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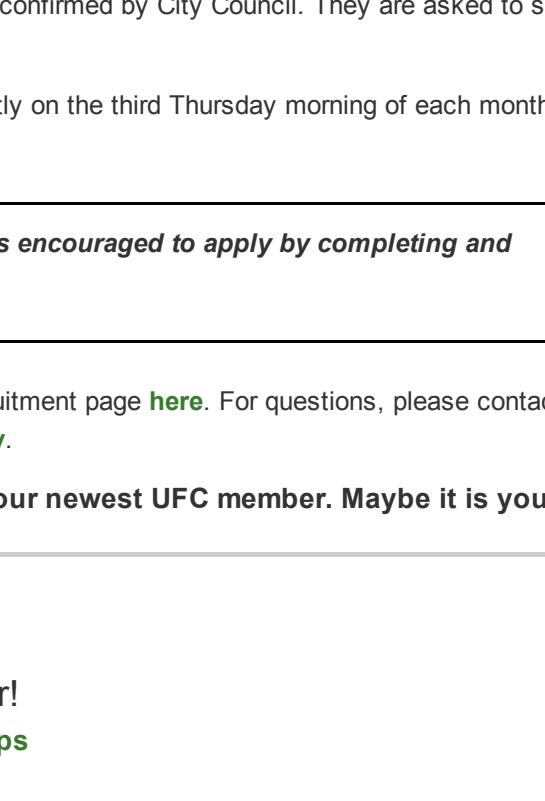
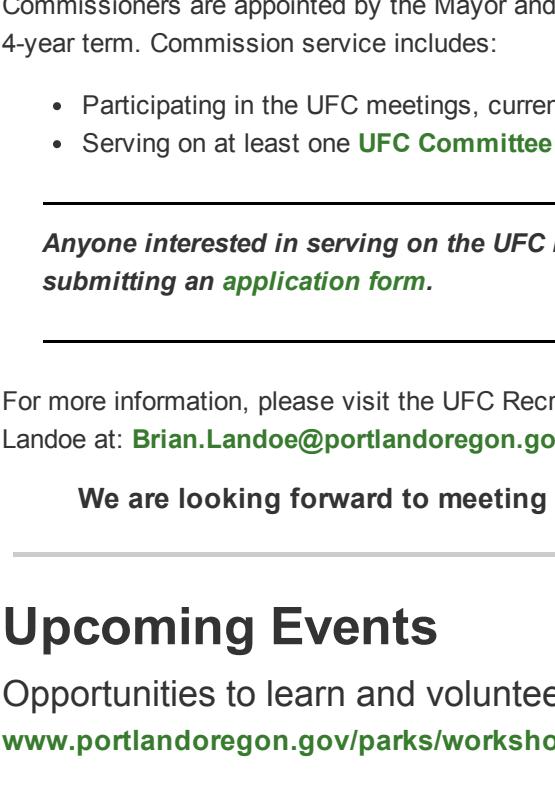
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Apply to Join the Urban Forestry Commission!



Above, a "Trees are for everyone!" banner at the PSU Farmers Market, and Urban Forestry Commission member, Lorena Nascimento, participating in a Park Tree Inventory.

We have a saying in Portland, Trees are for everyone! To make that happen, trees must be maintained, planted and protected. That is why Urban Forestry is excited to announce that we are seeking a new Commissioner for the [Urban Forestry Commission \(UFC\)](#)!

The UFC is an important group of volunteers that advises the City Forester, Parks Director, and City Council on Portland's tree policies.

Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council. They are asked to serve a 4-year term. Commission service includes:

- Participating in the UFC meetings, currently on the third Thursday morning of each month
- Serving on at least one [UFC Committee](#)

Anyone interested in serving on the UFC is encouraged to apply by completing and submitting an [application form](#).

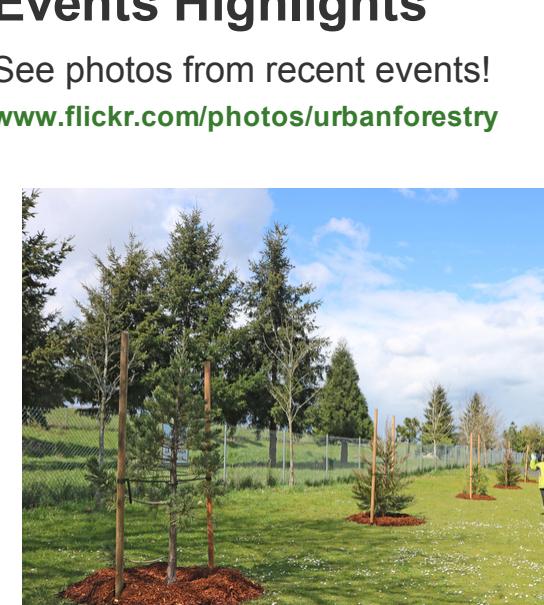
For more information, please visit the UFC Recruitment page [here](#). For questions, please contact Brian Landoe at: Brian.Landoe@portlandoregon.gov.

We are looking forward to meeting our newest UFC member. Maybe it is you!

Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

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Pop-Up Arboreta in May

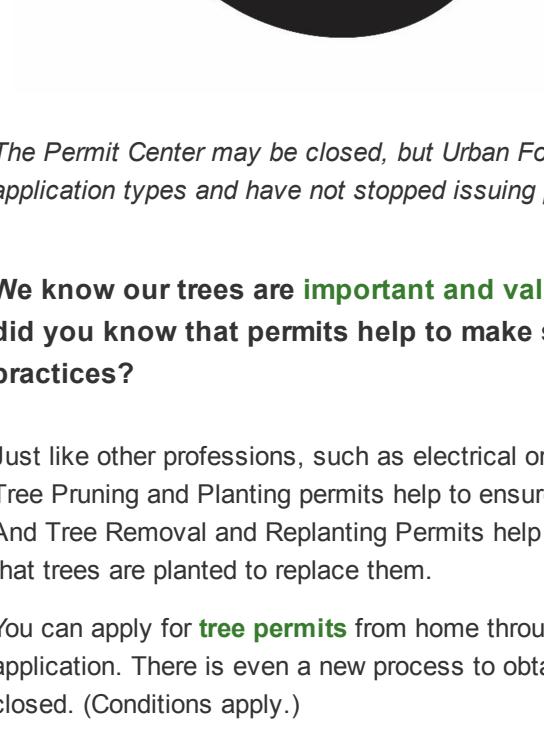
For the month of May, Urban Forestry will be showcasing fun, informational signs on select trees in four Portland Parks. This will turn each park into a Pop-Up Arboretum!

The Pop-Up Arboreta Parks are:

- Couch Park
- Dawson Park
- Ventura Park ([virtual tour](#))
- Woodlawn Park ([virtual tour](#))

You can explore the tree signs at these local parks throughout the summer. For more information about the trees in Portland's parks, check out the online Park Tree Inventory [map](#). For a complete list of parks with virtual tours, click [here](#).

While you are out there, tag [@portlandparks](#) on Instagram or [@Urban Forestry - Portland Parks & Recreation](#) on Facebook and let us know which tree is your favorite park tree!



Introduction to Pruning

Saturday, May 2, 2020, 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Offered Online

Urban Forestry staff will host an online introductory class that focuses on young tree pruning.

We will talk about tree basics, then discuss how they react to wounds. We will also review what tools to use and how to keep them sharp. We have got you covered roots to shoots!

Registration will open at 8:30 am on the day of the class. Please sign in early to confirm connection. All you need is a web browser and internet connection.

For questions, please contact: ufvolunteers@portlandoregon.gov.

Register here.

More Upcoming Events

5/15/2020, Local Tree Care Providers Workshop: If you work on trees within the city limits of Portland, then this [online](#) workshop is for you! Learn about tree permits and how to submit applications. Urban Forestry Staff will be online to answer your questions. After you register, we will send out the link to participate by May 8, 2020. On May 15, you can use this link to enter the workshop starting at 8:30 am. Then the workshop will run from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Register [here](#).

6/03/2020, Advanced Tree Pruning: Urban Forestry staff will host an [online](#) Advanced Tree Pruning class. Prior participation in an introductory pruning class is required. Registration will open at 10:30 am, please sign in early to confirm connection; all you need is a web browser and internet connection. The workshop will be from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, and the presentation will be followed by a question and answer period. Register [here](#).

Events Highlights

See photos from recent events!

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60 New Trees Planted at Portland Schools This Spring!

In the past few months, Urban Forestry partnered with Portland Public Schools, contractors, and Depave to plant 60 trees at Lent and Sitton Schools!

Botanic Specialists, Molly Wilson and Patrick Key, inspected the new trees and added tags, so that everyone can identify the species on the school grounds.

Although planting with the students at Lent School had to be cancelled, we are excited that a grove of new large, evergreen, and native trees will still be waiting to greet students when they return!

See photos of the Lent planting [here](#), and photos with the students at Sitton [here](#). (Warning, the Sitton link contains super cute kids and tiny shovels!)

Urban Forestry Permits Issued During Permit Center Closure

The Permit Center may be closed, but Urban Forestry is operating! We are accepting all tree permit application types and have not stopped issuing permits. If in doubt, always "Call before you cut!"

We know our trees are important and valuable, often in ways that are hard to count. But did you know that permits help to make sure that tree care follows industry best practices?

Just like other professions, such as electrical or plumbing, there are [standards for tree care](#). Street Tree Pruning and Planting permits help to ensure that our shared urban forest is as healthy as possible. And Tree Removal and Replanting Permits help confirm that trees are removed only when needed, and that trees are planted to replace them.

You can apply for [tree permits](#) from home through our website. Or, you can [mail in](#) a tree permit application. There is even a new process to obtain [Same Day Permits](#) while the permit center is closed. (Conditions apply.)

Please contact Urban Forestry at trees@portlandoregon.gov or at 503-823-TREE (8733) with any questions.

In Other News

Request for Proposal for Tree Planting and Establishment Now Open: Can your business plant trees with the best of them? Show us what you can do! Urban Forestry is seeking proposers on the City of Portland [vendor portal](#) for tree planting and establishment services. Current open bids are available [here](#), and the tree planting and establishment bid is posted [here](#). An optional online Zoom session is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 2:00 pm. Information to join the meeting is located in the bid under "Pre Bid Conference."

Backyard BioBlitz Study from Portland Audubon Wants You! Birds and trees are great companions, but what other animals have made your trees their home? Every Tuesday through June, you can track and report the wildlife around your home and neighborhood to Audubon. Do it as many times as you like, or just once! This survey of living species is specific to Portland, and anyone can participate. Learn more [here](#)!

Oregon Nurseries Offering Alternate Shopping Options: Do you feel an irresistible need to garden? Maybe that is business as usual for you, or maybe it is new. But either way, getting plants as safely as possible has changed the way many nurseries are operating. For a list of 61 (and growing) nurseries in Oregon and SW Washington that have adapted their services for public health, click [here](#).

Gardenize App to Organize and Showcase Your Plantings: So, you already have your trees and plants? You know what they are and where they are. What next? Well, how about taking pretty pictures of them and tracking them over time! Gardenize is a free mobile app and desktop tool to "Save all your garden notes and photos in one place." Learn more [here](#).

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