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I may be one of the few responding that is in favor of removing the trees. How have these trees and the trees on Painter Avenue been allowed to remain for so long. Yes, they are nice to look at, but the ones on Painter Avenue probably violate all the "People with disabilities acts." The trunks have grown so large the sidewalk is only around 6-10 inches wide in some areas. A wheelchair can't travel on the sidewalk. Those trees were planted around 1960 and are a tropical variety that should have never been planted here. Most sidewalks in Whittier are raised up due to the tree roots. Very dangerous.

Dennis Smith  
Born in Whittier 73 years ago and never left.