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Winter Workshops



Whether you prefer pruning, planting, learning tree identification, or discovering the history of Portland's trees, there's something for everyone at Urban Forestry's workshops.

Winter is here and that means Urban Forestry's workshops are soon to follow.

It is a great time to plant new trees and to learn proper tree care, neighborhood tree history, and fun tree facts. With the new year comes changes to our workshop offerings, including our pruning programming. The pruning series will see more autonomy for experienced **Tree Teams**, with the ability to check out tools from the tool lending library, and to tag the young trees that you have seen in need of some

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Chimney Park Tree Planting

Saturday, 1/20/18, 9 am - noon

Join the **St. Johns Tree Team** and Urban Forestry for a tree planting event at the Chimney Park Dog Off-Leash Area. Come dressed for the weather, rain or shine! We will be planting 10 trees native to our region, including:

- Oregon white oak
- Western red cedar
- Ponderosa pine
- Madrone

Tools will be provided and all ages are welcome. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/ChimneyPlanting>



Learning Landscapes Planting Assistant Training

Saturday, 2/3/18, 9 am - noon

Become a trained tree planting volunteer with Urban Forestry's **Learning Landscapes** program. Learn how to interact with students during planting events and practice proper planting techniques. Participants will sign up to assist with plantings this spring!

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/LLVolTraining>

More Upcoming Events

2/10/18, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm: The Evergreens of Irvington. A tree walk focused on evergreen tree species. Location to be determined. [Register here.](#)

2/13/18, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm: Winter Fruit Tree Pruning. Hands on orchard pruning practice with

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2/24/18, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm: **Decode the Tree Code**. An introduction to tree permitting and development requirements. Location to be determined. [Register here](#).

2018 Naito Community Trees Award - Final Call for Nominations!



2015 Naito Award winner, John Iott, presented with the Award by Bob Naito, son of Bill Naito, shown in the historical photograph. John was recognized for his volunteer work with the Portland Fruit Tree Project and Green Thumb Community Orchard.

The **Naito Community Trees Award** is presented to one individual and one group each year at Portland's annual **Arbor Day Celebration** (4/21/18, Mt Scott Park—Save the Date!). This esteemed award recognizes the contributions of community members whose volunteer efforts in support of Portland's trees are exemplary. Perhaps you know a Neighborhood Tree Team or a Neighborhood Tree Steward or Friends of Trees volunteer that really goes above and beyond the call of duty to speak for, protect, plant, or restore our urban forest?

Nominations are due on January 31st, so consider submitting a nomination today (multiple nominations are allowed)! Access the form [here](#). It takes just about 5 minutes to complete!

In Other News

Job opportunity: Urban Forestry is hiring field crews for an urban natural resource inventory. Applications due January 15, 2018. [Application instructions](#).

Local Tree Care Providers List: Find an arborist! Newly updated list with companies that recently completed a city training. [View the list](#).

Apply to have the Tree Inventory Project come to your park this summer! Urban Forestry is looking for interested Tree Teams and individuals to help organize inventory events in your neighborhood in 2018. For applications and more information, [click here](#).

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Urban Forestry's latest Planting Compliance Report is now available: Did you know that whenever you get a permit to remove a tree, you have to replace it? This ensures that our urban forest continues to grow and improve, even as trees get removed. See how many people are planting their trees, and what Urban Forestry is doing to get more trees planted this year! [Read the report.](#)

New interactive tree maps on the Urban Forestry website: Check out virtual tours of select parks inventoried in 2017 and learn more about the history and trees of your favorite park, then take yourself on a self-guided tour to improve your tree ID using your phone! [View the maps.](#)

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Learning Landscapes Volunteer Training



Curiosity and enthusiasm are found in abundance at Learning Landscapes tree plantings. Come join us on February 3rd to become part of the Learning Landscapes program!

Are you looking for a way to share your love of nature with youth and to volunteer in a meaningful way? Then we have the event for you!

The **Learning Landscapes** program empowers students to plant trees at their schools with the assistance of Urban Forestry staff and volunteers. The volunteer time that community members like you give to the program allows us to reach over 500 students a year!

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Please join us for a Planting Assistant training on Saturday, February 3rd from 9:00 am to noon. You will learn everything you need to know to be a volunteer with Learning Landscapes, including how to properly plant a tree. After the training, volunteers will be asked to sign up to join three school tree planting events in the future. Lots of fun and fresh air are waiting for you!

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/LLVolTraining>

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The Evergreens of Irvington

Saturday, 2/10/18, 10 am - noon

The **Irvington Tree Team** and Jim Gersbach from the Oregon Department of Forestry are hosting a walking tour to talk about the evergreen trees that surround us.

This walk will explore both broadleaf evergreens as well as conifers, with special attention made to those species that work well as street trees in Portland. This is a very popular event and space is limited, so reserve your spot and register now!

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2018Evergreens>



Winter Fruit Tree Pruning

Tuesday, 2/13/18, 9 am - noon

There is quite a difference between fruit tree pruning and street tree pruning! Learn techniques from certified arborists that will help keep your fruit tree healthy and producing good quality fruit.

Our demonstration orchard was planted in 2010, and includes 55 diverse fruit and nut trees for hands on practice, but space in this workshop is limited to 20 participants.

If you're a beginner to fruit tree pruning, you won't want to miss this, and if you already have experience, then come sharpen those skills!

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More Upcoming Events

2/24/18, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm: Decode the Tree Code. An introduction to tree permitting and development requirements. East Portland Community Center (740 SE 106th Ave) [Register here.](#)

Tell us which parks to inventory in 2018!



Portland has over 200 developed parks, and in 2017, 51 of those were inventoried by staff and volunteers working on the Park Tree Inventory. We are now accepting applications from community members for parks to inventory in 2018! Will your park be one of them?

The **Tree Inventory Project** wants to hear from you. Urban Forestry's effort to map, measure, and assess the trees that make up Portland's spectacular urban forest is driven by volunteers, and this starts with where we inventory!

We are currently seeking applications from interested Tree Teams and individuals to have their neighborhood park inventoried this summer. By participating in the Park Tree Inventory, your group helps to organize workdays and in the process gets to know your park a little better—and recruit a few new members!

[Click here](#) for applications and more information on our website. Applications are due February 15. For questions, email treeinventory@portlandoregon.gov.

In Other News

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Who's your tree hero? They deserve an award: Nominate your tree hero(es) for the Naito Community Trees Award today! This prestigious award honors individuals and groups of people who are volunteer champions of Portland's urban forest. Nominations are due by January 31, 2018. [Complete the simple nomination form here.](#)

Yard Tree Giveaway, read the results: In 2017, Urban Forestry held three yard tree giveaway events that distributed 467 trees throughout the city. Read more about the program on our blog: [Urban Forestry Completes Pilot Year for Yard Tree Giveaway.](#)

Even more interactive tree maps on the Urban Forestry website: Take a tree tour of Alberta, Arbor Lodge, Wilshire, or Ventura Parks, the latest installments of the Tree Inventory Project's online maps of parks inventoried in 2017. [View the maps here.](#) Also, take an exclusive FIRST LOOK at the mobile-friendly map of all 6,000 park trees inventoried in 2017: www.tinyurl.com/portlandparktrees.

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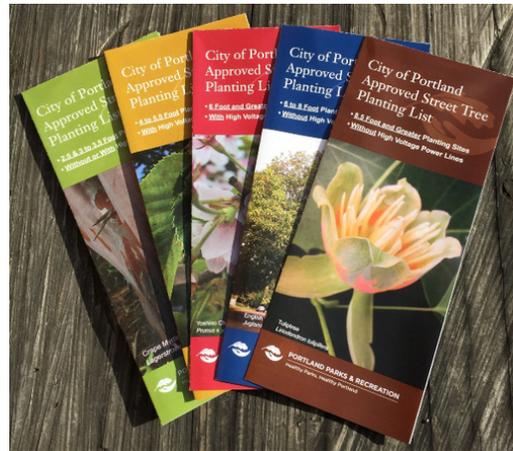


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Tree Code Trivia! Test Your Title 11 Know-how



Clearances for trees in the right-of-way, and Approved Street Tree Planting Lists are some of the resources available at: www.portlandoregon.gov/trees.

Question: To promote the growth of a healthy urban canopy, Title 11 requires permits for most pruning of City trees. What size tree branches can be pruned with a free, self-issued online permit through the Urban Forestry website?

1. Branches less than 8 inches in diameter
2. Branches less than 6 inches in diameter
3. Branches less than 4 inches in diameter
4. All branches require a permit

Answer: The correct answer is 2, branches less than six inches in diameter are eligible for a free, **self-issued online permit** when the following conditions are met:

- The street tree is in a residential-zoned property (this includes multi-dwelling units)

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- Pruning is for young tree pruning, crown cleaning, or crown raising for clearance of the street and sidewalk (7.5 feet above the sidewalk, 11 feet above residential streets, and 14 feet over arterial streets)
- The street tree is not a Heritage Tree

For street tree branches less than 1/2 inch and roots less than 1/4 inch, a pruning permit is not needed. Remember, **proper pruning** at any branch or root size is important! Consult the **Local Tree Care Provider List** for help finding knowledgeable local arborists.

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Decode the Tree Code

Saturday, 2/24/18, 9 am - noon
Location: 1137 SE 20th Ave.

What do I do about a dead street tree? How are trees handled during construction? For answers to questions like these, join us in a focused training about Portland's Tree Code, Title 11. Participants will be introduced to the processes involved in the regulation of our city trees. This training is intended for all community members to gain a better understanding of tree permitting and regulations in Portland. Both development and non-development topics will be covered.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/DecodeFeb>



Advanced Pruning Training Social Hour

Wednesday, 2/21/18, 5 pm - 8 pm
Location: 5115 NE Sandy Blvd.

We want to hear from our experienced pruners! Urban Forestry is developing an advanced tree pruning program for community members with the skills and initiative to prune street trees in their neighborhood. Help shape the way this new program will operate in a fun and relaxed atmosphere at Laurelwood Public House. The training itself will be on Saturday, March 3rd.

Register here:

<https://tinyurl.com/Advancedpruning2018>

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More Upcoming Events

3/3/18, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm: Advanced Tree Pruning Training. Calling all experienced pruners: Urban Forestry will train individuals, Neighborhood Tree Stewards, and Tree Teams to prune street trees. Mt. Scott Community Center (5530 SE 72nd Ave) [Register here.](#)

Tree Inspector Position is Open, Apply Now



The City of Portland is accepting applications for the position of Tree Inspector. Tree Inspectors play an integral role in carrying out the City's goals to protect, preserve, restore, and expand the urban forest. The position is of an advanced professional and technical scope in the evaluation and assessment of trees to enforce City tree code regulations. Tree Inspectors enforce tree code regulations through permit applications, development plan reviews, field inspections, and on-site tree assessments while engaging in extensive professional public communications and interactions.

SALARY: \$27.67 - \$34.23 Hourly

OPENING DATE: 02/12/18

CLOSING DATE: 03/09/18 11:59 PM

APPLICATIONS MAY BE FILED ONLINE AT:

<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/jobs>

In Other News

Heritage Tree Podcasts: These podcasts were created as part of Portland State University's course on Portland's Heritage Tree program. Listen and explore some of the magnificent trees within the program, as well as a few trees that are not officially designated. [Visit PSU's podcast site here.](#)

Black History Month: In the 1960's, tree planting efforts in the Albina neighborhood were headed by local black leaders like Mrs. Opal Strong. Read about the historic cherries planted as part of the Albina Tree Planting program in our [blog post.](#)

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Oregon's 159th Birthday: Valentine's day was also Oregon's birthday. Read our valentine to our great state tree, the Douglas-fir, [here](#).

