

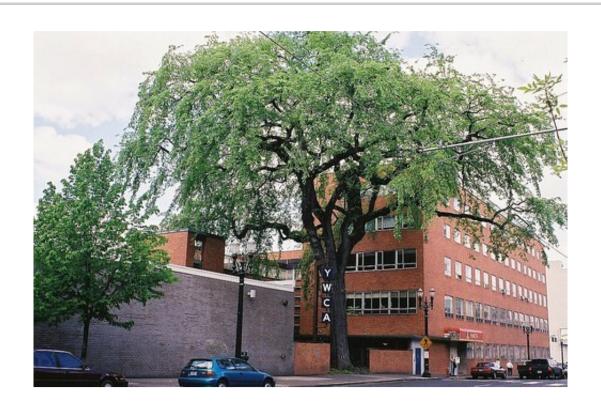
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Budget Reductions & Urban Forestry

You may have recently heard about the upcoming 5% budget cuts proposed for Parks programs. Among the difficult reductions proposed, Urban Forestry could be effected by elimination of the \$185,000 Dutch Elm Disease (DED) Treatment program.

The City of Portland has minimized the spread of DED and avoided the decimation of the American elm (*Ulmus americana*) with a successful elm monitoring and treatment program. Without advanced warning, rapid detection and removal, the American elm could ultimately vanish from our landscape. Eastmoreland, Ladd's Addition, the South Park blocks, Lents Park, Laurelhurst Park, and Overlook Park are areas where elms play a significant role in neighborhood identity.



"Many communities have been able to maintain a healthy population of mature elms through a vigilant program of identification and removal of diseased elms and systematic pruning of weakened, dying or dead branches" -Linda Haugen, Plant Pathologist, USDA Forest Service

Eliminating this program will also require adjacent property owners to cover the cost of removing DEDinfected street trees themselves. The cut will also reduce citywide 24/7 emergency response to clear roads of trees which have fallen during storms, and reduce regular maintenance of publicly-owned treesadditional activities performed by some of the same staff.



Additionally, a \$65,000 reduction in the Natural Areas Maintenance program is proposed. This program funds management, maintenance and restoration of natural areas and trails in Portland. These areas provide important educational and recreational opportunities for people of all ages to interact with nature in a healthy way. A reduction would also impact wildlife corridors which

contribute significantly to healthy ecosystems.

While there are proposed cuts to Urban Forestry's budget, there is also a proposal for a one-time allocation of \$100,000 to Title 11 Tree Code revisions. This would facilitate more effective and efficient implementation of the City Tree Code by funding a temporary, dedicated staff position to partner with BDS and BPS on the revisions.



Budget cuts present difficult times and tough decisions. Budget priorities, as well as community dialogue, are part of the process. Be sure that your voice is heard by attending upcoming Budget Advisory Committee meetings, writing to Director of Parks Mike Abbaté, or Commissioner Amanda Fritz.

Check here for budget reduction proposals, updates on the process and upcoming opportunities to participate in public hearings: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/40431.



Learning Landscapes Plantings

The Learning Landscapes program, where school children plant trees at their schools with the assistance of Urban Forestry staff and volunteers, accomplishes many goals. Among them, the program helps to increase canopy coverage for the entire city as large property locations are thoughtfully researched and planted. Further, kids have a firsthand opportunity to learn about trees and earn a sense of accomplishment in establishing a new young tree. Additionally, the program allows school districts, teachers, parents, volunteers, private companies, and the City to work together on projects with both short and long-term benefits.





This planting season has already included one school planting on November 21st at Lynch Wood Elementary School in outer SE Portland with the Centennial School District. As part of a special collaboration with the Neighborhood Tree Stewards (NTS) Program, the graduating Stewards helped to establish phase 1 of an ambitious school arboretum. Phase 2 of the planting plan will begin on April 1st, definitely a site to keep your eye on! For more information on the NTS Program, please visit

www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/nts.

January 15th will feature a planting at Peninsula School in North Portland with Portland Public Schools. This exciting project is a collaboration with Depave, a company that sports the tagline: From Parking Lots to Paradise. Depave removed asphalt to create 9 new tree wells south of the school building. Urban Forestry will provide 9 trees and planting materials for kindergarteners, along with their 5th and

6th grade friends, to assist them in bringing new life to their school grounds. A big thank you to Portland Public Schools for their diligent assistance in the tree selection process, and to Horticultural Services for acquiring such great specimens.

At Woodlawn School in NE Portland, Urban Forestry will host a small planting on January 26th. Kindergarteners, with kid-sized shovels in hand, will supplement their science class with an outdoor lesson on trees. You're never too young to learn the benefits of a healthy urban forest!

Future scheduled Learning Landscapes plantings will be included in upcoming reports. For more information please visit www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/516784.





Hiring Youth Conservation Crew (YCC) Summer Crew Leaders

Portland Parks & Recreation and the YCC are actively seeking crew leaders for their summer youth crew program. If you wish to apply for this opportunity you must submit your cover letter and resume to Kelly Rosteck, Program Coordinator on or before **5pm on Thursday, March 3, 2016**.

Position: Crew Leader for Youth Conservation Crew: <u>Trails Crew</u> (2 positions); **No Ivy League Crew** (2 positions); **Tree Crew** (1 position); **Teen Naturalist Team** (1 position)

Compensation: \$14-17/hour DOE

Hours: Part-time (36 hours /week) from June 22 - August 24, 2016

Reports to: Youth Conservation Crew Program Coordinator

Information: Information about the Youth Conservation Crew can be found at: www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/ycc

Mail or e-mail all application materials to:

Kelly Rosteck Portland Parks and Recreation 2909 SW 2nd Ave Portland, OR 97201 E-mail: Kelly.Rosteck@portlandoregon.gov Phone 503-823-3601

> "My favorite part of the job was getting to work with amazing people and learn skills while helping the environment" -YCC teen crew member

Upcoming Urban Forestry Workshops

Learn to prune street trees or simply sharpen your skills at one of our upcoming pruning events, led by ISA certified arborist instructors:

January 16th, 8:30am- noon: St. Johns Pruning; St. Johns Community Center (8427 N Central St); register <u>here</u>

January 23rd, 8:30am-noon: Eastmoreland Pruning (Berkeley Park, SE Bybee & SE 39th- by tennis courts); register <u>here</u>

February 6th, 8:30am-noon: King-Sabin Pruning (Whole Foods, 3535 NE 15th Ave); register here

February 13th, 8:30am-noon: Sunnyside Pruning (Aletheia Bible Fellowship, 4511 SE Main St); register <u>here</u>

Or discover how to research historic trees in your neighborhood at this free workshop led by local environmental historian, Dave Hedburg:

January 30th, sign up for one of the following, 10am-noon or 1pm-3pm: "Researching Historic Trees in Your Neighborhood" (Portland State University, Cramer Hall 494, 1721 SW Broadway); register <u>here</u>

For more information, please contact: Patrick.Key@portlandoregon.gov (971-334-0347) or Matthew.Downs@portlandoregon.gov (971-334-0348)



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Join the Urban Forestry Team

Now Hiring Urban Forestry Seasonal Positions

Applications accepted until March 9, 2016

Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry is seeking seasonal staff to work with its science and policy group conducting tree inventory and monitoring activities.

Tree Inventory Coordinator (multiple positions)



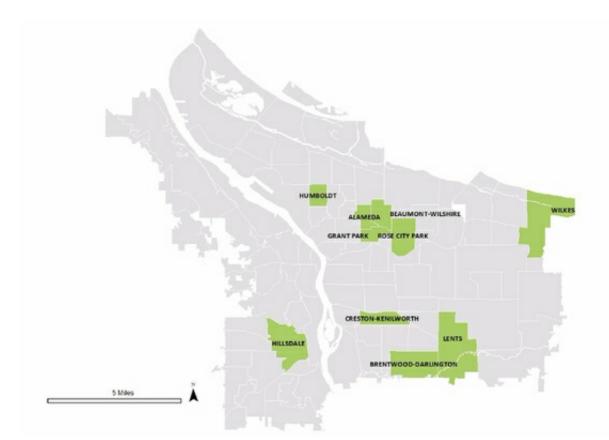
- Conduct street tree inventory workshops with volunteers in Portland neighborhoods. This includes public speaking, training volunteers, organizing logistics, and checking data for accuracy.
- Collect street tree inventory data, including tree identification, measurement, and assessment using paper forms and mobile ArcGIS.
- Analyze data and write reports on inventory findings.
- Visit http://portlandoregon.gov/parks/treeinventory for project details.

Elm Monitor (one position)

- Monitor Portland's 2,000+ elm population for symptoms of Dutch elm disease. Requires travel
- throughout the city, visual inspection for symptoms, and recording inspection results.
 Maintain inspection records, collect samples and send for lab analysis, and work with City inspectors and property owners during the removal of infected trees.
- Collect tree data, including identification, measurement, and assessment using mobile ArcGIS.
- Visit https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/424029 for project details.

