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Urban Forestry is Hiring!



Jorge Chavez-Flores, Ritapa Neogi, and Matt McLean worked with Urban Forestry during the 2020 summer and fall seasons. They helped to monitor young trees that were recently planted, and distributed trees to new homes across Portland.

If you love exploring your city, connecting with community, and working with trees, then spend your summer working with our team! We are hiring four people to help support our tree planting programs in 2021.

This seasonal position is a great opportunity for anyone interested in working in an environmental field to gain experience, build skills, and meet a lot of people!

See highlights below, or [click here for a full job description](#).

Job: 2021 Urban Forestry Planting Program Assistant (Community Service Aide II)

Summary: Work outside and get hands-on experience measuring the growth and health of newly planted trees. Once trees have been monitored, help us plan and run our large-scale tree give away events.

Duties:

- Visiting and collecting information about trees all over the city
- Using mobile apps and GIS to track tree health and survival
- Connecting with community members and answering questions about tree care
- Helping to coordinate events and give out over 1,000 free trees to Portlanders
- Planting and delivering trees for Portlanders with limited mobility

Details:

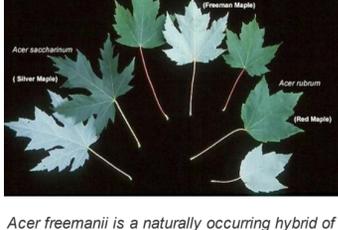
- Position start date is June 15, 2021 and runs 4 to 5 months
- Starting pay rate is \$17.50/hour
- Accepting applications until 3/22/2021

[Apply Here!](#)

Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

www.portland.gov/trees/workshops



Acer freemanii is a naturally occurring hybrid of *Acer rubrum* and *Acer saccharinum*; a popular choice for urban settings.

Tree Identification for Portlanders

Friday, March 16, 2021

10:00 am - 11:00 am

[Available Online via Zoom](#)

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](#).



Heritage Tree # 10, an Oregon white oak, that likely sprouted over 170 years ago. Photo by Steve Terrill Photography.

Read and Meet: "From Stumptown to Tree Town"

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

10:00 am - 11:00 am

[Available Online via Zoom](#)

Sunny days inspiring you to get outside?

Turn the pages of "[From Stumptown to Tree Town](#)" and walk the streets of Downtown Portland – seeing them through the eyes of those who walked the same blocks over a century ago.

How have the trees changed? How has the city changed?

Explore these questions and more online! Join us and the author of the book, [David-Paul B. Hedberg](#), to explore some of Portland's most interesting trees!

Ready to start?

1. [Register](#) online.
2. [Download](#) and read.
3. [Visit](#) a Heritage Tree near you.
4. Join us virtually!

More Upcoming Events

4/2/21-4/10/21, Tough Trees Bootcamp Portsmouth: Itching to get out and get pruning? Noticing stubs and broken branches on neighborhood trees? Join us to learn how you can take care of those tree problems, and about the [Portland Pruners Program](#), where we help you bring tree care to your neighborhood. Register online for one of three available roles: Pruning Preparers (low impact, 4/2 – 4/6), Tree Caregivers (moderate impact, 4/10), or Support Stewards (low impact, 4/10). Learn more about these events on our [website](#).

5/29/21-6/11/21, Apply to be a Neighborhood Tree Steward - 2021 Course Open: Are you interested in being an advocate for trees in your neighborhood? The 2021 Neighborhood Tree Steward course will run for three weeks this spring, May 29 - June 11. Neighborhood Tree Stewards (NTS) gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence to be stewards of Portland's urban forest. The NTS course runs for three weeks with virtual classroom sessions, independent learning tasks, and an in-person field training. Each week participants will be introduced to one of three projects they will complete in the year following the course. Learn more about the course and how to apply [here](#).

Event Highlights

See photos from recent events

www.flickr.com/photos/urbanforestry



Tree Technology Tools

At our February technology workshop, viewers plugged in for an introduction to digital tools that enhance the online urban forest experience.

Anyone can use and explore these online tools, whether you are a nature novice, an ecological expert, or somewhere in between.

This week, practice tracking down a new tree species in your neighborhood using the [Tree Inventory Project](#) tools, observing and recording a tree-of-heaven sprout on [iNaturalist](#), finding a local [Heritage Tree](#), or helping report [western redcedar dieback](#) for researchers.



Tough Trees Bootcamp Hosford-Abernethy

Bad branch attachments were not all that challenged the volunteers pruning trees in the Hosford-Abernethy neighborhood on Saturday, March 6.

They were also stumped by some less common tree identification, like the katsura tree pictured

here.

Neighborhood Tree Stewards had canvassed the streets ahead of the event, recording how much each tree had grown since, confirming their species, and evaluating each tree. Check out the [photo album online](#) to see some of the interesting trees in the neighborhood, and our volunteers working hard to care for them!

Celebrating Women's History Month With a Look Back at the Naito Awards



Carol Lee (in the black vest) and Phyllis Reynolds (in the yellow jacket) are both recipients of the Bill Naito Community Trees Award.

Portland's urban forest would not be the green gem we have today without the hard work and dedication of generations of women who have called this city home.

Since 1997, when the [Bill Naito Community Trees Award](#) began, eight inspirational women have received the award for their projects and programs, which will continue to impact our community for decades to come. Read more about them below.

Sandy Diedrich formed the "No Ivy League" in 1994 with the intent of protecting Forest Park, a 5,000-acre park on the west side of Portland.

Jane McLean Glazer pioneered Portland's Heritage Tree Program in 1993, which has provided protection and dedication to the City's Heritage Trees.

Starr Hogeboom took her expertise in tree care and her desire to create a park-like environment from neglected school grounds to establish the Rigler-Cully Peace Garden and Naturescape Trail.

Phyllis Reynolds brought her devotion to trees to many individuals and communities across Portland, and beyond, through her writing and willingness to share her knowledge.

Anne Downing and her English as a New Language students at David Douglas High School planted an international grove of trees on their campus to reflect the incredible diversity of the school and community.

Leigh Rappaport helped lead over 2,000 volunteers to plant 4,000 trees along the I-205 multi-use path, supporting youth from Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center's Rosemary Anderson High School job training program.

Catherine Clark exemplified the spirit of Neighborhood Tree Stewardship by educating, inspiring, and leading neighbors to take action; and transformed the Roseway Neighborhood's tree canopy in the process.

Carol Lee brought new street trees to the Jade District through effective communication with commercial, industrial, and multi-family property owners about the value of trees in their community.

Linda Robinson has been a life-long advocate for Portland's Parks, working tirelessly to lead the East Portland Parks Coalition and to support bringing trees and green infrastructure to neighborhoods east of 82nd Ave.

Learn more about these [incredible women](#) and [how to nominate](#) a local leader for the 2021 Bill Naito Community Trees Award online.

In Other News

Tree Permit Reminder: Retroactive permitting requirements apply to regulated trees that failed or experienced limb failures during the recent storm. Please refer to our [Tree Permits and Regulations](#) page as well as information on [Retroactive Permits](#) for situations which require immediate attention. Apply for permits online through [DevHub](#), and find a list of [Local Tree Care Provider](#) companies who have participated in our training program. [Financial assistance](#) for permit fees may be available for applicants who qualify.

Apply to the Parks Levy Oversight Committee! Portland Parks & Recreation seeks community members for its Levy Oversight Committee. Committee members will attend quarterly meetings via Zoom, serving an initial two-year term. Accessibility accommodations are available. [Learn more online](#).

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

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