Arbor Day: Mark your calendars, on Saturday, April 21st, Urban Forestry will celebrate trees at Mt. Scott Park! Join the fun for this free, family-friendly event where all Portlanders are welcome! [Find out all the details here](#).

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Become a Tree Walk Instructor!



Two experienced presenters, Dave Hedberg and Julie Fukuda, serve as examples of what makes a Tree Walk successful - interesting content and engaging delivery! Are you ready to give it a try?

Do you like sharing your knowledge and interest in trees? Do you want to lead a tree walk, but aren't sure how to get started? Urban Forestry will TRAIN YOU to organize and lead a Tree Walk in your neighborhood, or another location in Portland.

This training will be led by Dave Hedberg, who will teach you how to facilitate a fun, interesting, and captivating walk. We will build our skills, share our experiences, and find ways to engage the imaginations of our future tour participants. The workshop will begin with an overview and some exercises in crafting content. Next, we will cover presentation fundamentals as we walk through the neighborhood and into Kenilworth Park. There, we will break into small groups and practice giving interpretive talks. When you leave at the end of the workshop, be sure to remember that we have reserved two open Saturdays on our calendar, April 7th and 14th, set aside for YOUR walk!

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People of all knowledge and experience levels are welcome, just bring your interest in trees and a passion for educating others.

When: Saturday, March 10th, 2018 | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Where: Kenilworth Presbyterian Church | 4028 SE 34th Ave.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2018TreeWalkTraining>

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Prune Like a Pro

Saturday, 3/17/18, 9 am - noon

Woodlawn Park | NE 13th Ave. and Dekum St.

Join Urban Forestry and the Woodlawn Tree Team for one of our classic pruning events. This workshop is perfect for folks new to pruning, or who are looking to go over the basics again. ISA Certified Arborist, Van Bogner, will lead us in a presentation of best pruning practices, with attention focused on young street trees. We will then break into small groups, each with their own ISA Certified Arborist, to practice what we have learned on trees in the neighborhood.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2018WoodlawnPrune>



Tree History in Rose City Park

Saturday, 3/31/18, 10 am - 1 pm

Location to be determined

Historian Dave Hedberg is at it again, this time in the Rose City Park neighborhood! Explore how history and nature intersect in our city. Trees represent layers of human history from indigenous peoples to recent arrivals, each with a unique story. Whether you are interested in trees, history, or both, you will enjoy this fun and informative walk through the Rose City Park neighborhood.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2018RCPhistory>

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Tree Planting Highlights!



Planting trees in the Chimney Park Dog Off-Leash Area in January, and at Vernon School in February.

Before the snow came along, volunteers enjoyed pleasant planting weather at two Urban Forestry winter tree planting events. We're not sure who had more fun at Chimney Park, the dogs or the people! As for Vernon School, it was the grown-ups time to shine as they dug out dead/dying trees and replaced them with healthy new specimens.

Do you know of a school where you would like to champion a tree planting event? If so, consider visiting the [Learning Landscapes](#) page and filling out a School Tree Planting Application. Or, as a member of your local [Tree Team](#), you may have the opportunity to help organize a tree planting event in a community location in your neighborhood.

To see more photos from Urban Forestry events, and to find inspiration for a planting project of your own, visit our [Flickr page](#).

In Other News

Orchard Stewards Needed: Do you love fruit trees? Volunteer to prune, train, harvest, and care for fruit and nut trees at UF's demonstration orchard for 10 to 15 hours per month. Interest letters due March 19. [Learn more here](#).

Oregon White Oak Species Profile: Native to the Pacific Northwest, their large trunks and broad crowns help Oregon white oaks create a strong presence in both their natural habitat and in yards and parks around Portland. Read a few more facts and see [photos of Oregon white oak Heritage Trees](#).

Hiring Seasonal Staff, Apply Now: We are filling several seasonal positions including Park Tree Inventory Coordinators and Urban Forest Inventory Data Collectors. The start date is May 3, 2018 and runs for 5-6 months. Pay starts at \$17/hour. Staff will work a 40-hour work week, which will include Saturdays and evenings. Read more detailed [position descriptions here](#).

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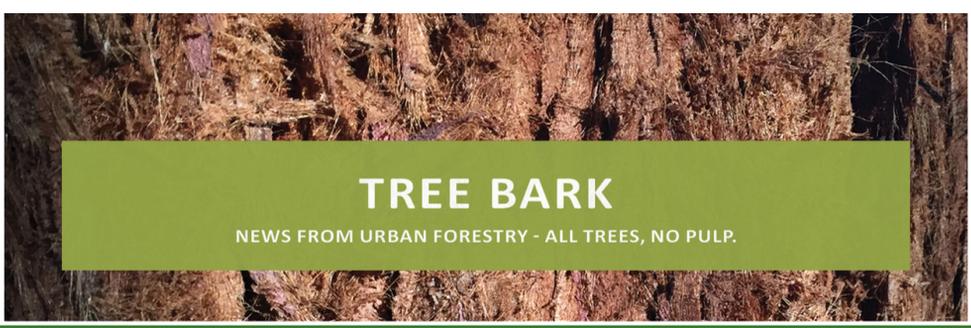
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Tree Inventory Update: 2018 Parks Announced



Park Tree Inventory uses mobile data collection along with other forestry tools such as diameter tapes to measure trunk size, and clinometers and laser range finders to determine tree height.

The leaves are starting to pop, which can only mean one thing: inventory season is just around the corner!

Congratulations to all the Neighborhood Tree Teams whose parks were accepted for this year's inventory. Urban Forestry will be working with these groups over the next 6 months to recruit volunteers and inventory every tree in each of these parks. Among this year's list are some of Portland's most iconic parks and some of our most glorious trees. Below is the list of this year's parks—if you are interested in joining your neighborhood group in organizing these events, send an email to treeinventory@portlandoregon.gov.

2018 Inventory Parks

- Argay Park
- Columbia Park
- Downtown Parks
- Ed Benedict Park
- Fernhill Park
- Gabriel Park
- Kenton Park
- Lair Hill Park
- Laurelhurst Park
- Lincoln Park
- Peninsula Park
- Willamette Park

[Click here](#) to see a map of this year's parks!

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Saturday, 3/17/18, 9 am - noon
Woodlawn Park | NE 13th Ave. and Dekum St.

Want to learn tree pruning basics from an expert? This is your chance to work in small groups with an ISA Certified Arborist. After a short demonstration from Instructor Van Bogner, we will practice our new skills on street trees in the Woodlawn neighborhood. Just bring yourself, a

friend, and your desire to learn!

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2018WoodlawnPrune>



Tree History in Rose City Park

Saturday, 3/31/18, 10 am - 1 pm
Rose City Park, NE Tillamook St. and NE 62nd Ave.

Historian Dave Hedberg is at it again, this time in the Rose City Park neighborhood! Explore how history and nature intersect in our city. Trees represent layers of human history from indigenous peoples to recent arrivals, each with a unique story. Whether you are interested in trees,

history, or both, you will enjoy this fun and informative walk through the Rose City Park neighborhood.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2018RCPHistory>

Save the Date! Portland's Arbor Day Celebration is Saturday, April 21st



Lots of fun at Arbor Day - photos with Friends of Trees mascot, Garry Oak, and free trees, courtesy of Urban Forestry's Yard Tree Giveaway program.

Arbor Day is coming up! Not only is this a great chance to meet new people in an outdoor setting, but you can also learn how and why trees are important to your friends and neighbors all across the city. For example, did you know that trees planted in the right locations can:

- Reduce your energy bills (heating and cooling cost savings)
- Improve air quality
- Screen out or reduce noise

Arbor Day will include food, live music, tree-themed family fun events, tree climbing demonstrations and free tree giveaways. This year we will be joined by over 15 community partners with great activities and information for you to connect with the trees in your community.

We need your help! Arbor Day posters are hot off the press, and we want to get the word out. [Sign up here](#) to receive free posters to hang where you know they'll be seen.

In Other News

Flowering Tree Map: Have the blossoms on the cherry and plum trees caught your eye yet? Take a look at this map made to put a spring in your step! Plan the best route to see the most blooms [here](#).

New Amendments to Title 11 - Trees: City Council approved changes to Portland's Tree Code regarding Trees in Development Situations on February 14, 2018. These changes will be effective March 16, 2018. Please see a summary of the amendments [here](#).

Hiring Seasonal Staff, Apply Now: We are filling several seasonal positions including Park Tree Inventory Coordinators and Urban Forest Inventory Data Collectors. The start date is May 3, 2018 and runs for 5-6 months. Pay starts at \$17/hour. Staff will work a 40-hour work week, and may include Saturdays and evenings. Read more detailed [position descriptions here](#).

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2018 Bill Naito Community Trees Award Winners Announced



Carol Lee, pictured far left, with another Jade Walker, Carol Chan. T-shirts and sweatshirts created by the St. Johns Tree Team to promote tree planting and tree care in their neighborhood.

Join us on **April 21st at Mt. Scott Park** for Portland's Arbor Day Celebration, as we recognize the **2018 Naito Community Trees Award winners**.

Each year, the Naito Award honors an individual and a Group that exemplify the spirit of Bill Naito, founder of the Urban Forestry Commission, and a champion of our urban forest. We all have the potential to make a positive difference in our community, and the Naito Award winners are proof of that!

Winner of the Individual Award: Carol Lee

Carol Lee is a community leader in the Jade District (an area around SE 82nd Ave. and Division St.) and a 2017 Neighborhood Tree Steward. Through her advocacy and community mobilizing skills, Carol has contributed immensely to the success of the Jade Greening Project by bringing nearly 50 trees to this low canopy neighborhood! Her efforts in this project will have a direct and long-lasting impact in making the area a healthier and safer place for the many diverse communities of Portlanders that call the Jade District their home.

Winner of the Group Award: St. Johns Tree Team

The St. Johns Tree Team (SJTT) has been dedicated to encouraging stewardship and support for trees in their North Portland neighborhood. Tree Team members hold regular meetings, plan community events, and are systematically planting young street trees through Urban Forestry workshops. Most recently, the SJTT worked to help plant new trees in Chimney Park. They have created a website and list their Tree Team mission as: to improve and protect the St. Johns urban forest for the benefit of all.

Congratulations to both Carol Lee and the St. Johns Tree Team, as well as to all of those who were nominated for the Naito Award. If you would like to nominate an individual or group in the future, please visit our [Naito Award](#) web page.

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Tree History in Rose City Park
Saturday, 3/31/18, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Rose City Park, NE Tillamook St. and NE 62nd Ave.

Registration has been filling up! Don't miss out on this opportunity to walk and talk with Historian Dave Heuberg in the Rose City Park neighborhood. Explore how history and nature intersect in our city. Trees represent layers of human history from indigenous peoples to recent arrivals, each with a unique story. Whether you are interested in trees, history, or both, you will enjoy this fun and informative walk.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/2018RCHistory>



Volunteering at Arbor Day
Saturday, 4/21/18, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Mt. Scott Park, SE 72nd Ave. and Harold St.

Want to help out at Portland's Arbor Day Celebration? We are looking for volunteers who want to help Urban Forestry throughout the Arbor Day event. Volunteers will assist with event set up, tree giveaways, tabling, and engaging with the public to talk trees!

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/ArborDayVolunteers>

New Heritage Trees Approved by City Council



Two newly designated Heritage Trees, the distinctive leaves of the only sassafras Heritage Tree, and a publicly-owned ponderosa pine in SW Portland.

On February 28th, City Council unanimously approved 10 new Heritage Trees. Once designated, Heritage Trees receive strong protections under 11.20.060 of Portland's Tree Code, Title 11.