Click here for more information.

Announcing the New Neighborhoods for the 2016 Street Tree Inventory



Map of Portland Neighborhoods with the 2016 Street Tree Inventory areas highlighted.

Congratulations to our new tree inventory neighborhoods! We are proud to announce our partnership with 10 neighborhood tree teams to complete the final year of the street tree inventory. They include:

- Alameda
- Beaumont-Wilshire
- Brentwood-Darlington
- Creston- Kenilworth
- Grant Park
- Hillsdale
- Humboldt
- Lents
- Rose City Park
- Wilkes

Do you live in one of these neighborhoods? Sign up for the Inventory Planning Workshop on March 12th to learn more about the inventory, and to talk with your neighbors about the challenges and opportunities facing trees in your neighborhood. **Register here**.

These neighborhoods will have tree data collection workdays this summer so stay tuned for volunteer opportunities to have fun in the sun and contribute to the final year of this ambitious city-wide street tree inventory! Has your neighborhood already been inventoried? Look up the trees around where you live or work by clicking here!



2 Public Open Houses on Asian Gypsy Moth



LEARN, COMMENT, PREPARE

The Asian gypsy moth has been detected in North Portland! Come to a public open house to learn more about the impacts of moth establishment, proposed treatment, and have your questions answered.

Feb 17, 2016 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm Feb 20, 2016 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm James John Elementary, 7439 N. Charleston Ave, Portland

For more information visit: tinyurl.com/ODAgypsymoth

Refreshments will be provided.

Individuals requiring special accomodations or translation at the meeting should contact Clinton Burfitt, as soon as possible, at 1-800-525-0137 or by email at gypsymoth@oda.state.or.us



To learn about this forest pest firsthand, consider registering for the **Asian Gypsy Moth Training** with Oregon State University's **Oregon Forest Pest Detectors** program. Free upcoming trainings are:

Friday, February 26, 2016

Saturday, February 27, 2016

Friday, March 4, 2016



This is also a good reminder that **Asian longhorned beetle & Emerald ash borer** remain significant threats to our urban forest.

Everyone who works in or around trees is encouraged to take this free valuable training! (This includes our Neighborhood Tree Stewards,

workshop and inventory volunteers, and all of our arborist friends out there.) Free trainings on identifying these two pests are:

Thursday, March 10, 2016, 9:00 am-12:30 pm, Water Pollution Control Lab/Cathedral Park Friday, April 8, 2016, 9:00 am-12:30 pm, Water Pollution Control Lab/Cathedral Park

Arborist in the Spotlight

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Volunteer Stephen Peacock and His Contributions

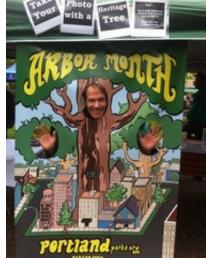


Urban Forestry would like to recognize the considerable time and energy that arborist volunteer, Stephen Peacock, has contributed throughout his years in Portland.

From 2007-2015, Stephen volunteered for 2 consecutive terms on the **Urban Forestry Commission**, which serves as an advisory group to the PP&R Director and to the City Forester.

Prior to this, Stephen was an early member of the **Heritage Tree** Committee from its beginnings in the mid-1990s. In addition to assessing potential heritage trees, members give an additional 60 hours of volunteer time per calendar year.

If you have participated in an **Urban Forestry pruning workshop**, or the **Neighborhood Tree Steward** program, then chances are good you have received instruction from Stephen on how to properly prune Portland's trees.





As a private tree care company owner of Peacock Tree Preservation, Stephen has also participated in **Arborists in the Arboretum Day** at Hoyt Arboretum. Pruning services are donated by local arborists to keep our cherished arboretum trees healthy at this annual event.

Thank you for your many years of service, Stephen!



Seeking Nominations for the 2016 Naito Community Trees Award



To recognize the many people of Portland that have dedicated their talents, energy and resources to help Portland's trees, the Urban Forestry Commission is seeking nominations for the 2016 **Bill Naito Community Trees Award** in two categories: individual and group.

This annual award honors Bill Naito, a businessman, civic leader and philanthropist who did so much to beautify Portland with trees. Bill Naito rarely missed a meeting of the Urban Forestry Commission, which he founded in 1974 and chaired until his death. Through his humor, persistence, and imaginative approach to projects, he inspired many individuals to recognize the wide array of benefits that trees bring to our city.

"This is a great city and a great day and we have a great future." William Sumio Naito (1925-1996)

Individuals and groups whose volunteer work, like Bill's, has made significant enhancements to Portland's urban forest and inspired others to recognize the beauty and benefits of trees, are eligible for nomination. Past award recipients have recognized the possibilities for trees in our neighborhoods and have acted to instill the value of trees in our community.

If you know of an individual or group whose work in tree planting, preservation, or stewardship should be considered for this special award, please submit an application. The application must include a one page story about the nominee, showing their innovative and creative approaches, diligent commitment, and community involvement or community-wide impact. Nominations are due **February 26, 2016**.

For more information: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/96929 To download an application: https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/516011

Learning Landscapes at Woodlawn School, Kindergarteners in Action





Tuscarora crape myrtle from torbaytreefarmers.com.au

The Woodlawn Wildcats brought energy and enthusiasm to their January 26th tree planting event. Over 50 kindergarten kids bundled up and headed outside to plant two Tuscarora crape myrtles which will add a brilliant summer flowering display to their school front.

Planting a large form tree to maximize canopy coverage is an ongoing goal of the **Learning Landscapes** program. However, choosing a tree that will ultimately be successful in the space it occupies is also important to any urban forestry program.

Instrumental in organizing the event, Dr. Jamie Repasky, STEAM Consultant at Woodlawn School and Science Enrichment Coordinator at Mary Rieke Elementary, had this to say:

"The students loved digging with mini shovels, playing with worms, and working as a team to move the trees to their new home. This was a finale to this year's Tree unit and the students were able to practice the science terminology and steps to plant a tree from their studies."



Beyond the activity itself, the simple act of planting trees will have a lasting impact. Dr. Repasky went on to explain, "This experience helps the children develop a sense of ownership of their school and in their community. What fun it will be for today's little ones to watch these trees grow through their years at Woodlawn!"

Upcoming Urban Forestry plantings include a community tree planting at the Roseway Park Blocks, and two Learning Landscapes plantings at Parklane Elementary and Lynch Wood Elementary in the Centennial School District.

Do you know of a school or community space that would benefit from an organized tree planting? Contact us with your ideas for Fall 2016 and beyond.

Gina Dake, Urban Forestry, Education & Outreach, Portland Parks & Recreation **Gina.Dake@portlandoregon.gov**, 503-823-1650.



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February 13th, 8:30 am-noon: Sunnyside Pruning (Aletheia Bible Fellowship, 4511 SE Main St); register <u>here.</u>

February 20th, 8:30 am-noon: Parkrose & Parkrose Heights Pruning (St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 11229 NE Prescott St); register **here**.

February 27th, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm: Historic Trees as a Resource (Hollywood Library, 4040 NE Tillamook St.); register **here**.

March 5th, 8:30 am-noon: Arbor Lodge Pruning (Arbor Lodge Park, N Delaware Ave & N Bryant St); register **here**.

March 12th, 8:30 am-noon: Boise & Eliot Pruning (Lillis Albina City Park, N Russell St & N Flint Ave); register here.

For more information, please contact: **Patrick.Key@portlandoregon.gov** (971-334-0347) or **Matthew.Downs@portlandoregon.gov** (971-334-0348)

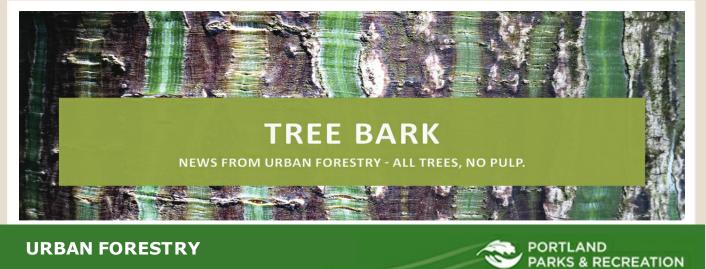
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Report to City Council on the First Year of Title 11, Trees



On March 30, 2016, at 2:00 p.m., Portland Parks & Recreation and the Bureau of Development Services will give a joint report to City Council on the first year of implementation of the Citywide Tree Project.

The report will be presented in Council Chambers at City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Avenue.

Title 11, Trees, the City's new tree code, went into effect on January 1, 2015.

The Report consists of a memo that provides an overview of the first year of implementation activities and identifies challenges, next steps and resource needs. Three exhibits provide additional details, including:

- Exhibit A: Outreach Plan Summary and Outreach Log a summary of the outreach plan developed and listing of outreach events
- Exhibit B: Tree Code Oversight Advisory Committee Recommendations Report the final report of this committee, which met from December 2014 December 2015
- Exhibit C: Citywide Tree Project Data Report, January 1 December 31, 2015 a compilation of data collected and analyzed on tree project outcomes

At the Council meeting, staff will present an overview of the information in these materials, including key findings from the Data Report. Members of the Tree Code Oversight Advisory Committee will present their recommendations following the staff presentation.

