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NEWS FROM URBAN FORESTRY - ALL TREES, NO PULP.

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Urban Forestry News from Portland Parks & Recreation



Apply Now to be a Neighborhood Tree Steward

Are you interested in being an advocate for trees in your neighborhood? Portland's urban forest needs neighbors who care for the trees of our community. The 2022 [Neighborhood Tree Stewards](#) (NTS) course will run 4/26 – 6/4, check out the [program overview](#) online.

APPLY HERE by 4/15/22

The Neighborhood Tree Stewards (NTS) course introduces and engages participants to learn about many urban forestry topics such as:

- Tree care and stewardship
- Tree Identification
- Portland's Tree Code
- Heritage Trees and more!

The services that healthy trees provide are important to the health of the people in our city. Stewards work with the community to bring these services to all community members. To learn more about the program, please visit the webpage or contact Clare Carney, Outreach and Stewardship Coordinator, clare_carney@portlandoregon.gov. Applications are due 4/15/22.



Arborist Wood Chips Make Great Mulch

Trees of all sizes, ages, and types benefit from [proper mulching](#). But you may be wondering, what mulch should I use? Look no further than arborist wood chips! These chips are the byproduct of tree removal and pruning. Branches are run through a chipper, creating a mix of woody chips, bark debris, and leaves. You've probably spotted large piles of these chips around your neighborhood, waiting to become tree mulch.

[The benefits of wood chips](#) as mulch are many. Wood chips retain moisture, regulate temperature, and provide weed control. The heterogeneity of the mix is a bonus, helping prevent compaction and hosting microbes, insects, and other organisms. As the chips slowly decompose they will supply nutrients to the soil. They also make trees look beautiful and well cared for.

Not only are wood chips great for trees, they are often free! Many local tree care providers provide free arborist wood chips through a service called Chip Drop ([getchippedrop.com](#)). Utilities like [Portland General Electric](#) will also deliver wood chips if they are working in your area. This win-win solution provides free chips for property owners, a great product for trees, and keeps green waste out of landfills. Order your chips now, and get mulching!

Upcoming Events

[Opportunities to Learn and Volunteer](#)



Ainsworth Linear Arboretum Tree Walk
Saturday, 4/16/22, 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Meet on the SE corner of NE 30th Ave and NE Ainsworth St.

Come explore Portland's Linear Arboretum!

This 90-minute walk will be led by Arboretum

founder Jim Gersbach, a graduate of UF's Neighborhood Tree Steward program and a member of the Concordia Tree Team. In 2005 as part of his Neighborhood Tree Steward project Jim came up with the idea of devoting the Ainsworth median and adjacent right-of-way sites as places to plant new and promising street trees. The walk will cover how the project has diversified a "maple desert" into a diverse tree-scape featuring many trees not commonly seen elsewhere in Portland. [Learn more and register online.](#)

Recent Event Highlights



Students Planted 28 Trees this Month

At Patrick Lynch Elementary school the Garden Club planted 6 trees, Concordia Elementary students planted 11 trees at their school and Harriet Tubman Middle Schoolers dug in at Lillis Albina Park to get 11 trees in the ground.

Volunteers and Urban Forestry staff instructed students on how to properly plant the trees. All

the trees will receive 3 – 5 years of establishment maintenance through Urban Forestry. Trees planted included douglas-firs, ponderosa pines, Oregon white oaks, European beeches and silver lindens.

Interested in trees at your school? Check out Urban Forestry's [Learning Landscapes program](#) and find out how your school can receive trees, planting, and three years of maintenance at no cost.

In Other News

Now hiring Urban Forestry Assistants. Urban Forestry is hiring seasonal positions to support the [Tree Inventory Project](#), [Yard Tree Giveaway](#), and [Dutch Elm Disease](#) management program this summer. If you love working with trees, exploring the city, and connecting with communities be sure to apply. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

Now hiring Tree Inspectors. Urban Forestry is hiring Tree Inspectors to evaluate and assess trees and enforce City tree code regulations. Tree Inspectors perform on-site condition assessments, tree risk and preservation field inspections, site plan review, and code compliance investigations. The position closes 4/4/22. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

Oregon foresters seek one million native ash seeds. The invasive insect emerald ash borer has devastated ash trees across the US but hasn't yet reached Oregon. State foresters are collecting seeds to save Oregon ash and study for pest resistance. [Watch the video](#) and [read the OPB article here.](#)

Join the Women in Arboriculture Chat. Join an online discussion focused on professional development, support, and networking with other women in arboriculture. This group is an open and inclusive group – trans, non-binary, and gender non-conforming participants are welcome, as are women of all ages, perspectives, cultural backgrounds, professional levels, and education. Hosted by Arborholic. [Sign up here.](#)

Community Partnership Grants Available from PP&R. Partners are sought to expand PP&R's capacity to reach underserved communities and center equity, with a focus on greening and recreational activities for youth and teens. Grants up to \$80,000 will provide financial support to organizations serving culturally specific communities. Information sessions are scheduled March 16, April 5, and April 6. Statements of interest are due April 15. [Learn more here.](#)

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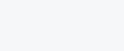
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