However, the journey from nomination to designation is a tough one, and only the finest specimens, because of their size, size, type or historical association or horticultural value make it through. Here's a quick summary of the process:

- May 1st, nominations for Heritage Trees are due
- June, nominated trees are inspected, only those that fit the criteria move forward
- June - September, Heritage Tree Committee tours the trees and votes, property owner permissions secured
- November - January, Urban Forestry Commission approves select trees, sends recommendation to City Council
- February - April, City Council votes and designation is finalized, property owners notified
- May, plaques are installed on the trees and public records are updated, including the map

Now that spring has officially arrived, you may want to check out our [Heritage Tree Guides and Walks](#). Who knows, you may spot a future Heritage Tree just waiting for a nomination!

In Other News

Elm Pruning Moratorium: Dutch Elm Disease (DED) has devastated elm trees across the country, and Portland is no exception. To protect our elms, Urban Forestry has a management program which includes a prohibition on pruning elm trees from April 15 through October 15. Learn more about DED, the pruning moratorium, and what you can do to protect your elm trees [here](#).

Welcome New UFC Members: Arjanette Brown, Lorena Nasdimento, and Megan Van De Mark have joined the Urban Forestry Commission! Appointed by the Mayor, these volunteers serve on the urban forest's volunteer advisory commission. Read more about these amazing women and the Urban Forestry Commission [here](#).

Spring Cleaning Permit Reminder: Planning to do some pruning now that winter is over? Keep in mind that street tree pruning requires a permit, and if it meets basic criteria, the permit is free and available online. Also, certain types of improper pruning, like topping a tree, is considered an unpermitted removal. For more information on when a permit is needed and how to get one, please visit our [Tree Permits](#) page.

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NEWS FROM URBAN FORESTRY - ALL TREES, NO PULP.

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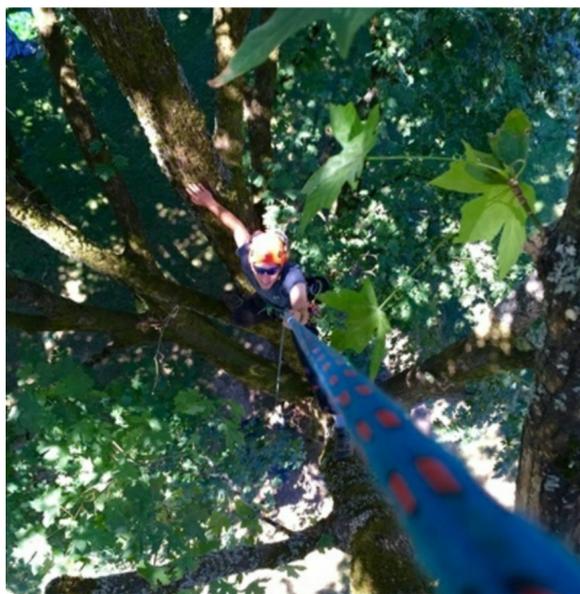


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Tree Climbing Offered on Arbor Day!



See the world in a new way this Arbor Day, from high up in the trees!

This year's Arbor Day celebration will offer you the chance to experience trees in a whole new way. **Expedition Old Growth**, a Pacific Northwest-based company that offers guided tree climbing, is joining Portland Parks & Recreation for our Arbor Day Celebration!

Expedition Old Growth's skilled arborists will have free climbing stations set up in the trees at Mt. Scott Park. People of all ages are welcome to come get a bird's eye view of the Arbor Day Celebration. Professional tree climbers will show you the ropes, saddles, and special gear you will use in your big tree climbing adventure. They will also demonstrate the tree climbing techniques that help them safely reach the forest canopy without harming or changing the trees.

Climbing trees with Expedition Old Growth will be one of many exciting ways to learn more about and appreciate Portland's great trees during our Arbor Day celebration. If you have not already, mark your calendars for **Arbor Day**, Saturday, April 21, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Mt. Scott Park.

Partner Highlight: Hoyt Arboretum



**Hoyt Arboretum
Friends**

Supporting Portland's museum of living trees



If you are looking for more amazing tree-centric events and activities, check out **Hoyt Arboretum!** Portland Parks partners with Hoyt Arboretum Friends to bring high quality walks, talks, and events to the public, all hosted at the arboretum.

Celebrating its 90th birthday this month, Hoyt has 12 miles of hiking trails and is home to more than 2,300 species of trees. This living museum is full of surprises for even the most seasoned tree lover.

Their April calendar includes events on ethnobotany, forest bathing, botanical illustration, rare conifers, spring color, a tree book club, and more! We especially love their kids' events such as "Family Forest Day," which includes a scavenger hunt on many school closure days. Check out their current offerings here: www.hoytarboretum.org/activities-events/upcoming-events1/.

Hiring Seasonal Planting Program Assistant: Applications Due April 20, 2018



Yard Tree Giveaway events were a popular tree planting program last fall.

Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry is seeking seasonal staff to work with its outreach and science group assisting with development of tree planting program materials, providing outreach for those programs and performing field work that includes monitoring the health of trees planted last year.

This position will work with the Planting Program Coordinator for Urban Forestry on a variety of projects to include event planning and preparation for the annual fall tree giveaway events, monitoring the health of trees planted on private property in 2017, and assist with developing, planning and implementation of new tree planting programs. The Planting Program Assistant will represent Urban Forestry to the public and work closely with volunteers.

Position details:

- Work schedule is 20 hours/week, starting late May to mid-November 2018
- Starting pay rate is \$17/hour
- Some evening and weekend work
- Work site is 10910 N. Denver Ave., Portland, OR 97217

Required for All Positions: Valid driver's license and acceptable driving record, must pass a criminal background check, and must be at least 18 years of age.

Application procedure: Applications accepted until April 20, 2018. Send resume, cover letter, and list of three professional references via email to Leanne Wells at leanne.wells@portlandoregon.gov. Candidates selected for interviews will be notified no later than May 11, 2018.

In Other News

We've Got Potential: Check out the latest report on Portland's tree canopy and see which areas of the city have trees, and which have room for more. Overall, Portland has more than enough room to meet our current goal of having one-third of the city under tree canopy by 2035. [Read the report here.](#)

Heritage Tree Nominations Due May 1: For a tree to become a Heritage Tree, it has to be nominated first! Do you know of a tree, either on private property or in a public place, that you think deserves this honor? Visit the Heritage Tree page to learn more about [nominating a tree of your own.](#)

Elm Pruning Moratorium: Dutch Elm Disease (DED) has devastated elm trees across the country, and Portland is no exception. To protect our elms, Urban Forestry has a management program which includes a prohibition on pruning elm trees from April 15 through October 15. Learn more about DED, the pruning moratorium, and what you can do to protect your elm trees [here.](#)

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Want to Plant a Tree? Wait Until Fall!



Trees ready to be unloaded for planting in late October, and a giant sequoia that was planted at Rigler School earlier this February.

Warmer weather is on the way, and that means it is time to STOP planting trees from May 1st to October 1st. If you have a [Tree Removal and Replanting Permit](#) issued during that time, you should plan to wait for the cooler, wetter months to plant a replacement tree.

It may seem strange for Urban Forestry to ask you not to plant trees when the weather is so nice, but there is a good reason! Trees planted during hot, dry weather are more likely to die.

From fall to early spring, however, temperatures are cooler, there is usually abundant rainfall, and many trees are not actively growing, or growing only moderately. This allows the tree to have time to adjust to its new surroundings before focusing its energy on new growth and staying cool.

Remember to mark your calendars to plant your new tree once the May 1st - October 1st deferral period has ended! Click [here](#) for more information on planting trees in Portland.

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Friends of Trees Guided Walk

Sunday, 4/29/18, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Glenwood Park, SE 87th Ave. & Claybourne St.

Join Theresa Huang, a Friends of Trees staff member, for a walk around the Lents neighborhood. You will explore the concept of "right tree, right place", keeping in mind species, spacing, and overhead high-voltage wires. Learn about street tree options for your site, whether it is large or small.

Friends of Trees is a non-profit that works closely with Urban Forestry and the Bureau of Environmental Services to plant street trees and

grow our urban forest. Meet near the restrooms in Glenwood Park before the walk begins.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/FOTTreeWalk2018>



Local Tree Care Provider Workshop

Friday, 5/18/18, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: 3350 SE Francis St.

This workshop is for professionals in the arborist community to learn about or review Portland's Tree Code, [Title 11 — Trees](#). There is no cost to attend, but registration is recommended in order to receive workshop materials.

Attendance at one workshop each year is one of the requirements to be included on the City's [Local Tree Care Provider List](#).

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/LTCP-5-18-18>

This May, watch for Pop-up Arboreta in Cathedral, Irving, and Ventura Parks!



Last summer, during the [Park Tree Inventory](#), volunteers and staff agreed that many of our park trees are worthy of being part of an arboretum.

For the month of May, Urban Forestry will be installing informational signs on select trees in Cathedral, Irving, and Ventura Parks. This will turn each park into a "Pop-up" Arboretum!

You can explore the signs in these Pop-up Arboreta on your own, with friends and family, or enjoy one of our guided tours. Urban Forestry staff and ISA Certified Arborist Patrick Key will lead walks to explore the trees we found in Ventura and Cathedral Parks. No registration required.

Guided tree walks with Urban Forestry staff and certified arborists:

- Ventura Park, SE 113th Ave. and Stark St. — May 5th, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
- Cathedral Park, N Edison St. and Pittsburg Ave. — May 19th, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Tours every hour, on the hour!



The flower from a tulip tree and the rosebud-shaped cones of a Western redcedar are some of the details waiting to be discovered in our parks. What tree will you discover at a Pop-up Arboretum?

In Other News

Urban Forestry Mourns the Passing of John Warner: A long-time friend to Portland's urban forest, John Warner was an award-winning landscape architect who worked on projects such as: The Oregon Holocaust Memorial, Cathedral Park, and the Washington Park Zoo Master Plan. He also served on the Urban Forestry Commission and the Heritage Tree Committee. For more information on his life and work, [please read his obituary here](#).

Lan Su Chinese Garden is Hiring: Located in Portland's historic Chinatown, Lan Su Chinese Garden is seeking a Garden Curator. The position will be open until filled, but resume reviews will begin immediately, and interviews should be scheduled to begin on May 16th, 2018 or before. For more information, [view the job description here](#).

Native Plant Month PDX, April 28th — May 31st: The Portland chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon will be promoting a month-long celebration of native plants with many educational events. Space in these events is limited, so try not to wait too long! Check out their [schedule of events here](#).

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A True Celebration of Trees! Record Breaking Attendance at Arbor Day 2018



Music, food, tree climbing, and lots of educational booths provided fun for everyone at Arbor Day 2018.

Mother nature and Urban Forestry teamed up and brought sunshine for Portland's Arbor Day celebration which took place on Saturday, April 21st. The Arbor Day event at Mt. Scott Park brought in a record attendance of over 1000 people!

Displays and activities based around trees, the environment, and stewardship greeted visitors of all ages, and provided an opportunity to learn about the benefits of the natural environment around them.

Activities at Arbor Day included:

- Tree giveaways
- Live music and dancing
- Eco-themed scavenger hunt
- Face painting
- Tree climbing
- Awards ceremony

For the adventurous, there was an opportunity to climb the park's Douglas-firs with the help of **Expedition Old Growth**, an eco-tourism company based in Portland. Over 100 people ascended 60 feet into the canopy for a true bird's eye view of the event.

Back on the ground, over 200 young trees found new homes as part of Urban Forestry's **Yard Tree Giveaway** program as well as a crowd-favorite, free tree seedlings.