For more information, please click here.

Possible Amendments to the Tree Code for Trees in Development Situations



Large tree removals in development situations have captured attention in many Portland neighborhoods, like this tree on N Vancouver.

City Council will continue to hear testimony on proposed amendments to Title 11, Trees, regarding tree preservation in development situations on Wednesday, March 30, 2016, 2:00 p.m., Council Chambers at City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Avenue.

Due to recent public concern about large trees being removed in development situations in Portland neighborhoods, amendments to Title 11, Trees, are proposed to strengthen regulations pertaining to tree preservation, especially preservation of large sized trees, in development situations. The proposed amendments aim to:

- 1. Revise the mitigation requirement (payment into the Tree Planting and Preservation Fund) for trees removed to be based on the size of the tree removed. Currently, the same mitigation is required for all trees removed regardless of size.
- 2. Add a notification requirement when trees of a certain size are removed.

On March 3, 2016 City Council heard a proposal for amendments known as the **Fritz/Saltzman proposal**. On that date, that proposal was passed to second reading with the following amendments:

- 1. Require inch-per-inch mitigation payment for removal of non-exempt trees beginning at 36" diameter trees and larger (instead of 50" and larger).
- 2. Require a notification period of 45 days prior to permit issuance (instead of 30 days).

At the March 16, 2016 City Council second reading, a third amendment was introduced. That amendment is described as follows:

3. Exempt certain affordable housing projects, as defined by the Portland Housing Bureau, from mitigation payment for removal of non-exempt trees 36" or larger.

View proposed code language including the three amendments described above.

Testimony can be made in person at the hearing, or may be submitted in writing. Email written testimony to the Council Clerk at **CCTestimony@portlandoregon.gov** or send to 1221 SW Fourth Avenue, Room 130, Portland, Oregon 97204. Written testimony must be received by the time of the hearing and must include your name and address.

Questions may be directed to Emily Sandy at the Bureau of Development Services, **Emily.Sandy@portlandoregon.gov**, (503) 823-7828.

Speak for the Trees! Let's Talk Money

The City Budget Office will hold **Community Budget Hearings** in April and Urban Forestry's budget and proposed cuts to the **Elm Protection Program** are on the agenda:

Community Budget Forum - Southwest

Tuesday, April 5, 2016 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Wilson High School - Cafeteria 1151 SW Vermont St. Portland, OR 97219 TriMet bus lines: 1, 39, 44, 45, 54, 56, 61, 64

Community Budget Forum - East Portland

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Alice Ott Middle School - Auditorium 12500 SE Ramona St. Portland, OR 97236 TriMet bus line: 10

From Urban Forestry's website:

Dutch elm disease, or DED, is one of the most destructive plant pathogens in the United States and Europe, having killed millions of elms and persisting despite efforts to control it. With approximately 3,500 susceptible elms throughout the city, DED would have a catastrophic impact on Portland's urban forest if allowed to prevail unchecked. PP&R Urban Forestry works diligently to manage the impact of DED in Portland.

Another Successful Tree Planting Event at the Roseway Park Blocks



From left to right: Debra Kneeshaw from Portland Parks & Recreation, Horticultural Services gives a planting demonstration; young neighbors mulch and stake their tree.



On Saturday, March 12th, approximately 35 volunteers, along with Urban Forestry staff, teamed up with the **Roseway Neighborhood Association** and the **Roseway Tree Team** to plant 18 trees on the Roseway Park Blocks.

Aging purple leaf plums and crab apples currently planted on many of the blocks continue to decline

and fail. Fortunately, a cooperative neighborhood effort is in place to plant a diversity of new tree species. Drought tolerant evergreen oaks, and large form giant sequoias will provide year round canopy cover, ginkgos will offer stunning fall color and ornamental crape myrtles will brighten the block between NE Beech and NE Failing with their showy blooms.

City Tree Inspector, Charlie Carroll says, "Great selection of trees, and good stock, looking forward to more plantings!"

Catherine Clark, organizer for the Roseway Tree Team, and one of the many dedicated volunteers that day, is committed to keeping the planting momentum going. "We look forward to proceeding with the next block as soon as it is feasible, and hope to continue the rejuvenation of all of the Roseway park blocks."

For information on bringing a community tree planting to your neighborhood, please visit our web page on **Tree Stewardship Event Support**.



You can also contact Gina Dake at Gina.Dake@portlandoregon.gov.

Mark Your Calendars! Arbor Day at the PSU Farmer's Market, Saturday, April 30th



Volunteers in nature themed costumes circulate through the crowd on Arbor Day 2015 at the PSU Farmer's Market.

The City of Portland's annual **Arbor Day** Celebration will occur on April 30th, 2016, with the theme of Share Your Tree Story!

Join us at the Portland Farmer's Market (PSU South Park Blocks, near SW Park Ave and Montgomery St), from 8:30am – 2:30pm, for music, storytelling, and activities for all ages.

Music begins at 11am, followed by:

- Naito Awards
- Maynard Drawson Award
- Arbor Day Foundation Awards
- Mayoral Proclamation

We will continue our popular tree seedling give away. Species will include our native Oregon White Oak (*Quercus garryana*), Chinese Pistache (*Pistacia chinensis*) and another native, Cascara buckthorn (*Rhamnus purshiana*).

Tree planting and care information cards will be distributed with the seedlings.

To learn more about the event and to find out how to share your tree story, please visit: **www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/arbor**.

Upcoming Urban Forestry Workshops

Learn to prune street trees or simply increase your tree knowledge at one of our upcoming events, led by ISA certified arborist instructors and Urban Forestry staff:

March 26th, 10:00 am-noon: Broadleaf Evergreen Tree Walk (Caffe Destino, 1339 NE Fremont St.); register **here**.

April 2nd, 8:30 am-noon: Woodstock Pruning & Pizza at Pizza Roma! (Woodstock Park, SE 47th & SE Steele); register **here**.

April 9th, 10:00 am-12:00 pm: St. Johns Tree History (Pioneer Methodist Church in Clark Hall, 7528 N Charleston Ave.); register **here**.

April 16th, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm: King-Sabin Tree History (Whole Foods Market, 3535 NE 15th Ave.); register **here**.

April 23rd, 8:30 am-noon: Roseway Young Tree Pruning (Glenhaven Park, NE Siskiyou St & NE 80th Ave); register **here**.

For more information, please contact: **Patrick.Key@portlandoregon.gov** (971-334-0347) or **Matthew.Downs@portlandoregon.gov** (971-334-0348)

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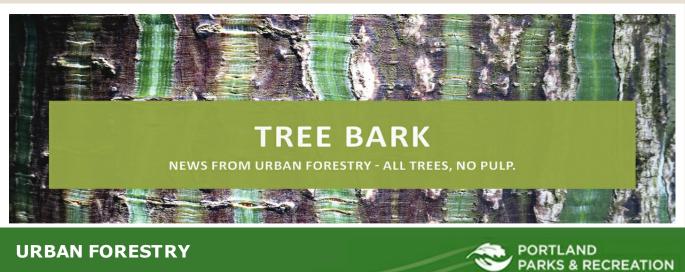
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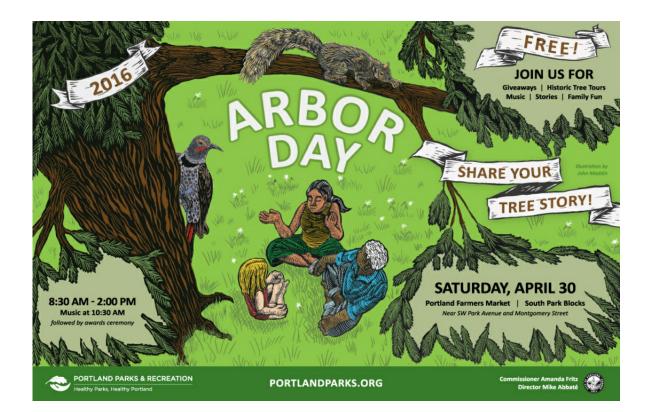
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Arbor Day 2016! April 30th, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on the South Park Blocks at PSU

- Live music, storytelling and awards beginning at 10:30 a.m.
- Nature-based arts, crafts and education including basket-making, fire-making with cedar-bow drills, and native plant education from ReWild Portland.
- Historic tree tours- An Urban Forestry environmental historian will lead 45 minute tours from the main Urban Forestry Tent: 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m.
- Art project: "Plant" your tree stories in our "seed bed" art project. These stories will "grow" over the course of the next year!
- Free tree seedlings (while supplies last) of Oregon white oak, Chinese pistache and cascara buckthorn, along with planting and care information cards.



