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## What to Do Now That the Storm Has Passed



Young and old trees alike were affected by the recent winter weather throughout the Portland area. It is reported that City workers responded to over **600 tree emergencies** in the past week alone.

From Thursday, February 11 through Sunday, February 14, a **winter storm** hit the Portland metropolitan area. Snow and ice caused damage to trees and power lines across the city and beyond.

While cleanup efforts continue, here is some information that may help you and your neighbors figure out what to do for your trees now.

1. **Get Information.** The Arbor Day Foundation has a **Storm Recovery** page that can help you learn what to look for when you have a storm-damaged tree, and when to seek professional help.
2. **Get Help.** Urban Forestry maintains a list of **Local Tree Care Providers** as a resource for the public. Be sure to also check out our **Tips for Hiring an Arborist** page. Keep in mind that arborists are very busy in the aftermath of storms, and it may take some time to secure an appointment.
3. **Call Before You Cut.** A permit may be required for work that will be or has been done on trees in Portland. Visit Urban Forestry's **Tree Permits and Regulations** page to find more information.

The loss of so many trees is hard for all of us. Continually planning for our future urban forest by planting new trees is important. Visit our **Tree Planting** page to find out how you can get started planting trees for yourself, or for your community.

See photos from the storm in our **Ice and Snow 2021 Flickr album**.

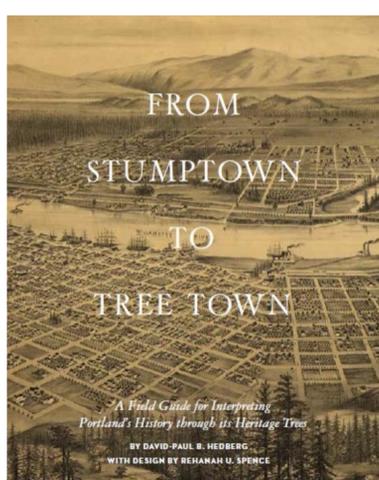
Have tree photos of your own you want to share? Tag us on social media!

Facebook: [@UrbanForestryPortlandParks](#), Twitter: [@urban\\_forestry](#), Instagram: [@portlandparks](#), [#portlandparks](#).

## Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

[www.portland.gov/trees/workshops](http://www.portland.gov/trees/workshops)



**Read and Meet: "From Stumptown to Tree Town"**

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

10:00 am - 11:00 am

[Available Online via Zoom](#)

The award-winning book "**From Stumptown to Tree Town**" takes readers on a journey through the tree history of Downtown Portland.

Author and local historian, **David-Paul B. Hedberg**, will join us virtually to discuss Portland's legacy of tree management.

Ready to start?

1. **Register** online.
2. **Download** and read.
3. **Visit** a Heritage Tree near you.
4. Join us virtually!



**Tree Technology Tools**

Friday, February 26, 2021

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

[Available Online via Zoom](#)

Learn about the technologies now available to discover, track, and learn about the trees around you.

Online tree tools are not always easy to use and understand. We wish they were! Maybe you do

too?

This live webinar will provide an overview of the free, available technologies that help connect people and trees. Please **pre-register**.

## More Upcoming Events

**2/26/21-3/2/21, Tough Trees Bootcamp Hosford-Abernethy:** Join your neighbors outdoors this spring to get moving and do some tree care! Register online for one of three available roles: Pruning Preparers (low impact, 2/26-3/2), Tree Caregivers (moderate impact, 3/6), or Support Stewards (low impact, 3/6). Not able to make it to this one? The next **Tough Trees Bootcamp Portsmouth** will be April 2 through April 10, 2021.

**3/16/21, Tree Identification for Portlanders:** Learning to identify trees takes lots of practice. We all start somewhere, so do not miss this chance to finally be able to name the trees around you! Our online webinar will teach you some methods to identify trees, and also common tree characteristics to put you on the path to being an expert tree-identifier. Be sure to register on the **Signup page**.

## Event Highlights

See photos from recent events

[www.flickr.com/photos/urbanforestry](http://www.flickr.com/photos/urbanforestry)



**Tough Trees Bootcamp Hazelwood**

The snow and ice melted in time for volunteers to spend a sunny Saturday pruning street trees in the Hazelwood Neighborhood.

Trained Neighborhood Tree Stewards and community members worked together to remove dead or damaged branches, clear bad branch attachments, and prune away future structural problems for young trees.

With each tree came a new conversation; how to provide the best care for the tree and promote its health and longevity. Thank you to all of our vigorous volunteers, see you at the next Tough Trees Bootcamp!

See photos from the day in our **Flickr album**.

## Black History Month Reflection: The Legacy of Charles Jordan



Charles Jordan was Portland's first Black City Commissioner, and a longtime Parks Director. He is pictured to the right of Jane Glazer, the founder of the Heritage Tree Committee, and to the left of Juanita McDermid, a former Urban Forestry staff member.

**February is Black History Month, which reminds us to continue to increase our knowledge about history and legacies we may or may not have been taught.** Close to home, we explore the not-so-distant legacy of **Charles Jordan**.

Beginning in 1974 and serving until 1984, Charles Jordan was the first Black member of City Council. According to an **Oregonian article**, Jordan "...prodded the Fire Bureau to hire more people of color and pushed for more civilian oversight of the Portland Police Bureau..."

From 1989 to 2003, Charles Jordan served as Portland Parks & Recreation's Director. Under his leadership, he is credited with the establishment of 44 new parks and natural areas.

He has been quoted as saying, "What people don't understand, they won't value; what they don't value, they won't protect; and what they don't protect, they will lose."

Although he passed away in 2014, the legacy of Charles Jordan lives on.

## In Other News

**Tree Emergency Response - February 12-15 Storm Event:** The Presidents' Day weekend winter storm caused a high volume of significant tree impacts in streets and parks, and Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry is experiencing a high volume of emails and calls. We aim to address all requests as soon as possible, however we are prioritizing responding to hazardous situations and emergency needs. Learn more **here**.

**Community Scientists Needed for Western Redcedar Dieback Research:** Researchers are seeking community scientists to help map unhealthy western redcedar trees. Research and GPS coordinates can be emailed to Christine Buhl ([christine.j.buhl@oregon.gov](mailto:christine.j.buhl@oregon.gov)) at the Oregon Department of Forestry. Or, they can be uploaded to the **Western Redcedar Dieback Map** project on **iNaturalist.org**. More information about what to look for and how to contribute are available at <https://foresthealth.org/map>.

**Completely Arborary, a Podcast About Trees:** **Completely Arborary** is a podcast about trees and other related topics, hosted by dendrologist Casey Clapp and his tree-skeptic friend Alex Crowson. Casey is an arborist and dendrologist based out of Portland, Oregon. Alex is a musician, songwriter, video editor, and podcast producer also based out of Portland. Let's give these locals a listen!

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