Underlying the Arbor Day event was an appreciation for trees and the great efforts that go into caring for them. Portland's City Forester, Jenn Cairo, honored Carol Lee and the St. Johns Tree Team with **Bill Naito Community Trees Awards**, in recognition of their urban forest stewardship.

Thanks to our many volunteers who made Arbor Day possible! Keep an eye out for information on next year's Arbor Day and the ways that you can get involved in celebrating Portland's urban forest.

Click [here](#) to see more photos from the Arbor Day 2018 celebration!

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Pop-up Arboretum in Cathedral Park

Saturday, 5/19/18, 10 am - 1:30 pm

Location: N Baltimore Ave. & N Bradford St.

While most know it for its location under the St. Johns Bridge, Cathedral Park is also home to one of the most diverse collections of trees east of the Willamette River. Learn about the trees of the park on a self-guided tour, or on one of four hourly walks led by an ISA Certified Arborist. Be sure to ask about the mysterious Cathedral Park time capsule! No registration required, and all are

welcome to attend this event brought to you by the **St. Johns Tree Team** and the **Tree Inventory Project**. *This arboretum is one of three up around the city for the month of May. Be sure to also visit Irving and Ventura Parks this month and take yourself on a self-guided tour!*



Park Tree Inventory Team Leader Training

Two-part series: Begins Saturday, 6/2 or 6/9

and field training 6/16 or 6/20

Location: See registration link for details

Get involved in the **Park Tree Inventory** Project and collect data on our park trees! Team Leaders learn advanced tree identification and how to lead other volunteers in taking measurements using fun forestry tools. No experience required — don't worry, we'll make an expert out of you! This two-

part training begins 6/2 or 6/9. **Note to 2017 Park Inventory Team Leaders: you are only required to attend one refresher field training, occurring Saturday, 6/16 or Wednesday, 6/20.**

Register here: <http://www.tinyurl.com/TLT2018>

More Upcoming Events

5/18/18, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm: Local Tree Care Provider Workshop. This tree code workshop is a specialized training intended for professionals who work with trees in Portland. There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is encouraged. Community Music Center (3350 SE Francis St.) [Register here.](#)

Summer Tree Care: Watering and Mulch



A five-gallon bucket with small holes to slowly release water is an easy and affordable option for watering your trees. Mulch piled up against tree trunks is bad for trees, avoid 'mulch volcanoes.'

Warmer days are ahead and with that comes the responsibility of caring for your trees during Portland's dry season.

Properly mulching your trees can:

- Suppress weeds, and reduce competition for resources
- Help the soil retain moisture longer
- Prevent lawn mower and string trimmer damage
- Create a world of beneficial microbes for the tree's root system

For mulching, start three to four inches away from the trunk and apply a layer of wood chips about three to four inches deep. Extend the mulch layer out three to four feet for a young or small form tree. Mature or large form trees may need a wider circle. When mulching, think WIDER NOT HIGHER, and always avoid mulch volcanoes, which can suffocate your tree by blocking air exchange through the trunk and root flare! Mulch volcanoes (pictured above) invite pests and diseases that can lead to decay, and can also cause false roots to develop above the soil line making the tree less stable.

Likewise, watering newly planted trees for the first three years will:

- Help prevent a drought-related death
- Aid in the development of a strong root system
- Help the tree develop good form with healthy branches

For watering, young trees need a minimum of 15 gallons of water per week and sometimes up to 30 gallons depending on the weather. A handy watering tip we recommend is using a five-gallon bucket with three holes near the trunk. A handy watering tip we recommend is using a five-gallon bucket with three holes near the trunk of your tree with the holes facing the trunk. Fill it up three times per week and let the water slowly trickle into the root zone.

For more information, check out our [Establishment Care](#) web page.

In Other News

OMSI Climate Resilience Forum: How should Portland build resilience in dealing with weather and climate-related risks in the coming decades? Provide your input and perspectives, while earning \$50.00 [Apply to participate here.](#)

Friends of Trees is Hiring: Summer job opportunities include part-time positions as a Neighborhood Trees Outreach Assistant, and a full-time position as an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Specialist. [Read more about the positions here.](#)

May is Asian Heritage Month at Lan Su: Celebrate Asian Heritage Month with Lan Su this May with exciting cultural performances, special talks, activities each weekend, and two specially ticketed events. [Learn more and see the schedule of events here.](#)

Permit Changes and Alerts: Urban Forestry has redesigned our permits to include a separate posting page. This posting page is required to be posted on site in a location visible to pedestrians and motorists while approved tree removal work is underway (Title 11, 11.30.100.A). For current Urban Forestry alerts, [visit the Alerts Page here.](#)

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Sign Up Now for Team Leader Training!



Team Leader Training is an opportunity to learn how to measure and identify trees, meet new people, and enjoy time outside in Portland's parks.

Ready to take your tree knowledge to the next level? We encourage all tree enthusiasts to become Team Leaders to lead other inventory volunteers at summer **Park Tree Inventory workdays.**

At Team Leader Training, you will learn species identification, tree measuring techniques, and data collection methods - no experience required!

Urban Forestry is again partnering with neighborhood **Tree Teams** to inventory every tree in 17 parks this summer. Last year we inventoried 6,000 trees in 13 parks across Portland with the help of over 200 volunteers. Team Leaders are the backbone of the inventory, making it possible to take on such an enormous task.

Team Leader trainings begin Saturday, June 2. The training consists of two sessions: one classroom training and one out in a park. At the end, Team Leaders will have the skills necessary to inventory trees, and will be ready to lead groups of volunteers on inventory workdays throughout the summer!

Register here for Team Leader Training and for all inventory work days. Team Leaders from 2017 are encouraged to attend just one refresher field session on 6/16/18 or 6/20/18.

We are looking forward to another successful season!

Team Leader Training

Classroom sessions (attend one):

Saturday, 6/2/18, Portsmouth Trinity Lutheran, 7119 N. Portsmouth Ave. **Register here.**

Saturday, 6/9/18, Kenilworth Presbyterian, 4028 SE 34th Ave. **Register here.**

Field sessions (attend one):

Saturday, 6/16/18, **Montavilla Park**

Wednesday, 6/20/18, **Oregon Park**

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Inventory Workday Calendar

We are expecting to hug over 10,000 trees this summer (with a measuring tape), and we need your help! Join Urban Forestry as we map, measure, and identify every tree in 17 different parks in all parts of the city.

All ages, abilities, and levels of tree knowledge are encouraged to attend. Details can be found on the **Inventory website**.

Register for workdays here.

More Upcoming Events

Ongoing through the month of May: Pop-up Arboreta at Ventura, Irving, and Cathedral parks.

Have you seen the signs? It's not too late to visit one of Portland's parks to learn more about individual trees. Several trees in each park have been tagged with fun facts. Not able to make it to the park this month? Check out the **story maps** for some of the parks inventoried last year.

6/3/18, 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm: Portland's Urban Forest: What are we doing now and what needs to be done? Bruce Nelson, a Cully Tree Team member, will be hosting a meet up for Portland's tree teams and tree advocates. The meet up will focus on what tree teams are doing currently to connect with Portland's urban forest and what could be done going forward. Meet at McMenamins **Kennedy School**, in the Community Room at 5736 NE 33rd Ave. Email Bruce to register: nelson-matthews@comcast.net.

Portland Launches New Study of Our Urban Forest



A training plot is used to teach Urban Forest Inventory and Analysis data collection procedures. Urban Forestry staff attended a training to learn protocol standards for this national program.

This summer, Urban Forestry is partnering with the US Forest Service to establish 200 plots for long-term monitoring of Portland's urban canopy through a study called the **Urban Forest Inventory and Analysis** (Urban FIA). Study plots have been randomly generated and their size is equal to 1/6 of an acre. These plots cross public and private property, with some plots involving multiple property owners.

Tree and land use data will be collected by Urban Forestry staff trained and certified in study protocol for this national program. All data, including plot locations and ownership information will be confidential, and data will not be used for regulatory purposes.

Data will be used to provide city-wide information on:

- The value and benefits of our urban forest
- Forest canopy composition with trees identified to species
- Changes in land use and canopy cover
- The resiliency of our urban forest to pests, pathogens, and climate change
- Best practice for managing our urban forest
- Comparison with other participating US cities

You might receive a letter in the mail requesting permission for Urban Forestry staff to access your property and collect data. Please contribute to this historic scientific study and help us all to better understand and manage our urban forest by consenting to participation. There is no cost to you and the benefits reach far and wide!

Visit the **Urban FIA** website for more information on this program, or contact:

Nik.Desai@portlandoregon.gov.

In Other News

Friends of Trees, Trees and Health: Did you know that research is showing a connection between nature and health? Join Friends of Trees and Dr. Desiree Backman for a free talk on how we can create healthier communities by planting trees together. This event is sponsored by Metro. **Register here.**

Columbia Springs Workshops: Forest Therapy, a Guided Walk, and Urban Foraging are a few of the upcoming workshops offered by Columbia Springs, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in Vancouver, WA. Learn more about their 100-acre natural area and the programs they provide by **visiting their workshop website.**

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Urban Forestry is Hiring: Botanic Specialist II - Forestry. Apply Now!



Urban Forestry's mission is to manage and ensure Portland's urban forest infrastructure for current and future generations. This includes street trees, park trees, and some private property trees.

Do you have experience in urban forestry? Are you able to manage tree inventory and forest assessment in support of a healthy forest? If so, you may be the Botanic Specialist II - Forestry specialist that we are looking for!

Portland Parks & Recreation is recruiting for a Botanic Specialist II - Forestry specialist that will have responsibility for managing and assessing tree programs in support of a healthy, growing urban forest.

The position may be responsible for tree inventory, forest assessment, pest and pathogen management, policy analysis, planting programs, planning, and permit reporting. Much of this position's work is project based and changes with the current needs of the division.

The position requires strong data management and analysis skills, as well as an understanding of best practices in urban forestry. The Botanic Specialist II writes and edits reports, gives presentations, and must be able to communicate verbally and in writing to a variety of audiences. This is a lead staff position, and the position coordinates the work of contractors, staff, and volunteers.

The Botanic Specialist II also collaborates closely with the community and participates regionally on urban forestry technical issues. In addition to this position, this recruitment may be used to fill future vacancies for Botanic Specialist II - Forestry.

For details, visit the [Botanic Specialist II - Forestry job posting](#).

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Inventory Season is Here!

The return of summer brings the return of the **Tree Inventory Project**. This summer, we will be measuring trees in **17 parks across Portland**.

The Tree Inventory Project is looking for volunteers for workdays throughout the summer. Volunteers will build tree identification skills, learn hands-on forestry surveying techniques, and meet fellow tree huggers. No experience necessary! A trained team leader will teach you everything you need to know.

Check out our complete [workday calendar](#) and join us at your neighborhood park!

Register here:

Gabriel Park, Saturday, June 23, 2018: <https://tinyurl.com/GabrielPark>

Peninsula Park, Saturday, June 30, 2018: <https://tinyurl.com/PeninsulaPark1>

Willamette Park, Saturday, July 14, 2018: <https://tinyurl.com/WillamettePark1>

More Upcoming Events

Portland Regional Tree Climbing Competition: Saturday, June 16, 2018 in Irving Park. Have you ever been to a tree climbing competition? If not, here is your chance! You will see tree climbers challenging themselves and displaying their skills as they climb 70 feet up into the trees of Irving Park. The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture will host this fun filled day that the entire family can enjoy. Free bucket truck rides and climbing for the kids will be on site. You do not need to register to attend. [Find more information here.](#)

We Are Hiring a Tree Establisher. Could it be You or Someone You Know?