Arbor Day 2016 will be at the PSU Farmers Market. From the corner of SW Park Ave and Montgomery, head south to find the celebration!

Local Tree Care Providers Workshop, Calling All **Tree Professionals!**



A madrone, oak, and giant sequoia- some of the magnificent trees our local arborists care for every day!

Let's take a moment to thank the hardworking tree professionals in our community that are safe, knowledgeable, and up to date on City regulations regarding our urban trees. THANK YOU!

One of the ways our local arborists stay informed is to attend a Local Tree Care Provider Workshop on an annual basis. Participating arborists learn when a permit is required, how to properly submit an application and provide supporting documentation, and can ask questions directly to Urban Forestry Staff.

The Local Tree Care Provider list is updated every January 1st, or the first business day of the New Year.

Those professionals that have NOT attended a workshop within one year of their last workshop will be removed from the list.

What:	Local Tree Care Providers Workshop
When:	Friday, May 20, 2016, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. <i>OR</i> Tuesday, May 24, 2016, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Where:	5/20/16: Mt Scott Community Center 5530 SE 72nd Ave., Portland, OR 97206 5/24/16: Community Music Center 3350 SE Francis St., Portland, OR 97202
Cost:	Free and open to all tree care companies, arborists and landscapers

5/20/16: http://tinyurl.com/TCPW5-20-16 To register: 5/24/16: http://tinyurl.com/TCPW5-24-16

Please register early for free work-related materials.

Questions regarding the upcoming workshops can be directed to Gina Dake at Gina.Dake@portlandoregon.gov or by calling (503) 823-1650.



Amendments to the Tree Code, Find out What Will Change on May 13th

On April 13, 2016 City Council approved the Amendments to Title 11, Trees. The Amendments become effective on May 13, 2016.

View the amended code language

Questions about the project history may be directed to Emily Sandy at the Bureau of Development Services (503) 823-7828 or Emily.Sandy@portlandoregon.gov.

Questions about how the regulations may apply to specific development projects may be directed to

Bureau of Development Services Planning and Zoning staff at (503) 823-7526 or

Parks Tree Technician staff at (503) 823-TREE (8733). Staff are also available in the Development Services Center (1900 SW 4th Ave.) during its regular business hours.

Seeking Urban Forestry Commission Members



From left to right: Urban Forestry Commissioners in February of 2016, and members of the Heritage Tree Committee gathered around an oak being evaluated for Heritage Tree status.

Click here to Apply to Join the UFC!

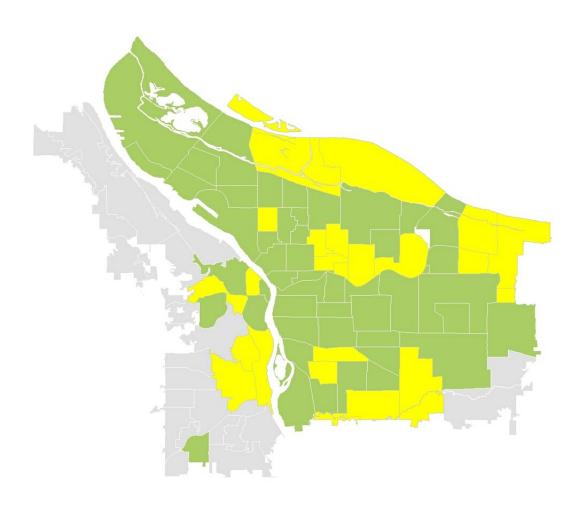
Urban Forestry Commission members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council for 4-year terms and generally spend about 6 to 8 hours per month on Commission-related issues.

We are especially interested in new commissioners who can represent property development with urban forest improvement, traditionally under-represented community members and areas of the city, and nonprofit organizations involved in some way with urban forests and tree infrastructure.

For assistance with an application, please contact Natasha Lipai at: Natasha.Lipai@portlandoregon.gov or (503) 823-8398.

Final Year of the Street Tree Inventory Project!

80,000+ trees. 11 neighborhoods. We need your help!



2016 street tree inventory neighborhoods are shown in yellow and completed areas are shown in green.

11 Portland neighborhoods need to be inventoried to complete the street tree inventory in 2016!

2016 inventory neighborhoods include: Alameda, Beaumont-Wilshire, Brentwood-Darlington, Creston-Kenilworth, Grant Park, Hillsdale, Hollywood, Humboldt, Lents, Rose City Park, and Wilkes.

This will only be possible with the help of our amazing volunteers. We invite you to join us as inventory team leaders, data collectors, data entry experts, arborists, and tree team members.

Visit the project site for details and save a date for Team Leader Training on: Saturday, June 4, Wednesday, June 8, or Saturday, June 11.

Humboldt residents - Help us form a tree team in your neighborhood!

Urban Forestry is seeking volunteers to form a Humboldt Tree Team to organize their neighborhood tree inventory. After the inventory, teams create a tree plan and carry out tree-related activities in the neighborhood. To learn more about how to partner with Urban Forestry as your neighborhood tree advocates, contact Angie.Disalvo@portland.oregon.gov for details.



Meet the Inventory staff here to help you!

Top left to right: Patrick Key, Matthew Downs, Carrie Black, Jim Gersbach, Lily Glaeser, Jon Burgbacher. Bottom left to right: Jeremy Grotbo, Julie Fukuda, Daphne Cissell, Kat Davidson, Sachi Arakawa.

Upcoming Urban Forestry Workshops

Learn to prune street trees or simply increase your tree knowledge at one of our upcoming events, led by ISA certified arborist instructors and Urban Forestry staff:

April 30th, 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 1:00 pm: Historic Tree Tours (PSU Farmers Market, Main Urban Forestry Tent)

May 7th, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm: General Tree Care: Walk & Talk (Holgate Baptist Church, 11242 SE Holgate Blvd); register here.

May 21st, 8:30 am-noon: General Tree Care: Walk, Talk & Prune (Alberta Park, NW Corner of NE Alberta and NE 19th Ave); register here.

For more information, please contact: Patrick.Key@portlandoregon.gov (971-334-0347) or Matthew.Downs@portlandoregon.gov (971-334-0348)

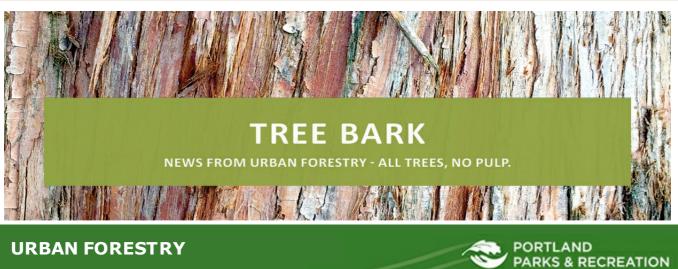
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Now Hiring! Urban Forestry is Seeking a Botanic Specialist II & an AmeriCorps Member

Join Urban Forestry As a Botanic Specialist II

Job Title: Botanic Specialist II: Forestry

Closing Date/Time: Mon. 06/13/16 4:30 PM Pacific Time Salary: \$28.39 - \$36.21 Hourly

Job Type: Full Time

Location: Urban Forestry, 10910 N Denver Ave., Portland, OR 97217



The City of Portland's Bureau of Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry Division (PP&R) is seeking a **Botanic Specialist II - Forestry.** The position will under general supervision, develop and manage tree programs and projects in support of Portland's Urban Forestry Management Plan, including tree inventory, tree planting projects, stewardship programs, and research/citizen science projects. To apply, please visit the job posting **here**.

Join Urban Forestry as an AmeriCorps Tree Plan Coordinator Passionate about education, equity and the urban forest? We are seeking an AmeriCorps member to work with our Urban Forestry programs to help us better serve our diverse communities.



The position: In partnership with the **Confluence Environmental Center**, the Tree Plan Coordinator (TPC) will work with community groups to plan tree care and education events. The focus will be on increasing the participation of individuals and communities in racially and economically diverse neighborhoods throughout Portland.

Additionally, TPC will participate in Confluence-led professional development activities, National Service events, and other self-directed development opportunities. For the full description and application details, please **click here**.

Position term: September 7, 2016 - July 28, 2017 (11 months – 1700 hours)

Benefits: Monthly living allowance (\$12,530 paid over the term of service), education award of \$5,775, loan forbearance, basic medical insurance, child care allowance for those who qualify.

Applications due: Sun. 07/10/16 11:59 PM Pacific Time

Questions? Please contact: TreeInventory@portlandoregon.gov



Recent Roseway Street Tree Pruning Workshop organized by current Urban Forestry AmeriCorps members Matthew Downs and Patrick Key.

Urgent Reminder: Water Trees Planted Within the Last 3 Years!



A Youth Conservation Crew member waters a tree at Lee Elementary School, and volunteers on the Roseway

Park Blocks care for their new trees.

Planting a tree is a great first step toward receiving years of benefits, but watering your tree for two to three years is critical to its survival.

