



Tree Bark

Urban Forestry News from Portland Parks & Recreation



Volunteers helped inventory over 200,000 street trees between 2010-2016. Join us again this summer!

Street Tree Inventory is Back!

This summer, the [Tree Inventory Project](#) returns to the streets! Volunteers and Urban Forestry completed the [first full inventory of Portland's street trees](#) in 2016. However, much of the information we have on this important resource is now over a decade old. Having up-to-date information on the size, species, condition, and number of trees along our streets is important for their care and management. And with [Portland's overall tree canopy in decline](#), this information is also critical to preserving and expanding the services – cleaner air, cooler temperatures, and safer streets – that street trees provide in our neighborhoods.

Over the next three summers, Urban Forestry will be working with neighbors, partnering with organizations, and providing job training opportunities as we update our tree inventory. That means this summer you might see Urban Forestry staff, volunteers, or [Youth Conservation Crews](#) in your neighborhood as they map and measure trees in the right-of-way. Want to join us? We'll be holding volunteer events in July and August.

Save these dates and look for registration links in coming months:

- Saturday, July 16 – Concordia
- Thursday, July 28 – Montavilla
- Wednesday, August 10 – Arbor Lodge
- Saturday, August 20 – Buckman
- Wednesday, August 31 – Hazelwood



Portland Marks 45 Years as a Tree City USA

The Arbor Day Foundation has awarded Portland its 45th [Tree City USA Award](#), 25th [Growth Award](#), and 3rd [Tree Cities of the World Award](#) in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. These programs recognize high achievement in municipal tree programs both nationally and globally.

How Portland manages trees, volunteer hours, budget, and innovative programs are considered. One of the efforts that earned this recognition was the expansion of Portland's [equity-focused tree planting efforts](#), which aim to reduce barriers to tree planting in streets, yards, and community spaces. [Read the full article online](#) to learn more about what it means for an urban forestry program to receive these awards.

Congratulations, Portland!

Upcoming Events

[Opportunities to Learn and Volunteer](#)



Local Tree Care Providers Workshop

Friday, 5/20/22, 8:30 am – 11:30 am
Online via Zoom

Calling all tree care professionals! If you work on trees within the city limits of Portland, then this workshop is for you. Learn about different kinds of tree permits and how to submit applications. Urban Forestry staff will be there to answer your questions. After completing the workshop, companies that meet qualifying criteria may be placed on the City's website as a [Local Tree Care Provider](#). ISA CEUs may be available. [Register here](#).



Berrydale Tree Walk

Saturday, 5/21/22, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Berrydale Park (9004 SE Taylor St, Portland, OR 97216)

Join Neighborhood Tree Steward Graduate and local tree-enthusiast Lisa Wilcke to learn about the trees of Berrydale Park! We will get familiar with common tree species by looking beyond the leaves and examining flowers, bark, and buds. Bring your camera or sketchbook. Whether this is your first or 50th tree walk, you are sure to learn some new and exciting information. Rain or shine. [Register here](#).

In Other News

PP&R is now hiring Arborist III & Arborist IV positions in the Urban Forestry Tree Maintenance Operations workgroup. Join a growing team dedicating to managing Portland's urban forest. These positions conduct tree maintenance, equipment maintenance, and emergency tree care operations. Watch a [video showing duties and safe work practices](#) required for the position. Applications due 4/29/22. [Learn more and apply here](#).

PP&R is hiring an Urban Forestry Planting Program Supervisor. This leadership role supervises a team planning and planting 3,500 trees annually in streets, yards, and City sites. The position opens on Monday 5/2/21 and will be posted on the [City of Portland Government Jobs Site](#).

Forest Park Conservancy is hiring. The Green Jobs Workforce Program is seeking five people in a variety of positions. [Learn more here](#).

Tree Code Amendments – Notice of Public Hearing Posted. Current updates focus on important technical and minor policy fixes. Public hearing to occur in May. Review the proposed updates to Title 11 and learn about how you can provide input on the [Title 11 Amendment Project Page](#).

Visit May's Pop-Up Arboreta: You spoke and we listened! This summer, 20 parks will be transformed into arboreta full of educational, enjoyable, immersive experiences that were selected by our readers earlier this spring. Starting May 2, Columbia Children's Arboretum, Fernhill Park, Raymond Park, and Woodstock Park will be transformed into arboreta for the month. [Learn more about the Pop-Up Arboreta and plan out your summer park explorations today!](#)

Heritage Tree Nominations due May 1. Do you have a favorite tree? If it is big, old, rare, or super special, consider nominating it to be a Heritage Tree (we especially need more nominations from east Portland)! Learn more about [Heritage Trees](#) and just how easy it is to [nominate a tree here](#).

April is Oregon Arbor Month! Celebrate by taking a [tree walk](#) around your neighborhood, or one of many more ideas from [Oregon Department of Forestry](#).

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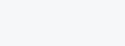
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