The Seasonal Maintenance Worker - Tree Establisher works in parks, rights-of-way, and at schools to ensure that newly planted trees have the best chance at survival.

Urban Forestry is now hiring a Seasonal Maintenance Worker - Tree Establisher to assist our Urban Forestry Operations Department. The position will be responsible for visiting up to 120 trees weekly to provide them with essential water, mulch, and occasional pruning.

Ability to drive or willingness to learn to drive a large flatbed pickup truck is required. Training for all duties of the position will be provided. A valid driver's license is required. Hiring is contingent upon a criminal background check, 5-year driving record review, and physical aptitude test.

The start date is as soon as possible and will continue through the middle of October. Urban Forestry is willing to work around the right applicant's schedule regarding start or end date, within reason.

Follow these steps to apply for this position:

1. Submit application materials [here](#).
2. Once the application is submitted, contact the Operations Supervisor, Larry Maginnis, at Larry.Maginnis@portlandoregon.gov to ensure that your application reaches Urban Forestry.

Applicants may contact Larry Maginnis with questions regarding the position. We look forward to working with you!

In Other News

Epic Street Tree Bike Ride on Sunday, June 17, 2018 at 10:00 am: Orange Splot LLC offers this urban adventure as part of Pedalpalooza. The guided ride will take you from downtown to the Cully neighborhood with stops along the way to explore trees and the built environment. For a list of locations and more information, visit their website [here](#).

Race and Place: Racism and Resilience, Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 6:30 pm: How does Oregon's history of racism influence our present and how can understanding historical and current impacts of racism in Oregon contribute to our sense of place and visioning the future? How can diversity and inclusion create thriving communities? This is the focus of Race and Place: Racism and Resilience in Oregon's Past and Future, a free conversation with Anita Yap and Traci Price on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 6:30 pm at SE Uplift Neighborhood Coalition (3534 SE Main St. Portland, OR 97210). For more information and to sign up, visit the SE Uplift website [here](#).

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Local Tree Team Spotlight: Cully Cycle Track Tree Replacement Project



Sap oozed from declining birches on the Cully Blvd. cycle track before they were removed. Volunteers celebrated the planting of new replacement trees.

Have you ever passed by dead or dying trees and wished that someone would do something about it? The Cully Tree Team noticed 12 highly visible dying street trees in their neighborhood and took action!

For many of us, trying to make a difference in our neighborhoods can be difficult to figure out. It was clear that these trees in Cully needed to go, but who has the time and energy for such a project? Fortunately, the Cully Tree Team discovered that there were partnerships waiting to happen every step of the way.

As part of the **Cully Cycle Track Tree Replacement Project**, the Cully Tree Team joined up with the following project partners:

- Central Northeast Neighbors
- Cully Association of Neighbors
- East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
- Friends of Trees
- Local Tree Care Providers: Davey Tree Expert Co. and Emerald Tree, LLC
- PP&R Urban Forestry

Over the course of the project, the Cully Tree Team secured permits for 12 street tree removals and replacement plantings. They chose a diverse selection of replacement tree species including silverleaf oak, tupelo, Persian ironwood, elm, and ginkgo.

The team took special care to choose street trees that would minimize the impact of branches on nearby bicycle traffic along the cycle track. Additionally, they plan to monitor the health of the trees into the future and will continue to promote proper tree care with nearby residents.

For more details about this ambitious project, read the Urban Forestry blog article [here](#).

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Peninsula Park Tree Inventory

Saturday, 6/30/18 (Registration FULL) and
Wednesday, 7/11/18, 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Location: Peninsula Park, N Rosa Parks Wy. and N Albina Ave.

Join the **Park Tree Inventory** as we map and measure all the trees in this historic park over two workdays. Home to the Peninsula Park Rose Garden and Community Center, this gathering place is also home to a diverse collection of trees. Volunteers are paired with trained leaders to identify trees and take measurements.

Register for the July inventory [here](#).

Registration for workdays throughout the summer can be found on the Inventory [workday calendar](#).



Irvington Tree History Walk

Saturday, 7/14/18, 10:00 am - 11:30 am
Location: Irving Park, NE Fremont St. and NE 7th Ave., meet just north of the restrooms

Want to learn more about how Portland's park trees connect with the city's history? Join local environmental historian Dave Hedberg and the Irvington Tree Team on an interpretive tree walk to learn about the landscape history of Irving Park, the Klickitat Mall, and nearby **Heritage Trees**. Please bring water, hat, sunscreen, and

comfortable walking shoes.

Register [here](#).

More Upcoming Events

Treevia Night with the Albina Neighborhood Tree Team: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at the Alberta Street Pub, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Treevia returns! The Albina Neighborhood Tree Team hosts this fun event to test your tree knowledge. Tree nerds and novices welcome. Come alone or with a team! Alberta Street Pub, 1036 NE Alberta St. Register [here](#).

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Trees PNW, an App Identifying Native Trees of the Pacific NW: Another app devoted to tree identification, this time with a focus on our own native trees! Find the app [here](#).

Tracking Volunteer Hours: Have you had the chance to make an impact on your local trees? We want to hear from everyone about any independent stewardship work you have done in the last year (June 2017 - June 2018). Please let Urban Forestry know about the time you have given working to improve Portland's trees and what Urban Forestry can do to help you with your great work. Complete our quick questionnaire [here](#).

U.S. Cities Lose Tree Cover Just When They Need It Most: A recent study has found that metropolitan areas of the United States are losing about 36 million trees each year. Yes, you read that right, each year. For more information, read the Scientific American article [here](#).

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Fun Finds from the Park Tree Inventory



Ainsley, a Team Leader, shows new volunteers how to locate park trees on a tablet. Inventory volunteers puzzle through tree identification at Montavilla Park.

The Park Tree Inventory is back in full swing for the second year this summer. Volunteers from across the City are coming together to identify, measure, and map trees in Portland's developed parks.

In June, 94 volunteers went through a rigorous training process to become Team Leaders, where they learned skills in inventory protocol and tree identification. These Team Leaders will spend the summer guiding new volunteers through inventory workdays collecting tree data.

In only five parks, we have already inventoried 925 trees! Here are some highlights of what volunteers have found:

- At Holladay Park, we found the tree with the biggest diameter measured in the inventory so far – a giant sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) with a diameter of 86.9 inches. That's over 7 feet across!
- The tallest tree inventoried so far is a 146-foot Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) in Oregon Park.
- An uncommon find, a Montpelier maple (*Acer monspessulanum*) was inventoried in Montavilla Park.
- A black tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica*) in Holladay Park was measured at 75 feet tall—one of the largest known specimens in Portland.

We are looking forward to more big, tall, and interesting trees this summer and we invite you to [join us at a park near you!](#)

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Inventory Season is Here!

The Tree Inventory Project is a city-wide community science effort to inventory Portland's trees.

This summer, we will be measuring trees in **17 parks across Portland**. Inventory volunteers build tree identification skills, learn hands-on forestry surveying techniques, and meet fellow tree huggers.

The Tree Inventory Project is looking for volunteers for workdays throughout the summer. No experience necessary! A trained Team Leader will teach you everything you need to know. Check out our [workday calendar](#) and join us at your neighborhood park!

Upcoming Workdays:

Peninsula Park, Wednesday, July 11, 2018 [Register here](#)

Willamette Park, Saturday, July 14, 2018 [Register here](#)

Argay Park, Saturday, July 21, 2018 [Register here](#)

More Upcoming Events

Interpretive Tree Walk: Friday, July 20, 2018 at Harrison Park, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Urban Forestry will be hosting guided tree walks at the Movies in the Park event at Harrison Park. The tree walks are intended to introduce new people to the many benefits of trees! If you want to get involved in leading short tree walks or tabling at events, please contact Dan Gleason at Daniel.Gleason@portlandoregon.gov.

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Want to learn how to care for your local trees? Become a Neighborhood Tree Steward!



Neighborhood Tree Stewards practice their tree planting skills at a local park. The 2017 graduating class of Neighborhood Tree Stewards wear their new sweatshirts.

Registration is now open for the 2018 **Neighborhood Tree Stewards** (NTS) Program, scheduled for this September and October.

Through this five-session course, Urban Forestry staff and guest experts will share skills and knowledge to help people care for their neighborhood trees. NTS classes will be both indoors and outdoors, and all classes will be held in East Portland in the Hazelwood Neighborhood.

Participants will learn about:

- Tree identification
- Tree pruning and care
- Tree selection and planting
- Benefits of the urban canopy
- Introduction to tree biology
- Equity and environmental justice
- Portland's Tree Code

The NTS Program is a great way to meet new people while learning the skills and knowledge needed to care for trees. Upon graduation, Tree Stewards will receive a Certificate of Completion and commit to volunteering 40 hours to urban forestry stewardship over the next year.

The cost for the entire course is \$50, which includes all course materials, lunches, and a NTS hooded sweatshirt.

Scholarships, childcare and TriMet vouchers are available upon request.

Click [HERE](#) to apply.

The deadline to apply is Wednesday, August 8, 2018.

For more information, contact Daniel Gleason at 503-823-4963.

Please share this information with anyone that you think might be interested in learning about trees, community building, and supporting our urban forest.

In Other News

Emerald Ash Borer Readiness: The emerald ash borer (EAB) is an invasive insect that kills ash trees. Since 2002, this exotic insect has killed over 100 million trees throughout the United States. While EAB has not yet been detected in Oregon, it is moving rapidly across the U.S. and is now found in over 35 states. To better prepare for the potential arrival of this critter, Oregon now has a statewide Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Readiness and Response Plan. Check it out [here](#).

Urban Forestry's Development Services Permit Center Closed July 9 through July 13, 2018: The Urban Forestry desk at the Development Services Permit Center will be closed Monday, July 9, through Friday, July 13, 2018. Applicants are welcome to drop off completed Removal and Replanting Permit applications with a check for \$35 at the receptionist's desk on the 5th floor. We apologize for any inconvenience and will resume regular business hours on Monday, July 16. We appreciate your patience as we continue to work through increased permit volumes and staffing changes. For Urban Forestry Alerts, check [here](#).

2018 Nature in Neighborhoods Grants Provide \$800K to Education, Outdoor Experience Programs: Ecology education, scholarships for nature-focused bike camps and urban forestry job training are just some of the projects that will receive a collective \$800,000 in Nature in Neighborhoods grants from Metro. While reading about the grant recipient projects, perhaps you'll find inspiration for a community project of your own?! Read more about it [here](#).



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Be on the Lookout for Thirsty Trees!



At first glance, this young tree looks ordinary. A closer inspection shows that the leaves are curling and browning, which are signs of drought stress. Regular summer watering of 15 to 30 gallons a week could be the difference between life and death for this young tree.

The long, hot days of summer can be a hard time for urban trees, and this summer is proving to be a tough one. Daily temperatures in Portland are expected to be in the 90s for the next week!

Young trees, especially those planted within the last three years, are at a high risk of dying during prolonged dry spells with high temperatures. Here are some signs to watch out for that may mean your young trees are not getting enough water:

- Leaves that look limp and dull
- Curling of the leaves
- Browning along leaf edges
- Dropping leaves suddenly
- New dead twigs and branches
- Conifer needles turning red or yellow

Providing young trees with the right amount of water during the summer can help keep them alive and healthy. Healthy trees are more likely to reach maturity and provide their maximum **benefits**. Here are some tricks of the trade for watering young trees:

- Give young trees 15 to 30 gallons of water each week during dry weather
- Slow and steady watering allows the soil around the trees to soak in the water
- Use a five-gallon bucket with holes in the lower sides to help water slowly and thoroughly
- Keep weeds and other plants away from young trees, they compete for water and other resources
- Mulching around your trees helps to retain water and keeps tree roots moist

To learn more about how to establish, water, and care for your young trees visit our [Establishment Care](#) page.