Newly planted trees need your help to survive. The immature root system is not able to access water beyond its limited space, and without your **establishment care**, it will wither away and die in our sunny Oregon summers.



A young tree shows classic signs of distress- brown leaves, and leaf loss.

At least two years, preferably three, of supplemental watering will help to establish your tree for many years to come. Ask a tree professional or the nursery where you purchased your tree about specific watering needs. In the meantime, check out the guide below for general tips on caring for young trees.

Where to water:

It's important that the water directly reaches the root ball of your tree, close to the trunk, usually within 1 to 2 feet.

How much to water:

Approximately 10 gallons of water per diameter inch of tree trunk (i.e., a 1.5 inch trunk requires about 15 gallons).

How frequently:

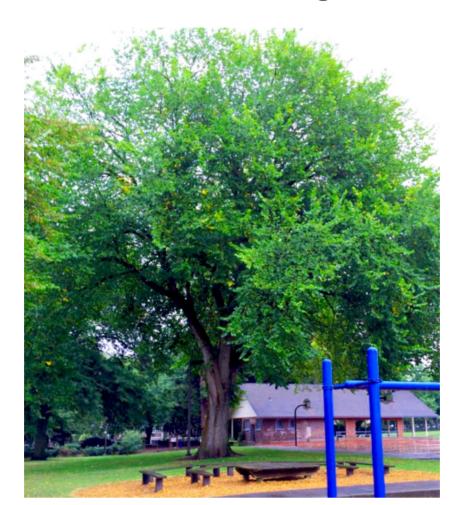
Approximately once a week. If the soil feels dry, or just slightly damp, it is time to water again. Pressing a finger gently into the soil below the mulch surrounding your tree is a good indicator. If the soil is wet or very damp, wait a day or two and then test again. Overwatering kills trees, too!

Methods:

So many. A garden hose and soaker hose can be set to a timer to slowly release water for about 5 minutes. Watering tubes such as TreeGators or Ooze Tubes can be filled up about once a week. A 5-gallon bucket (with holes drilled in the sides or bottom to slowly release water) should be filled at least twice a week, and frequently moved to different areas around the root ball.

Looking for more information? These **8 slides** from the Seattle Department of Transportation offer some handy watering advice. Good luck out there!

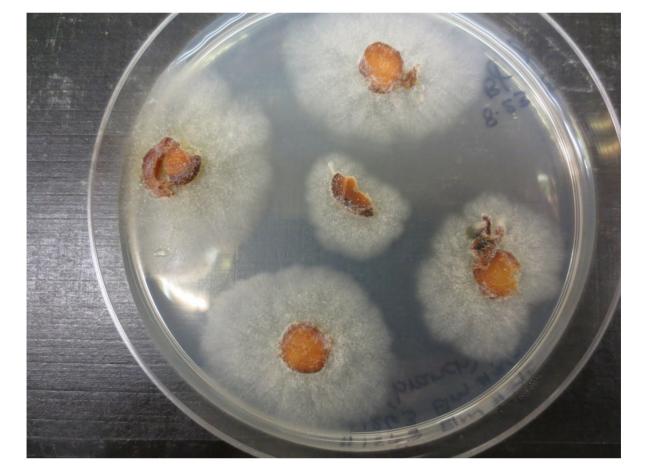
Dutch Elm Disease: Protecting Portland's Elms



American elm (Ulmus americana) in Wallace Park

Reminder: Elm Pruning Moratorium currently in effect.

Please remember that pruning any elm tree between **April 15** and **October 15** is prohibited within the City of Portland. The City Forester may waive this prohibition when it is deemed necessary to remove hazards or maintain clearance. Suckers and small branches less than 1-inch in diameter growing from the base of an elm tree may be pruned year-round.



Culture in the lab at OSU of the Ophiostoma species, a fungus that causes Dutch elm disease.

The elm pruning moratorium is an important aspect of Portland's **Elm Protection Program**. **Dutch Elm Disease (DED)** is lethal to American and European elms. It is caused by a fungus, *Ophiostoma spp.*, which spreads through root grafts, elm bark beetles, and human activity. This is a particularly important time of year for DED management as elm bark beetles (vectors for fungal spores which cause DED) become active with warm and dry weather. The beetles are attracted to healthy elms with fresh wounds.



A past elm removal by Urban Forestry in the Hosford-Abernethy neighborhood.

- DED activities supported by this protection program include:
- Hiring a seasonal elm monitor
- Sending samples for lab analysis when symptoms appear
- Rapid removal of DED-infected elms on City property and in the right-of-way
- Proper disposal of elm woodDisinfection of tools and equipment
- Inoculation of healthy elms at parks, libraries, and Heritage Tree sites
- Public education on Dutch Elm Disease

Click here for symptoms of DED. If you suspect DED, have questions, or seek further information, please email: PKELM@portlandoregon.gov.

30 Companies Attend Local Tree Care Provider Workshops



Methods to determine when a tree permit is required, and clearance requirements for street trees.

This May, Urban Forestry held two Local Tree Care Provider Workshops. Representatives from 30 local tree care companies were in attendance!

Stay tuned for the updated list.

These workshops are an opportunity for tree professionals to come together to learn about City of Portland rules and regulations regarding our urban forest. Topics such as **Title 11**, recent **amendments to the code**, and the **administrative rule** for tree planting were presented along with City-specific pruning requirements.



City of Portland Approved Street Tree Planting Lists.

Companies that attend one of the workshops are eligible to be placed on the Local Tree Care **Provider List** after the City has verified the following information:

- An active Portland business license
- A certified arborist or registered consulting arborist on staff that attended the workshop
- No violations of the tree code within the past year
- No repeated submittals of incomplete permits

This list is a resource for Portland residents who may be seeking the services of a tree professional, and want to know which companies are knowledgeable about current industry standards and Portland's unique protections for our trees.

If you are a tree professional and were not able to attend one of the spring workshops, we will hold another workshop in November. We hope to see you then!

Top 5 Favorite Trees, Are Your Favorites On the List?

An informal poll here at Urban Forestry showed 5 trees that are the most popular among staff members.

1. Oregon white oak



The Oregon white oak (Quercus garryana) easily won the top spot.

3. Beech

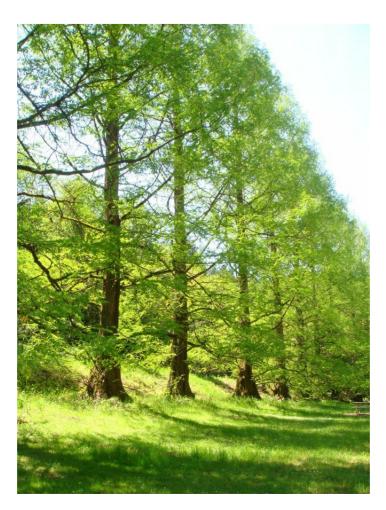


The Douglas fir (Pseudotsuga menziesii) was right behind the oak in popularity. This particular Douglas fir is the tallest known tree in Portland, last measured at 242 feet.

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The beech tree (Fagus sp.) can have green, variegated, or copper colored leaves like this beauty over by Lair Hill Park. Photos by Steve Terrill.

4. Dawn redwood



The dawn redwood (Metasequoia glyptostroboides) is a deciduous conifer that sheds its needles in the winter.

5. A tie for 5th between the ponderosa pine and the madrone



This ponderosa pine (Pinus ponderosa) is over a hundred years old. Madrones (Arbutus menziesii) are known for their interesting red bark, which can be smooth, patchy, or shaggy.

Upcoming Urban Forestry Events

June 11th, 8:30 am-12:00 pm, or 1:00 pm-4:30 pm: Team Leader Training (Hinson Church, 1137 SE 20th Ave. 97214)

June 11th, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm: Explorando at the Columbia Slough (Whitaker Ponds Nature Park, 7040 NE 47th Ave. 97218)

June 18th, 8:30 am-12:00 pm: Hollywood Inventory Workday (Hollywood Library, 4040 NE Tillamook St. 97212)

June 18th, 8:30 am-12:00 pm: Humboldt Inventory Workday (Peninsula Park, 700 N Rosa Parks Way, 97217)

June 25th, 8:30 am-12:00 pm: Alameda Tree Inventory Workday (Fremont United Methodist Church, 2620 NE Fremont St. 97212)

June 25th, 8:30 am-12:00 pm: Beaumont-Wilshire Tree Inventory Workday (Grand Central Baking Co., 4440 NE Fremont St. 97213)

June 29th, 4:30 pm-8:00 pm: Brentwood-Darlington/Lents Tree Inventory Workday (Lents Park, 9000 SE Holgate Blvd, 97266)

June 29th, 4:30 pm-8:00 pm: Creston-Kenilworth Tree Inventory Workday (Kailash Ecovillage, 4311 SE 37th Ave. 97202)

Save the Date

July 16th, 6:00 pm-10:00 pm: Tree Hug PDX, followed by a screening of The Lorax (Hoyt Arboretum @ Washington Park, 4000 SW Fairview Blvd. 97221)

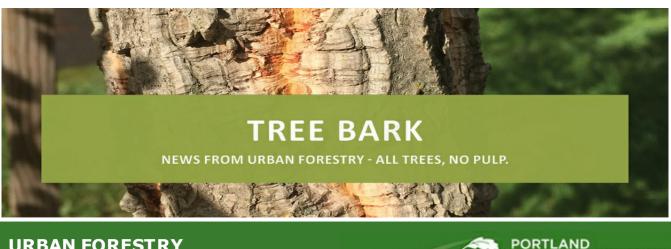
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Dutch Elm Disease Found in 7 Portland Neighborhoods



A camperdown elm in SW Portland with flagging, a classic symptom of DED, and a branch with streaking evident below the bark, another visual clue to test for DED.

