, to talk trees and neighborhood councils!

We are kicking off regular monthly meetings! Come join our inaugural monthly meeting to find out about the work of our committees, our advocacy, and our Green New Deal toolkit for neighborhood councils, and to share best practices for championing sustainability in your neighborhood.

And **our focus will be trees!** Join Joanne D'Antonio, our Trees Committee Chair, and Diana Nicole, science advisor to the Trees Committee and ecological landscape professional, to learn how you and your neighborhood council can support positive efforts to retain and maintain our Los Angeles trees.

Learn more and RSVP at ncsa.la/your_la_trees.

More native trees to be protected!

The protected tree amendment was passed by City Council's Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee December 2, adding the toyon and Mexican elderberry to the Protected Tree Ordinance. (It still has to pass City Council.) Not only did [Council File 13-1339](#) pass the committee unanimously after 7 years of effort, but it was amended to dismiss the attempts to water it down, AND, importantly, the fees for removing protected trees will be revisited to add in the cost incurred by Urban Forestry to administer the ordinance.

Leaf-blowers

The **Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Green Committee** produced this handy [flier](#) about leaf-blowing, and we wanted to share it so you can use it! If you have something you want to share, please let us know, and/or share via our social media.

Help us spread the word about decarbonization!

Our energy committee and electric vehicle advisory and working group want to get the word out about what folks are doing to decarbonize and why you're glad to be doing it. Check out our VERY BRIEF videos at [decarbonization playlist](#), share them, and please share your own with us so we can add them to the playlist! We would like them to be:

- personal
- short (about 10 to 15 seconds long)
- in landscape (not portrait) mode.

#decarbonize #ElectricVehiclesForAll

EV workshop Wednesday, January 27!

Our next EV workshop will be focusing on folks in the Elysian Valley, but all are welcome! Visit nca.la/EVs_for_EV to learn more and to RSVP.

Submit a project to the U.S. Green Building Council-Los Angeles

A request for proposals has been issued for the U.S. Green Building Council-Los Angeles's annual [LEGACY PROJECT](#), which provides \$20,000 to a project in an underserved community. The submission deadline is Jan. 8, 2021.

2020 Community Impact Award

The NCSA is so proud to have received the 2020 Community Impact Award from the US Green Building Council-Los Angeles. Thank you to so many of you who helped make this happen!

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