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Free Street Tree Planting at Businesses and Apartment Buildings: You can help get trees planted! Share this opportunity with property owners or building managers who you think may be interested in street trees, or call the Environmental Services Tree Program to discuss a property you have in mind. Sign up by August 1, 2018 to be part of the next planting! Details [here](#).

Park Profile, a Look at Lincoln Park: Located at SE 135th Ave. and SE Mill St., this seven-acre park is located in the Hazelwood neighborhood. Prior to 1945, rural farms and timber plots made up much of the area, along with hazelnut trees that may have helped the Hazelwood neighborhood earn its name. The Park Tree Inventory will measure and map trees in the park on Saturday, August 4, 2018. Read more about it [here](#).

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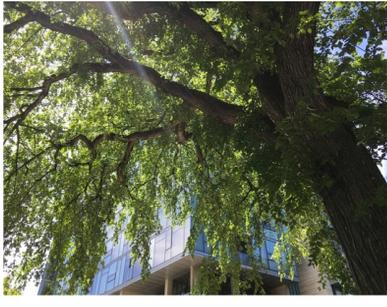
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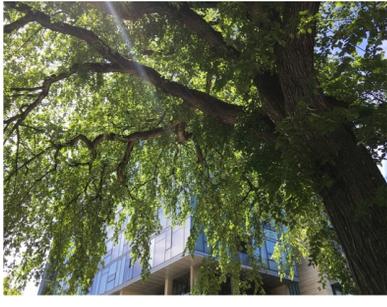
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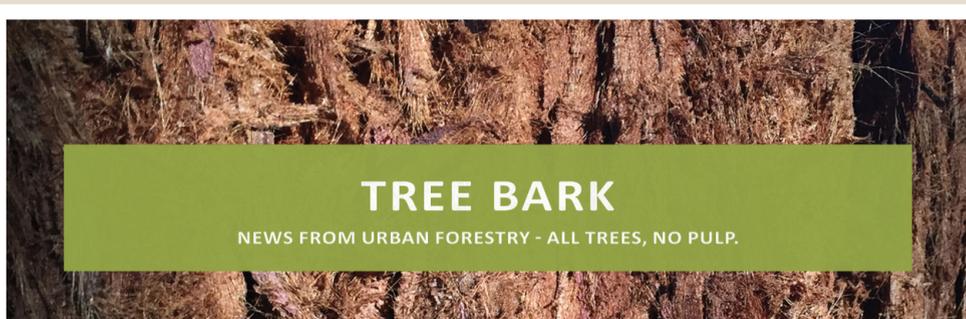
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Second Annual Yard Tree Giveaway is Here!



A 2017 Yard Tree Giveaway volunteer at Parklane Park. Two trees planted last year as part of the giveaway are happy at their new home!

Free trees for all Portlanders! We are excited to announce the locations and dates of our second annual **Yard Tree Giveaway** events. This year, we are hosting city-wide giveaways in the Centennial and Lents neighborhoods of SE Portland.

Why yard trees? Private yards offer the most space for tree planting and can greatly increase the number of trees in Portland. Urban trees improve our lives by helping us breathe easier, offering summer cooling, and providing fall color and beauty.

Which trees will be offered? We are offering both medium and large form trees, including evergreens, natives, and those with beautiful fall color. More information can be found [HERE](#).

Saturday, October 13, 2018 – Registration Required

[REGISTER HERE](#) to reserve a spot for up to 2 trees

When: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Where: Parklane Park, SE 155th Avenue & Main Street ([map](#))

Saturday, November 3, 2018 – Registration Required

[REGISTER HERE](#) to reserve a spot for up to 2 trees

When: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Where: Bloomington Park, SE Steel Street & SE 100th Avenue ([map](#))

How can I participate?

You can help make Portland greener by planting one or two free trees in your yard. People who rent their home should talk to the property owner before planting.

Each household can register for up to two trees. If we have trees left over, they will be available starting at 1:00 pm on a first come, first served basis.

Love the idea, but have trees already? Another way to become involved is to volunteer with the Yard Tree Giveaway. [SIGN UP HERE](#) to join the 2018 Yard Tree Giveaway Team.

For questions about the Yard Tree Giveaway events:

Email: freetrees@portlandoregon.gov

Phone: (503) 823-4025

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Only Two Inventories Left!

Join the Tree Inventory Project for the last two workdays of the season! We will map, measure, and identify the trees of Laurelhurst and Ed Benedict parks.

Trained team leaders are paired with novice volunteers to collect measurements and plot points on a digital map. No prior experience is necessary—we will teach you everything you need to know! Friends, family, and neighbors are all welcome.

Questions about the tree inventory? Email us at

treeinventory@portlandoregon.gov.

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Which Tree to Plant Workshop

Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 6:15 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 NE Knott St.

Which tree should I plant? This is a common and very important question. Come join us to learn which trees will grow best in your planting strip.

In this workshop, we will discuss different tree features like growth potential, fall color, flowers, and maintenance for the trees on Portland's [Approved Street Tree Planting Lists](#). You will talk with local tree experts and learn which trees do best in different size planting strips. You can also get answers to your other tree planting questions, and sign up to get street trees with [Friends of Trees](#). One of the most important things you can do to care for your trees is to choose your trees wisely, and plant them in the right places. [Register here](#).

More Upcoming Events

Goose Hollow Heritage Tree Tour: Friday, September 14, 2018, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm at the Fehrenbacher Hof, 1225 SW 19th Ave.

Martin Nicholson, Hoyt Arboretum Curator and Heritage Tree Committee member, will lead a group tour of the Heritage and notable trees of the Goose Hollow neighborhood. These heritage trees have seen the change and notable trees of the Goose Hollow neighborhood. [Register here](#) so we know how many maps to bring!

Arbor Lodge Neighborhood Tree Walk: Saturday, September 22, 2018, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at Arbor Lodge Park, N Bryant St. and N Delaware Ave.

Meet other tree enthusiasts while you walk and learn about the unique and beautiful trees in the Arbor Lodge Neighborhood. Led by the Arbor Lodge Tree Team, this walk is a great way to experience how trees make a positive impact on the community. The walk begins at Harper's Playground in Arbor Lodge Park. [Register here](#).

In Other News

Clackamas Community College (CCC) Offers Advanced Arboriculture Class: Ready to take your tree knowledge up a notch? CCC's Arboriculture program is offering Hort-260, an 11-week advanced arboriculture course that starts on Thursday, September 27, 2018 and ends the first week in December. To learn more about the course, click [here](#). To learn more about an arboriculture degree at CCC, visit their website [here](#).

Upcoming Learning Opportunities Through Oregon State University (OSU): So much to know, so little time! OSU is offering a designed sustainable landscaping certificate that starts September 20, 2018. It is entirely online and is "...designed to be practical and applicable, so you can apply what you learn directly to your landscape." Find more information [here](#).

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2018 Tree Summit Features Science in the Urban Forest



Urban Forestry volunteers worked together in parks across Portland this summer, proving that science, community, and fun can all happen at the same time.

The biggest event of the season is here! Urban Forestry's annual Tree Summit brings together volunteers and experts from across the city to bring us all the latest on what's happening in our urban forest.

This year, it's all about science! Researchers from Portland State University, US Forest Service, and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality will present their work on everything from the urban forest's capacity to clean our air to long-term forest health trends in Forest Park. The Tree Inventory Project will also show you where to find the most amazing trees in our parks!

This event is for tree lovers of all ages and experience—anyone interested in learning more about Portland's trees is invited. Presentations will be followed by lunch and brainstorming session—there's going to be a lot to digest!

2018 Tree Summit

Saturday, October 27 8:30 am – 1 pm
Mt. Scott Community Center, 5530 SE 72nd Ave.

[Register here](#)

Fall Foliage Contest Celebrates Autumn



Show us your best fall foliage shots by October 31 and you could win an Urban Forestry tree and be featured in TreeBark!

Many of Portland's trees are ditching their chlorophyll and showing off their beautiful fall foliage. It is a great time of year to appreciate the diversity of our urban forest and celebrate our amazing street trees with a Fall Foliage Photo contest!

The Contest Details:

1. Take a photo capturing Portland's street trees in their fall colors. Choose your favorite street tree or grouping of street trees that makes you say "wow!"
2. Submit your photo to the contest with this [online entry form](#) by **October 31**.
3. On November 1st, all submissions will be uploaded to [Urban Forestry's Facebook](#) page. Vote for your favorite entries by giving them a "like", and the photo with the most likes will win!

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Learning Landscapes Volunteer Training

Wednesday, October 17, 9 am - noon.
Location: Sacajawea Park, NE 75th & NE Roselawn St.

Three questions: Do you have a flexible schedule that allows you to volunteer during the week? Do you enjoy planting trees? Do you want to teach the next generation about trees? If you said yes to one or all of these questions, we have been looking for you!

Please join us at Sacajawea Park to learn what is involved in volunteering at a Learning Landscapes event where we help students plant trees on their school campus. The role of the volunteer is to engage, educate, and assist the students while they plant their trees.

No experience is necessary, we will provide all the information you need, and all the tools. However, you can expect to get a little dirty as we practice proper tree planting to make sure

you know how to help the students plant a tree that gets the best start in life.

Ready to do this? [Register here](#). Interested, but not quite sure if this is for you? Please contact Gina Dake at gina.dake@portlandoregon.gov for more information.

More Upcoming Events

Roseway Tree Planting Workshop: Saturday, October 13, 2018, 9 am - noon at the Roseway Park Blocks, NE 72nd Ave. and NE Skidmore St.

Join us for a Roseway Park Blocks Tree Planting! Urban Forestry, in partnership with the Roseway Tree Team and the Roseway Neighborhood Association, will plant 19 trees on the NE Mason St. – NE Prescott St. blocks. All ages are welcome to participate, and no previous experience is necessary. [Register here](#).

Local Tree Care Provider Workshop: Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 9 am - noon.

Location to be determined.

This workshop is intended for the arborist and tree care professional community to stay current with Portland's tree regulations. We will cover topics such as when a permit is required, how to submit a permit application with supporting documentation, and tree protection plans. Additionally, Planning and Zoning staff from the Bureau of Development Services will be on hand to present on Title 33 regulations regarding trees, such as overlay zones and trees in development situations. Registration is capped at 50 attendees. [Register here](#).

In Other News

Metro seeks Equity Advisory Committee members: Are you interested in finding and fixing racial disparities in greater Portland's parks and natural areas and improving equitable outcomes for people of color? Read about this opportunity [here](#).

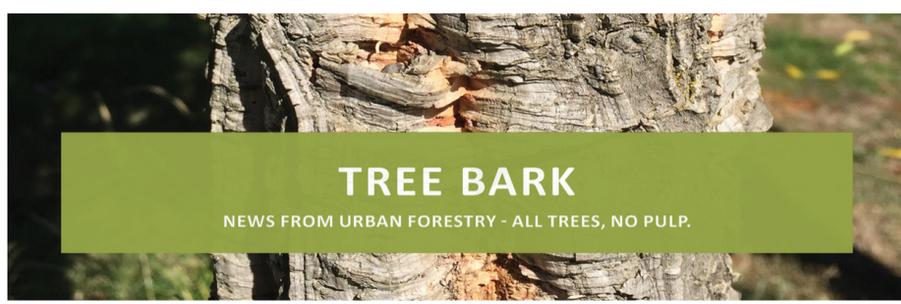
Canopy Stories the film trailer is here! Check out this anthology of films about people, place, and trees in Portland. This collaborative anthology is the work of twelve Portland area filmmakers. Each filmmaker has selected a specific tree to tell a story about human relationships to nature and the city.