Dutch elm disease (DED) is a highly lethal and communicable disease that affects many types of elm trees. Here in Portland, we have approximately 3,000 elms and lose around 40 of them every year.

This year, as part of Urban Forestry's Elm Protection Program, 21 branch samples were sent to the Oregon State University Plant Pathology Clinic. Laboratory testing confirmed the presence of DED in the following 7 Portland neighborhoods:

- Eastmoreland
- Sellwood-Moreland
- Richmond
- Hosford-Abernethy (Ladd's Addition)
- Northwest District
- Irvington
- Rose City Park

What can you do to help protect Portland's elms?

- Do not prune elms between April 15th to October 15th! (Open wounds may attract the bark beetle that contributes to the spread of DED)
- Do not transport elm wood except for approved methods of disposal (The wood may be infested with bark beetles even if you can't see them)
- Learn DED symptoms and contact Urban Forestry at 503-823-8398 if you suspect an infection

(Symptoms include flagging or browning of leaves and streaking below the bark)

Elm Wood Disposal Procedures:

- 1. All branches must be chipped.
- 2. Any elm wood that cannot be chipped must be taken to an approved commercial disposal site within 24 hours of cutting.
- 3. All stumps must either be ground out or debarked within 48 hours of the removal.
- Within five business days, the property owner must send a copy of the disposal receipt to: Attention: Elm Monitor, Urban Forestry 10910 N Denver Ave. Portland, OR 97217
- 5. When removing a diseased elm tree, the trunk shall be girdled at the base with a chainsaw before the tree is removed.

Local Businesses that Accept and Process Elm Wood:

- Allwood Recyclers (503) 667-5497; 23001 NE Marine Dr, Fairview, OR 97024
- McFarlane's Bark Inc. (503) 659- 4240; 13345 SE Johnson Rd, Milwaukie, OR 97222
- Wood Waste Management (503) 493-3370; 7315 NE 47th Ave, Portland, OR 97218



An American elm on SE Tolman Street in Eastmoreland that tested positive for DED.

Friends of Trees Annual Community Tree Care Training on September 10th! Register Now!

Friends of Trees is offering an opportunity to help you take another step in your tree education and join the **Community Tree Care Program** (CTC). Pruning young trees in their first 3-5 years improves a tree's health and lifespan in our urban environment, and it's fun!

This year's annual Pruning Leader training is **Saturday**, **September 10th**, **9:00 am - 3:00 pm**. It will be held in North Portland at the **Charles Jordan Community Center** (9009 N Foss Ave, **map**). The training will be split between classroom time and field work training, similar to Crew Leader training.

Space is limited, please register for the training HERE!

Please note:

This role is NOT open to the general public, only Friends of Trees volunteers with previous experience or Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry volunteers may register for this training to become a Pruning Leader.

Pruning Leaders commit to four Saturday morning pruning events from September through June (the training counts as one!) and work alongside Friends of Trees and Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry arborist staff. At each event, you work with a group of 2-3 Pruning Leaders pruning 10-15 street trees.



The 2015 CTC classroom training, a young tree pruning tag, and a field pruning practice session.

There are 9 scheduled Friends of Trees pruning events, all on Saturday mornings between September - June. Event dates and locations will be available during training.

Any questions or comments? Please contact Jenny with Friends of Trees at (503) 467-2528 or Randi at (503) 595-0213.

New Tree Inspectors and an Assistant Program Specialist Join Urban Forestry Staff

We are pleased to welcome Dan Gleason to the Portland Parks &



Recreation (PP&R) Urban Forestry Division as a Tree Inspector focusing on trees in development situations.

Dan will be working alongside his fellow inspectors at the Permit Center reviewing development permits, conducting tree preservation inspections and enforcing **Title 11 code**, as well as assisting in tree related emergency response. He started as a tree inspector on June 30, 2016.

Dan joins us from Oregon State University where he earned his Master of Science degree in Forest Ecosystems and Society in 2015. Before moving to Oregon, he attended the University of Massachusetts and graduated in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in Communications. Post-

graduation, Dan became an ISA Certified Arborist and worked as an arborist for the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation. Dan is bringing his urban forestry background and years of working as an arborist to the Urban Forestry Tree Inspector team.

Andrew Gallahan is also joining the PP&R Urban Forestry Division. He will be working as a Temporary Tree Inspector focusing on non-development permitting.

Andrew is joining the tree inspector team to assist with the heavy permitting workload throughout the next year. He will be working alongside his fellow inspectors processing **non-development tree permit** applications, conducting tree, root and planting inspections, enforcing Title 11 code, and assisting in emergency call outs. He started as a Temporary Tree Inspector on June 30, 2016.



Andrew has been working as an arborist in the private industry since 2006. He was a tree climber for the majority of his career and moved into a sales/consulting position in 2014. He is an ISA Certified Arborist as well as a Qualified Tree Risk Assessor. He earned his Associate of Applied Science degree in 2013.



Last, but not least, Rick Faber takes on an exciting new temporary appointment as an Assistant Program Specialist focusing on Urban Forestry permitting and regulation.

Rick was previously employed for the past three years as a PP&R Urban Forestry Tree Inspector focused on trees in development.

In his new role, Rick will be working to improve internal and interbureau regulatory processes and helping to build an efficient, comprehensible and streamlined program.

Some of the duties and projects Rick will be undertaking include: developing consistent Urban Forestry standards to be used in development, responding to public and commissioner inquiries, assisting in the development of the City's **IT Advancement Project**, and much more!

Rick is a Certified Master Arborist and a Registered Consulting Arborist. As a development Tree Inspector, Rick played an important role in the implementation of Title 11, and is well prepared to take on the Assistant Program Specialist role.

Tree Hug PDX: The World's Greatest Tree Hug

A Recap of the 4th Annual Event:

Hoyt Arboretum @ Washington Park





On Saturday, July 16th, **Hoyt Arboretum** hosted the 4th annual **Tree Hug PDX**. Around 500 people of all ages attended this family-friendly event.

In addition to showing our trees some love, participants also went for bucket truck rides up to 65ft in the air, and ascended 100ft up a tree with ropes! Activities on the ground included information and activity booths, live music, and the movie, *The Lorax*, courtesy of **Movies in the Park**.

Thank you to everyone who attended this fun event in honor of Portland's beautiful trees. To learn more about future events in the Arboretum, please contact:

Becky Schreiber at Hoyt Arboretum Friends at (503) 823-1649, or info@hoytarboretum.org.

Upcoming Urban Forestry Events

July 23rd, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm: Beaumont-Wilshire Street Tree Inventory Workday. Meet @ Fire & Stone, 3707 NE Fremont St.

July 23rd, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm: Brentwood-Darlington/Lents Street Tree Inventory Workday. Meet @ Glenwood Park, 8800 SE Claybourne St.

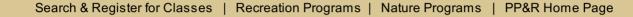
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July 30th, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm: Hollywood Street Tree Inventory Workday. Meet @ Hollywood Library, 4040 NE Tillamook St.

July 30th, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm: Humboldt Street Tree Inventory Workday. Meet @ Peninsula Park, 700 N Rosa Parks Wy. MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

August 6th, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm: Creston-Kenilworth Street Inventory Workday. Meet @ Creston Park, SE 44th Ave. & Powell Blvd. MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

August 10th, 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm: Hollywood Street Tree Inventory Workday. Meet @ Hollywood Library, 4040 NE Tillamook St.



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Now Hiring an Arborist IV, Apply by 4:30 PM August 29, 2016

Urban Forestry is accepting applications for an **Arborist IV**. This is a senior level position requiring an advanced level of arboricultural, climbing, and leadership skills.



Tree climbing

Our Arborist arow members use tree climbing skills in a variety of situations from tree removals to aerial

Do you have the experience, skills, and dedication to be an Arborist IV with Urban Forestry? If so, please read the **position announcement** throroughly. It can be a daunting recruitment process, so start dusting off those résumés!



Bucket truck

Tree planting with crane

Arborist crews use bucket trucks and cranes on a routine basis.

