



## The Face of Fillmore

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With the spring season in full gear, the Face of Fillmore has been spruced up. Trees have been trimmed, lawns have received their first few mowings, the refuse that has blown into yards with the winter winds has been cleaned up and things are looking in prime condition.

A great thank you goes to the Fillmore City crew who haul off the limbs and other unwanted yard leftovers. We are all given an incentive to get our spring cleanup projects done in time to have our yard garbage taken away for us. Though maybe not said often enough, you are appreciated.

Now that our yards and homes are looking manicured, it is time to take a picture of our homes. Hind sight is always better than foresight. How much fun it would be now to have a picture of our home each year at the same time to see the changes.

Some of the changes are drastic ones – a new addition to the home, a new sidewalk, new plantings, and others that really show up. Unnoticed from year to year are the subtle changes, like the ever changing growth of trees and shrubs.

While sorting through some old pictures, I found one taken of our home about 35 years ago, so I took one just yesterday to compare. This should be one of those puzzles where you see how many differences you can find in the two. The size of the trees hit me first, then I remembered, these large trees in yesterday's picture are the third planting. The first were Washington hawthorns that we decided wouldn't be enough shade on the west side, so we planted maples. Both died so we replanted with the ones in the picture. Other obvious changes include the addition of the garage, the change in the sidewalk, the lantern and shrubs around it, the cement curbing around the trees and along the house, and the gravel in front of the home replacing the asphalt driveway that eventually became too cracked to save.

My mid-way-through-the-year resolution is to take a picture every spring to record the way our home changes the looks of the Face of Fillmore each year.