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Last Chance! Register for Tree Summit 2018!



Tree data collected in Portland's parks this summer will be presented at Tree Summit. In addition, researchers from the US Forest Service and Portland State University will be presenting their research topics.

Join us this Saturday for **Tree Summit 2018: Science in the Urban Forest**. We will be sharing fun findings from the Park Tree Inventory. Additionally, we will also be hosting outstanding scientists from the Portland area who will present their research on Portland's trees. If you are passionate about trees, do not let this opportunity pass you by!

Join us to learn about where trees in Portland are doing the most for our health, what is growing in Forest Park, what moss can tell us about the air we breathe every day, and where to find our city's most spectacular trees.

Register here!

2018 Tree Summit

Saturday, October 27, 2018, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm
Mt. Scott Community Center, 5530 SE 72nd Ave. ([map](#))
2.75 CEUs are approved for ISA Certified Arborists.

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Yard Tree Giveaway - Bloomington Park
Saturday, November 3, 2018, 1 pm - 2 pm
Location: Bloomington Park, SE Steele St. and SE 100th Ave. ([map](#))

Your opportunity to claim FREE YARD TREES!

Registration has closed for our Second Annual Yard Tree Giveaway. However, we expect to have several trees remaining after registrants have left with their trees. Since every tree needs a new home, these will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 1:00 pm on the day of the event.

For an event reminder about the first-come, first-served portion, click [here](#).

We are offering both medium and large-form trees, including evergreens, natives, and those with beautiful fall color in an easy-to-transport size. Each household is limited to two free trees. More information on the trees offered can be found [here](#).

Additional information regarding Urban Forestry's Yard Tree Giveaway program can be found [here](#).

More Upcoming Events

Urban Forestry Fall Foliage Photo Contest, now through Wednesday, October 31, 2018.

There is one week left to submit your amazing tree pictures! Celebrate the changing of the seasons and show off the street trees in your neighborhood with the best fall colors. Learn more and submit your photo [here](#).

Local Tree Care Provider Workshop: Friday, November 9, 2018, 8:30 am - 11:30 am at the Woodstock Community Center at 5905 SE 43rd Ave. Portland, OR 97206 ([map](#)).

This workshop is intended for the arborist and tree care professional community to stay current with Portland's tree regulations. We will cover topics such as when a permit is required, how to submit a permit application with supporting documentation, and tree protection plans. Additionally, Planning and Zoning staff from the Bureau of Development Services will be on hand to present on Title 33 regulations regarding trees, such as overlay zones and trees in development situations. Registration is capped at 50 attendees. [Register here](#).

A New Class of Neighborhood Tree Stewards Celebrates Graduation Day



Meet the 2018 Neighborhood Tree Steward graduates!

On October 20th, the newest graduating class completed the Neighborhood Tree Steward (NTS) program, joining the ranks of NTS alumni going back almost 10 years! During their final class, the Stewards planted three Oregon white oaks and three ponderosa pine trees at North Powellhurst Park, adding new beauty, benefits, and character to the park.

Over the last two months, the NTS program introduced the 28 participants to ideas, skills, and programs that they can use to help advocate and care for trees in their neighborhoods. Each week, the classes had presentations and workshops from many tree experts who introduced the Stewards to tree identification, pruning, benefits of the urban forest, and more.

The Stewards will be volunteering a minimum of 40 hours over the next year as they continue to learn and use the information from the program to give back to their neighborhoods. They are excited to join Portland's large community of tree advocates by getting involved with their local Tree Teams, attending Urban Forestry events, and creating collaborations for their own stewardship projects.

Congratulations to the Neighborhood Tree Stewards class of 2018!

For more information about the course, please see the NTS homepage [here](#).

In Other News

Fall Foliage Prediction Map and Why Leaves Change Color: Fall foliage makes for a beautiful display, but why do leaves change color at this time of year? View an interactive map of peak fall color across the country and learn more about the chemistry and weather events that affect fall leaf color [here](#).

Talking Trees, Two Short Videos Explore the Lives of Trees Below Ground: National Geographic recently released a video based on the work of ecologist Suzanne Simard and her studies of Douglas-fir forests. Watch the video [here](#). BBC News also produced a tree video about what is going on below ground, watch their take on the Wood Wide Web [here](#).

Urban Forestry is Now Hiring a Botanic Specialist I - Forestry: Do you love engaging with communities, helping people learn about the benefits of trees, and teaching tree care and planting? Are you a skilled communicator who enjoys presenting and writing about the urban forest? If so, you may be the Botanic Specialist I - Forestry specialist that we are looking for! View the job description and apply [here](#).

The City of Portland is Seeking a Director to Lead the Parks & Recreation Bureau: The Parks & Recreation Director with over 3,000 employees during the summer season, including over 620 full-time employees. The Director will lead a team of seven direct reports and manage a budget of over \$100 million. In addition, the Director leads the implementation of a bond of \$68 million. View the job description and apply [here](#).



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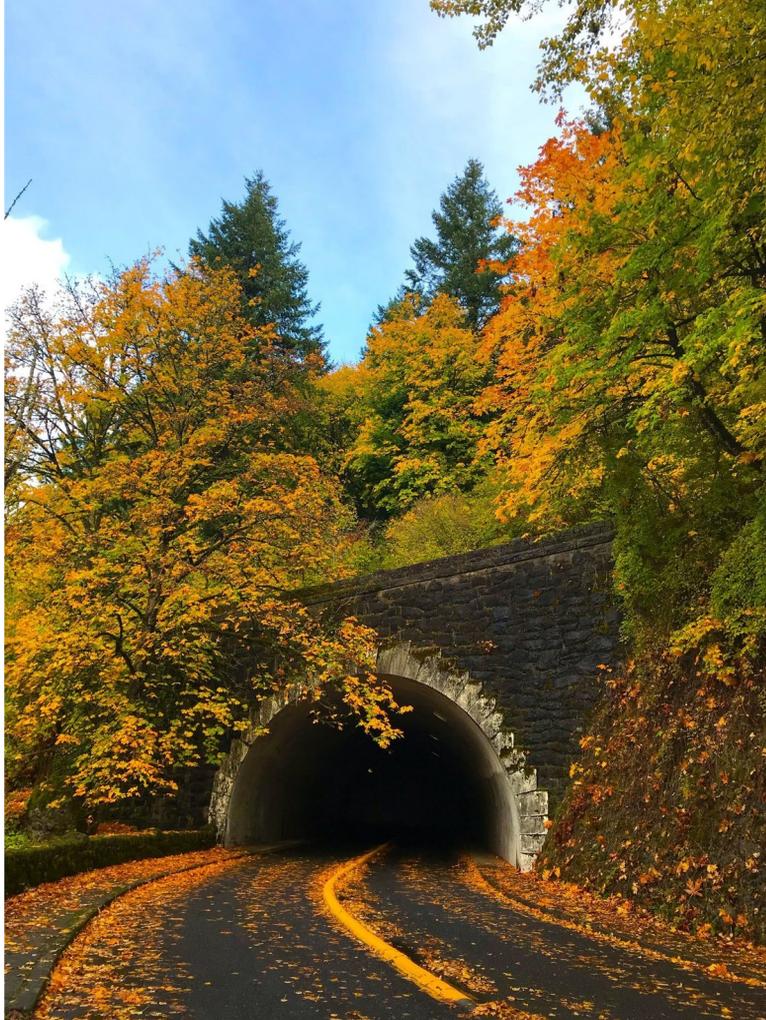
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We Have a Winner! Urban Forestry's Fall Foliage Photo Contest



The winning photo of colorful street trees surrounding the tunnel at Rocky Butte.

You voted on your favorite photo and the winner this year is **Laurelann Boone!**

Her winning photo captured amazing fall colors in the street trees around the Rocky Butte tunnel in NE Portland. Congratulations, Laurelann!

A big thank you to everyone who participated in Urban Forestry's Fall Foliage Photo Competition. We asked you to help us show off the spectacular colors of Portland's urban forest and you did not let us down. We received over 60 beautiful tree entries from all around the city displaying why autumn is a great time of year for tree lovers.

If you have not already seen the contest entries, take a look at all the great photos from the competition [here](#).

For more opportunities to show off your photography skills, see the [Heritage Tree Photo Contest](#) article below!

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Tree Selection Workshop

Saturday, December 1, 2018, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Location: The Hollywood Library, 4040 NE Tillamook St. ([map](#))

Do you want to plant a new street tree, but are not sure which tree is right for you? Join the Laurelhurst Tree Team for a Tree Selection Workshop. Find out how to select the right tree for the right place and how to care for your newly

planted trees. Register [here!](#)



Portland Pruners Training

Saturday, December 8, 2018, 9 am - 1 pm

Location: Mt Scott Community Center, 5530 SE 72nd Ave. ([map](#))

Calling all Portland pruners! Join us to learn about how experienced pruners can prune street trees. We will teach you how to get permits, how to borrow our pruning tools, and how to set up small pruning events. We will even get outside to practice pruning trees. Register [here!](#)

More Upcoming Events

Heritage Tree Plaque Dedication Ceremony: Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at 3401 SE Clinton St. ([map](#))

Please join members of the Heritage Tree Committee as they install a Heritage Tree plaque on recently designated Heritage Tree #345, a Boulevard cypress (*Chamaecyparis pisifera* 'Boulevard'). Questions? Contact Heritage Tree Committee member Ginger Edwards at ginger.edws@gmail.com.

Heritage Tree Photo Contest: Seeking Photos of Heritage Trees in All Seasons!



You do not have to be a professional photographer, like Steve Terrill, who took these beautiful photos, to enter the Heritage Tree Photo Contest. Summer, spring, fall, and winter, send us your best photos of current Heritage Trees!

Portland is fortunate to have such a fine collection of over 300 **Heritage Trees!** These trees are important to the city because of their size, age, historical, or horticultural significance. Heritage Trees are protected by **City Code**, and by the many admirers, neighbors, and tree care professionals who watch over them.

The Heritage Tree Committee will be showcasing Heritage Trees, and YOUR photographic talents, by holding a **Heritage Tree Photo Contest**. **Winning photos will be used to create a Portland Heritage Tree Calendar to showcase the trees in all seasons.**

Here is what you need to know:

- Your original photo must be of a **current** Portland Heritage Tree
- Include the Heritage Tree number with your photo
- Multiple photos are allowed
- Photos must be in high definition .jpg format
- All rights to the photos are released upon submission
- Photo submissions are accepted until Sunday, December 1, 2019

Please help spread the word, and remember to take those winning photos in all seasons! Submit your photos to: <https://tinyurl.com/HeritageTreePhotoContest>. (You will need to sign in to upload your file!)

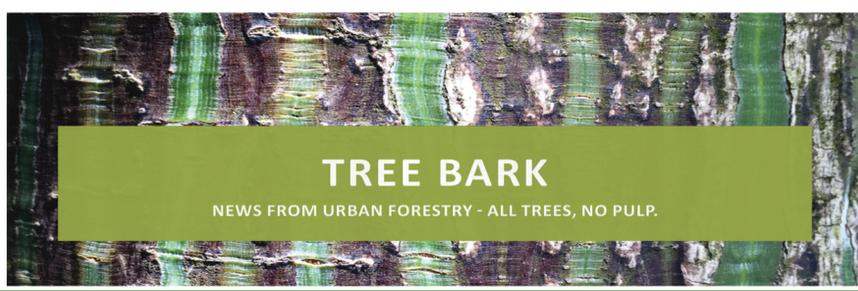
In Other News

Upcoming Master Gardener Online Program Begins January 7, 2019: Oregon State University's Professional and Continuing Education Program can help you learn the art and science of growing and caring for plants. This program offers two options: a Certificate of Home Horticulture, or a Certified Master Gardener Volunteer. Register soon to save your seat! Find more information [here](#).