The following minimum qualifications are required for this position:

- 1. Advanced knowledge of the techniques used in the care of trees including: rigging, climbing, pruning, removal, planting and any other related tree work.
- 2. Advanced knowledge in the safe effective application and maintenance or minor repair of tools and equipment used in the care of trees, including cranes and aerial lift devices.
- 3. Ability and experience to perform complex tree pruning and removals.
- 4. Knowledge and experience applying the principles and practices of leadership with the ability to provide training to others while building, motivating and maintaining a team work effort.
- 5. Experience communicating effectively orally, electronically and in writing, and completing work orders and maintaining records.

Questions?

Tamara Larison, Senior Human Resources Analyst, Bureau of Human Resources Tamara.Larison@portlandoregon.gov (503) 823-3523

Register Now: Sign up for the Neighborhood Tree Steward Fall Class of 2016

Since 1997, the **Neighborhood Tree Steward** (NTS) program has worked to provide nearly 200 community members with the tools and resources to be active leaders and urban forest advocates in their neighborhoods. Participants enroll in a seven-session course that covers:

• Tree biology

- Tree pruning and maintenance
- Proper planting technique
- Ecosystem services

- · Pests and pathogens of the urban forest
- Urban forest management and policy

2015 NTS class learning tree ID from Fred Nilsen

Fred Nilsen, lifelong friend of the Hoyt Arboretum, teaches tree identification to the NTS class of 2015.

No previous experience is needed to become a Neighborhood Tree Steward, but you do need a passion for trees, a desire to learn, and the commitment to help.

If you do have some experience with trees, this course will deepen your base of knowledge and provide opportunities for leadership in your community.



NTS Handbook 2015

Participants receive a handbook with tree-related information and field instruction from industry professionals.

The cost of the course is only \$25 (scholarships are available) and classes meet on Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings in the fall (see the 2016 NTS Schedule). Once the course is completed, NTS graduates are asked to contribute 40 hours of tree-related volunteer service over the next year. It is very easy to fulfill this service requirement by participating in Urban Forestry workshops, serving on the Heritage Tree Committee, teaching youth about trees at a Learning Landscapes event, volunteering with Friends of Trees or any one of our local community partners, tabling at Arbor Day (or walking around in a squirrel suit), organizing a community tree planting, or representing your Neighborhood Tree Team at Neighborhood Association Meetings.

Click **HERE** to register or call (503) 823-2525. For further program information, please contact Nik Desai, NTS Program Coordinator, at: **Nik.Desai@portlandoregon.gov** or (503) 823-4441.

Eight Companies Added to the Local Tree Care Providers List!

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Urban Forestry is pleased to welcome these companies to our Local Tree Care Providers List:

- Arboriculture International, LLC
- Eduardo's Tree Service
- Integrity Tree Care, Inc.
- Madrone Modern Arboriculture, LLC
- Native Ecosystems Northwest
- Oregon Tree Care
- Pacific Standard Tree
- Treepeople, LLC

In addition to finding a tree care company, you can also use the Local Tree Care Provider web page to check if you're working with a **certified arborist**, or look up Construction Contractors Board (**CCB**) information on a specific company. Be safe out there!

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Learn Presentation, August 26th, Noon-1 pm

The Bureau of Development Lunch & Learn series is an informal way to get information on current development topics.

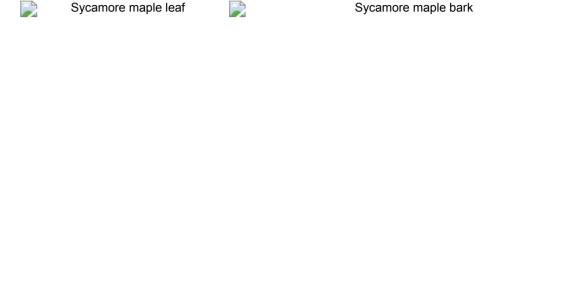
This month's presentation will be held at 1900 SW 4th Ave, room 2500A. It will focus on Trees in Development Situations and will be particularly useful to developers, landscape architects, project arborists, planners, surveyors and internal city staff. Don't forget to bring your lunch!



Lunch & Learn flyer

Updated Portland Plant List, Two New Nuisance Trees Added

The Portland Plant List, which maintains lists of native and nuisance plants, was recently updated. The sycamore maple (Acer pseudoplatanus) and the horse chestnut (Aesculus hippocastanum) were added to the Nuisance Plants List.



A sycamore maple (Acer pseudoplatanus) leaf and bark.

Sycamore maple leaf



Horse chestnut leaf



Sycamore maple bark

Horse chestnut bark

A horse chestnut (Aesculus hippocastanum) leaf and bark.

As a reminder, the removal of nuisance trees on city rights-of-way require a permit. On private property, nuisance tree removals will follow standard Tree Removal & Replanting permit requirements under Title 11. Permits will not be issued to plant nuisance trees in city rights-of-way. The following is the current list of trees on the Nuisance Plants List:

Norway maple

Acer platanoides

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Horse chestnut	Aesculus hippocastanum	
Tree-of-heaven	Ailanthus altissima	
Cutleaf birch	Betula pendula	
English hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	
English holly	llex aquifolium	
Golden chain tree	Laburnum watereri	
Empress/princess tree	Paulownia tomentosa	
White poplar	Populus alba	
Sweet cherry	Prunus avium	
English laurel	Prunus laurocerasus	
Black locust	Robinia pseudoacacia	
European mountain ash	Sorbus aucuparia	
Siberian elm	Ulmus pumila	

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August 20th, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm: Creston-Kenilworth Tree Inventory Workday. Meet @ YMCA Child Development Center, 6036 SE Foster Rd.

August 24th, 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm: Alameda Tree Inventory Workday. Meet @ 4317 NE 24th Ave.

August 26th, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm: BDS Lunch & Learn Presentation: Trees in Development Situations. Meet @ 1900 SW 4th Ave., 2nd floor conference room, 2500A, no cost to attend.

August 27th, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm: Grant Park Tree Inventory Workday. Meet @ Grant Park Church, 2728 NE 34th Ave.

August 27th, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm: Rose City Park Tree Inventory Workday. Meet @ Rose City Park United Methodist Church, 5830 NE Alameda St.

August 27th, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm: Humboldt Tree Inventory Workday. Meet @ Peninsula Park, 700 N Rosa Parks Wy

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Hoyt Arboretum Friends Foundation Seeking Executive Director (\$72-77K DOE), Apply by October 6, 2016





Fall color is found in abundance around Hoyt Arboretum.

Hoyt Arboretum Friends Foundation (HAF) seeks a collaborative and dynamic leader motivated by their love of nature and the mission to maintain and improve Hoyt Arboretum and its collection for all people through advocacy, resources, awareness and education. Click **here** to read the job description or apply.

Hoyt Arboretum Friends Foundation Job Summary – Executive Director

- **Position:** Executive Director
- Reports to: Board of Directors
- Status: Exempt, full time, salaried
- Staff: Communications/Office Manager and half-time Education/Volunteer Coordinator (1.5 FTE)
- **Budget:** Operating budget of \$425,000 in 2015
- Start date: Early January 2017

\$50,000 in Grants Available from the East Portland Action Plan, Apply by October 13, 2016!



(EPAP) 2017 Civic Engagement Grants Program \$50,000 total funds available (No project request amount restriction) Now we just need your projects!

Date Due: October 13, 2016

EPAP addresses community-identified issues and advocates for allocation of resources to improve livability and prevent displacement in the City of Portland East Portland Neighborhood Office area (see map below). Learn more at the EPAP website: **www.eastportlandactionplan.org** or contact

> the EPAP Advocate: (503) 823-4035 or Lore.Wintergreen@PortlandOregon.gov

> > Applications can be found at:

http://tinyurl.com/2017-EPAP-CivicEngag-Grant-App (PDF) and

http://tinyurl.com/2017-EPAP-CivicEngage-GrantApp (Word)



Grant proposals must be within the borders as defined by the City of Portland East Portland Neighborhood Office area shown in the map above.

Local Tree Care Provider Workshop Nov. 16th:

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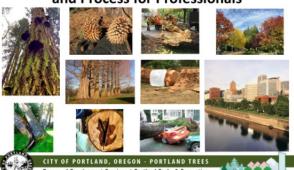
Did you know that the Local Tree Care Provider List averages around

400 hits a month on our website?

For a company to be eligible for the Local Tree Care Provider List, they must:

- Have an active Portland business license
- Have no documented violations of the **Tree Code** within the last 12 months
- Submit accurate and legible Tree Removal & Replanting Permit Applications
- Send a **Certified Arborist** to a Local Tree Care Provider Workshop within the last 12 months

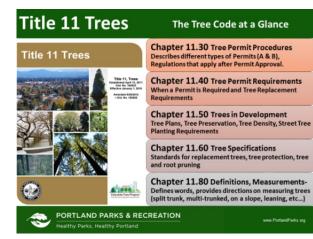
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The next Local Tree Care Provider Workshop is November 16, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m at Charles Jordan Community Center, 9009 N Foss Ave., Portland, OR 97217.

