



## TREE BARK

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## The Future of Trees in Portland's Jade District, a Short Film



*Knowing where trees are and where trees are not is important. But so is doing something about it! Watch what can happen when people put their time and energy into making a better, greener world.*

**May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Which is a timely reminder to watch a short film by local filmmaker, James Krzmarzick. His film, [82nd & Verdant](#), is about Portland's Jade District, which is considered "...one of the most culturally diverse areas of the city..."**

The **Jade District** is located between SE 82nd Avenue, SE Division Street, Interstate-205, and SE Powell Boulevard. In addition to being rich in cultural diversity, many people have also actively worked to bring much-needed trees to this area.

The film explores the perspectives of some local businesses in the Jade District. It also highlights the good green work that volunteers and partnering organizations have done in their efforts to expand our urban canopy.

After you have watched the film, you can read more about it in the Greening the Jade report [here](#). (Be sure to check out the pictures!)

## Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

[www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/workshops](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/workshops)



### Advanced Tree Pruning

Wednesday, June 3, 2020, 11:00 am - 12:00pm

Offered Online via Zoom

**Learning to prune your tree, and to feel comfortable doing it, is not an easy task!**

Understanding how trees grow and how they respond to various pruning cuts will help you master common pruning techniques.

Test out your knowledge of pruning basics to freshen up. [Take the quiz here!](#)

Urban Forestry hosts free community workshops to build your tree knowledge. Join us online through Zoom on June 3, 2020 at 11:00 am to take your pruning skills to the next level!

Please [pre-register](#). Zoom details to participate will be sent by email.



### How to Care for Your Young Tree

Thursday, June 11, 2020, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Offered Online via Zoom

**Summer starts on June 20, 2020! Are you and your young tree ready for the heat?**

The first three to five years may be the difference between a young tree dying or doing great!

That is why taking special care to give your new tree a good start is so important.

In this online workshop, Urban Forestry staff will help you know what to look for, so you can be confident that young trees in your neighborhood are going to be the best they can be.

Please [pre-register](#). Zoom details to participate will be sent by email.

## More Upcoming Events

**6/16/2020, Ask an Arborist:** Have you seen ferns and moss growing on trees around Portland and wondered if they were good or bad for a tree? Tune in on June 16, 2020 at 1:00 pm as Urban Forestry arborists answer your pre-submitted questions live and online through Zoom. Please [pre-register](#) to receive the Zoom meeting link. Submit questions and photos [here!](#)

### Ongoing:

**June Pop-Up Arboreta:** Did you check out all four of the Pop-Up Arboreta in parks this month and are ready for some new trees to discover? Starting June 1, 2020, Wellington Park, Bloomington Park, Cathedral Park, and Wallace Park will have interactive and informational signs installed on trees! If one of these is your local park, be sure to visit before the signs are gone! 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. View the summer Pop-Up schedule [here](#).

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## In Other News

**UBC Survey on the Connection Between Nature and Human Well-Being Closes May 31, 2020:** The University of British Columbia wants to understand "...the connection between nature and human well-being in times of isolation during the current COVID-19 pandemic." The survey is circulating around the world. Let's make sure they hear from Portland! Take the 15-minute survey [here](#).

**Grant Applications Accepted in August for Portland Clean Energy Funds (PCEF):** Beginning on August 3, 2020, qualified non-profits may submit grant applications for projects and programs that benefit communities living on the frontlines of climate change. During the first grant cycle, \$6-8 million will be awarded, and \$40-60 million is expected to be awarded annually after that. Even if you do not want to apply for a grant yourself, your help is needed to provide public comment on grant eligibility and the scoring criteria. Learn more and get involved with PCEF [here](#).

**Craving a Creative Project?** Urban Forestry is seeking a volunteer to create a Pop-Up Arboreta scavenger hunt! Four new Pop-Up Arboreta are installed every month throughout summer, and we want to encourage visits. If you would like to create a fun, downloadable scavenger hunt for kids and adults to seek out cones, leaf shapes, and tree facts, email [angie.disalvo@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:angie.disalvo@portlandoregon.gov) for details.

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