International Day of Forests 2019, Submit a Short Video on Educating Youth for a Chance to Win a Trip to Rome: March 21, 2019 is the International Day of Forests, and the theme will be forests and education. To help mark the day, they are inviting teachers and instructors to send them a short (one minute or less) video that shows how they teach future generations about the importance of forests. The winner will join them in Rome! Learn more [here](#).

Green Jobs Training Program Applications Due Friday, December 14, 2018: Tualatin Riverkeepers, Centro Cultural, and Muslim Educational Trust announce an exciting new jobs training opportunity for the community. In January 2019, they will launch an introductory training for jobs in environmental careers. Learn more about the program, how to apply, and how to support their scholarship programs [here](#).

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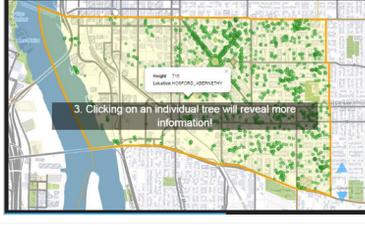


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Canopy Story, a Website Where Trees Are Identified by Their Stories



A collaboration between Portland State University and the US Forest Service, Canopy Story allows users to choose a tree and contribute their story to a map of Portland.

A guest article from Portland State University Professor Vivek Shandas:

Do you have a story about a tree in Portland? If so, consider posting it on the **Canopy Story** website by **Friday, November 30, 2018**. This website is a way for community members to identify a tree and write a brief story about it.

No story is too short, too long, right or wrong. We only ask that the story reflects your experience with a tree in Portland. Together our collective stories will bring to life the ways we connect with the trees in our city.

Here are a few examples of canopy stories for inspiration:

"Come visit me on the First of May. I am the Sunnyside Wish Tree!" —Gillian (Sunnyside Neighborhood)

"Tree 177.. is an Araucaria araucana, otherwise known as a Monkey Puzzle Tree. When I first moved to the neighborhood I strolled past this tree and was totally blown away. I'd never seen a tree like it! Turns out these are native to central and southern Chile. Every time I bike past this tree (two times a day, five days a week), I wave to the tree and say "Hey Monkey Puzzle Tree", even when i'm huffing and puffing up the the large hill which it resides on." —Alec T (Mt. Tabor Neighborhood)

"This giant tree shades my home and many of the other homes around us. We have sweetly named her "Big Bertha". I love walking up to my door every day and craning my neck up to look at the very tippy top of her. Such a beautiful tree." —Rebecca (Montavilla Neighborhood)

Consider posting one or more stories today! The site is at www.canopystory.org. With over 150 and counting, our goal is to collect 500 stories. Please help us tell the city's stories, and make your tree known!

For more information, email Professor Vivek Shandas at Portland State University at vshandas@pdx.edu.

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Portland Pruners Training

Saturday, December 8, 2018, 9 am - 1 pm
Location: Mt Scott Community Center, 5530 SE 72nd Ave. ([map](#))

Does your neighborhood have young street trees that you want to prune? Join us to learn about how experienced pruners can use Urban Forestry resources to prune street trees in your neighborhood.

This workshop will teach you:

- How to get the permits and permissions needed to prune street trees
- How to borrow pruning tools from Urban Forestry
- How to organize small pruning events in your neighborhood

We will even get outside to practice pruning some trees, so you can prune with confidence. Learn more about the Portland Pruners Program [here](#).

Register for the training [here!](#)

More Upcoming Events

Photos From Urban Forestry's Fall Foliage Photo Contest Are In! Vote Before Thursday, November 15, 2018.

See Portland's street trees in beautiful fall colors and vote for your favorite photo. The voting deadline is almost here, and you can help pick the winner for our first Fall Foliage Photo Contest. See all the pictures and vote [here](#).

Hillsdale Tree Team Treevia Night: Tuesday, November 27, 2018. 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm.

Ready to put your tree knowledge to the test and compete to win prizes? The Hillsdale Tree Team invites you to join them at The Ship Tavern at 7827 SW 35th Ave. ([map](#)) for tree-themed trivia and fun. Register [here](#).

First Year of Urban Forest Inventory & Analysis Complete!



Urban Forestry staff collected data throughout Portland as part of a US Forest Service monitoring program called Urban Forest Inventory & Analysis.

In October, Urban Forestry staff completed data collection on trees and land use for the **Urban Forest Inventory & Analysis** (Urban FIA) program. Through this partnership with the US Forest Service (USFS), nearly 200 random study plots were established across Portland on both public and private lands.

Next steps: The USFS will look at all of Portland's data using **i-Tree**, a popular set of software tools used to calculate the benefits of trees. They will publish a report and make all of the information available to the public through an online tool called **My City's Trees**. With this tool, you will be able to access the data and create your own customized analyses and reports.

Combining Urban Forestry's **Tree Inventory Project** data for trees on public land with the Urban FIA data will improve urban forest management, allowing us to:

- Monitor canopy and land use changes over time (follow-up data collection will occur on 10% of Urban FIA plots each year)
- Determine impacts of population and climate change on our urban forest
- Highlight urban trees as important infrastructure by measuring their benefits on public health, energy, and ecology
- Improve canopy coverage to ensure that all Portlanders have access to the benefits that trees provide
- Ensure our trees survive new pests and pathogens by continuing to plant diverse tree species
- Contribute to national urban forestry datasets with consistent canopy measures

Stay tuned for an update on the reports and My City's Trees App. For more information, contact Nik.Desai@PortlandOregon.gov.

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Dutch Elm Disease (DED) Report for Portland Now Available: Over 120 individual elm trees were inspected this summer for DED, a lethal disease. Due to monitoring efforts, 41 elm trees were removed after inspection. This is consistent with the 1% loss of elm trees each year over the 40-year history of DED in Portland. Read the Urban Forestry Elm Report [here](#).

Portland Wild, a Map Driven Guide to Portland's Public Art Murals, Heritage Trees and Little Free Libraries: Check out a website that makes finding and discovering our urban riches easier and more fun. You can even plan a sightseeing route which the website will optimize for you. Visit the Portland Wild website [here](#), and learn more about how it all came together [here](#).

Tree Summit Presentations Available Online: For those of you who missed this year's Tree Summit, all the presentations from the event are now available on our website. Researchers presented on everything from trees and air pollution to what is growing in Forest Park! View the presentations [here](#).

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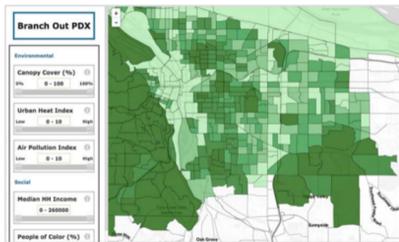


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The Planting Map: Planting Trees Where They Are Needed Most!

Figure 3: Branch Out PDX Online Tree Planting Tool



Introducing an online tree planting tool called the *Planting Map*. This tool was made possible by a collaboration between PP&R Urban Forestry, Portland State University, and many community partners, such as the Community Advisory Committee pictured above.

If you are reading this newsletter, there is a good chance that you care about trees more than the average person. However, there are often barriers to planting trees. We see this in all the places where trees are not found in our city. What are some of these barriers? And how can we better understand what is going on in order to plant trees where they will do the most good, both environmentally and socially?

To help answer some of these questions, Urban Forestry partnered with Portland State University and community members to develop an interactive **Planting Map** of Portland! With this new tool, community members can identify where trees are needed the most, putting knowledge in the hands of the people.

With the Planting Map, you can search Environmental Factors such as:

- Canopy Cover (%)
- Urban Heat Index
- Air Pollution Index

Or, search Social Factors such as:

- Median Household Income
- People of Color (%)
- Owner/Renter Information

The planting map was developed as part of an Urban Forestry project to develop a better tree planting strategy. Currently, Portland's trees are not found equally around the city, and this is directly linked to income. Higher-income and west-side neighborhoods have more tree canopy, while lower-income and east-side neighborhoods have less tree canopy.

We encourage you to use the Planting Map to explore your own neighborhood. Then keep going! Help us discover the parts of Portland that would benefit the most from having more trees. After you check it out, please let us know how you used the Planting Map so that we can share your experience with others.

Access the Planting Map and learn more about it at: www.branchoutpdx.org.

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Decode the Tree Code

Saturday, January 19, 2019, 9 am - 12 pm
Location: Hinson Memorial Baptist Church, 1137 SE 20th Ave. ([map](#))

What do I do about a dead street tree? How should trees be handled during construction? For answers to questions like these, join us for this workshop to learn all about Portland's Tree Code, Title 11 Trees.

Participants will be introduced to the processes involved in regulating our city trees in both

development and non-development situations. This training is for all community members who want to better understand tree permitting in Portland.

Register [here!](#)

More Upcoming Events

Heritage Tree Photo Contest: Ongoing through December 1, 2019

The Heritage Tree Committee requests your best photos of current Heritage Trees! Winning photos will be used to create a Portland Heritage Tree Calendar showcasing the trees in all seasons. For more information and to submit your photos, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/HeritageTreePhotoContest>.

The Trees are Here! Urban Forestry Planting Season to Start in Early January 2019!



A row of giant sequoias at Urban Forestry Headquarters forms the backdrop for young trees arriving from the nursery.

Each year, Urban Forestry plants trees in our parks. We replace trees that were removed, as well as add new trees. This year we will be planting in over 50 parks!

Plantings for other City bureaus such as the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT), the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES), and the Water Bureau will make up another 20 locations where Urban Forestry will soon be planting trees.

By choosing the right tree for the right place at these locations, we maximize the ecosystem services of the trees by planting large-form, native, or evergreen trees whenever possible. Aesthetics are a consideration too—after all, trees provide the extra benefit of adding beauty to our surroundings!

Next time you are in a park and you see a young tree that has been planted, know that Urban Forestry was there and that we are committed to making sure our urban forest continues to grow and thrive for current and future generations.

In Other News

Youth Conservation Crew (YCC) is Hiring Summer Crew Leaders, Apply by March 1, 2019:

Inspire the next generation of conservation leaders while building your skill set! YCC is a City program that provides summer employment opportunities for a diverse population of Portland-area youth between the ages of 14-18. As an adult Crew Leader, you will mentor and supervise six youth crew members as they complete important work in our natural areas, schools, and parks. Work dates are approximately June 17, 2019 to August 21, 2019. See the application for more details [here](#).

Learn Fruit Tree Pruning, Grafting, and Propagation with the Home Orchard Society: The Home Orchard Society was established in 1975. They are a non-profit educational organization dedicated to assisting both new and experienced fruit growers. Learn more about the organization, their 1.6-acre demonstration orchard, and access their forums [here](#). To see their many upcoming learning opportunities, check out their Winter Events Calendar [here](#).

Metro's 2019 Nature in Neighborhoods Grants are Available, Apply by January 29, 2019:

Want to restore and care for nature in your community? If you have a vision for improving water quality, creating fish and wildlife habitat, getting rid of weeds, or restoring nature in the Portland metropolitan area, help get your idea off the ground by applying for a grant [here](#).

Free Online Webinar on Protecting Trees and Soil During Construction Activities, Thursday, December 13, 2019 at 11:00 am: Utah State University and the Tree Fund present a lecture on strategies for reducing tree and soil damage during construction. CEUs available for those that watch the webinar live. Register [here](#).

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