Register here.



In January of 2017, we will update the Local Tree Care Provider List. Those companies that have not attended a workshop within the previous 12 months will be removed from the list to ensure that arborists are providing the most current information to their customers.

Also, companies currently on the list must be able to verify that they have a Certified Arborist on staff to remain on the list after January 2017.

Questions, comments, or concerns? Email Gina.Dake@PortlandOregon.gov, or call (503) 823-1650.

Please Welcome New Urban Forestry Staff

Urban Forestry is happy to have some new faces in our department, including:

- Brian Landoe, an Assistant Program Specialist
- Mason Wordell, the 2016-2017 Urban Forestry AmeriCorps Member
- Hakima Siyad, an Education & Outreach Intern



Brian Landoe, Assistant Program Specialist. Mason Wordell, AmeriCorps Member. Hakima Siyad, Education & Outreach Intern.

Recent promotions also have familiar employees in brand new roles, they

are:

- Jeff Ramsey, a Botanic Specialist II, former Botanic Specialist I
- Joseph Welliver, Urban Forestry's IT Advancement Project Coordinator, former Tree Technician
- Natasha Lipai, a Tree Technician, former 2015-2016 Elm Monitor, and the 2013-2014 AmeriCorps Member



Jeff Ramsey, Botanic Specialist II. Joseph Welliver, limited term Business Systems Analyst.Natasha Lipai, limited term Development Services Technician II.

Japanese Beetle (*Popillia japonica*) Population Discovered in Washington County, Find Out What Trees these Voracious Insects Eat

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) has detected an active population of **Japanese beetles** in the **Cedar Mill** area of Washington County. This insect is a major plant pest that is destructive to approximately 300 species of turf, fruits, vegetables, shrubs, and trees.

The following is a list of trees favored by Japanese beetle, though they are unlikely to kill a medium to large-sized tree:

American mountain-ash	Cherry	Larch	Plum
Apple, crabapple	Crape myrtle	Linden	Poplars/cottonwood
Beech	Elm	Maple	Sassafrass
Birch	Holly	Oak	Western red cedar, arborvitae
Black walnut	Horse chestnut	Peach, apricot	Willow

Because of the highly visible damage Japanese beetles cause to turf and ornamentals, the overuse of chemical controls is a real concern. ODA, along with partner organizations, has plans in place to limit and control the spread of this destructive, invasive beetle. If you suspect that you have an infestation, do

not apply pesticides yourself. Instead, call the **Oregon Invasives Hotline** at **1-866-INVADER** to report Japanese beetle.



FIGURE 6. Leaf damage from Japanese Beetle. (Steven Katovich, USDA Forest Service, Bugwood.org)



Japanese beetles feeding on roses: www.flickr.com/photos/georgesgewels/2643035643/, adult on flower: Kevin D. Arvin, www.forestryimages.org.

What you can do:

- Learn the symptoms of Japanese beetle feeding. This includes chewed up leaves that appear "skeletonized" and grass that is conspicuously brown and patchy.
- Learn to identify Japanese beetle. Adults emerge in June and have copper-colored wing covers over their metallic green bodies, with white tufts of hair along their sides. They are small, roughly 0.9 cm long and 0.6 cm wide.
- DO NOT TRANSPORT VEGETATION from the infestation area. This includes all plant parts, roots, and soil.

Upcoming Urban Forestry Events

October 5th, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Tree Inventory Volunteer Celebration. Meet @ Hopworks Urban Brewery, 2944 SE Powell Blvd.

October 15th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm: Tree Selection Workshop and Walking Tour with Jim Gersbach. Meet @ Velo Cult Bike Shop, 1969 NE 42nd Ave.

October 29th, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm: Roseway Park Block Tree Planting. Meet @ The Roseway Park

Blocks, NE 72nd Ave. between NE Failing and NE Mason.

November 5th, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm: Street Tree Inventory Summit. Meet @ Mt. Scott Community Center, 5530 SE 72nd Ave, Portland, OR 97206.

November 16th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm: Local Tree Care Providers Workshop. Meet @ Charles Jordan Community Center, 9009 N Foss Ave, Portland, OR 97217.

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Happy Halloween! A Short List of Trees with Halloween-Ready Names

- Devil's walking stick (Aralia spinosa) Sharp, spiny thorns protrude along the stems
- Contorted filbert (Corylus avellana 'Contorta') Twisted branches that droop to the ground
- Dragon's blood tree (Dracaena cinnabari) Red sap that oozes out like blood when cut



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- Bloodtwig dogwood/Midwinter fire (Cornus sanguinea) Blood red stems and leaves in the fall
- Sawtooth oak (Quercus acutissima) Pointed teeth adorn the serrated edges of their leaves
- Weeping willow (Salix babylonica) Long, drooping branches give it a mournful appearance



Photos: Bloodtwig dogwood, photo by Donar Reiskoffer, Sawtooth oak, photo by OpenCage.info, Weeping willow, photo by muffinn on Flickr.com

Urban Forestry Responds to 160 Storm Damage Calls throughout Portland



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storm damage hit Heritage Tree #12, an American elm in the Laurelhurst neighborhood.

A massive storm was predicted to hit the Pacific Northwest earlier this month.

Although it was much milder than expected, Urban Forestry staff still received 160 emergency call outs. Our crews were sent to roughly half of the locations, those that required work beyond the capacity of our Tree Inspectors.

In all, Urban Forestry Arborists, Tree Inspectors, and Tree Technicians spent two weeks, including weekends, responding almost exclusively to storm damage. A big thank you also to all of our private sector tree companies! Portlanders are fortunate to



An Urban Forestry Tree Inspector responds to a downed Raywood ash in the Sabin area.

have such dedicated professionals in their arborist community.

Did you know that you can call Urban Forestry 24/7 at (503) 823-TREE (8733) with city tree-related emergencies?

Also, keep in mind that **regulated trees** removed during emergencies require a **retroactive permit** application, which must be submitted within seven days of removing the tree.

PERMIT TYPE - Check one:

This is a standard Tree Removal & Replanting Permit Application.

□ The tree was an immediate hazard/danger to people or property and had to be removed. I am submitting this application as an emergency tree removal application in order to receive a retroactive Tree Removal & Replanting Permit. I have included photographic evidence of the hazard.

To determine whether a tree qualifies for emergency removal, call 503-823-TREE (8733) or visit
 <u>www.portlandoregon.gov/trees/emergencies</u>. The property owner may be found in violation of Title 11 if it is
 determined that regulated trees were removed without a permit and it was not an emergency.

I am required to submit this application as part of a Tree Permit Violation Review. Enclosed is a fee of \$250.

A retroactive permit application uses the same form as the standard Tree Removal & Replanting Permit Application.

Seven Heritage Tree Candidates Sent to the Urban Forestry Commission, You can Nominate too!

Active tree enthusiasts have recently submitted seven new potential **Heritage Trees**! The **Urban Forestry Commission** will review each nomination, then pass them on to the City Council for final approval. If these new contenders are approved, Portland will have over **300 Heritage Trees**. You too, email : Webview : Halloween Trees, Heritage Trees, Storm Damage!

If you aren't sure where to start, check out Portland State University's **Canopy Analytics** Tool. You can use recent LiDAR data on canopy height to find and map trees over 50' tall in your neighborhood.



This Cucumber tree (Magnolia acuminata) is Heritage Tree #14 and was designated in 1994. Photo by Steve Terrill.

2016 Tree Summit:

What's the Most Common Street Tree in Portland? Is My House On the Street Tree Inventory Map? What's the Big Deal About Trees?

Answers to These Questions and More!

What: 2016 Tree Inventory Summit (All of Portland's 96 neighborhoods were inventoried)

When: Saturday, Nov. 5th, from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Where: Mt. Scott Community Center, 5530 SE 72nd Ave.

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Register for the event here!

For more information on the **Street Tree Inventory Project**, visit our website. For more information on the Tree Summit, see the most recent **Urban Forestry Blog** post.

Upcoming Urban Forestry Events

November 4th, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm: Tree Advocacy Free Dinner and Workshop. (This is not a city sponsored event. It is hosted by Save the Portland Redwoods.) Meet @ Taborspace, 5441 SE Belmont St., Portland, OR 97215.

November 5th, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm: Street Tree Inventory Summit. Meet @ Mt. Scott Community Center, 5530 SE 72nd Ave, Portland, OR 97206.

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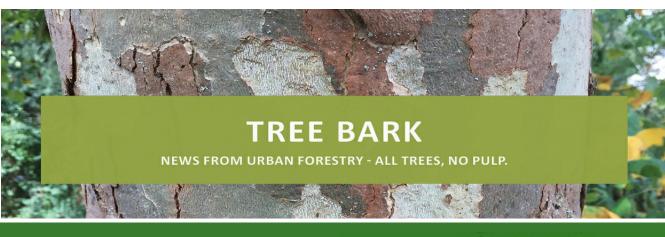
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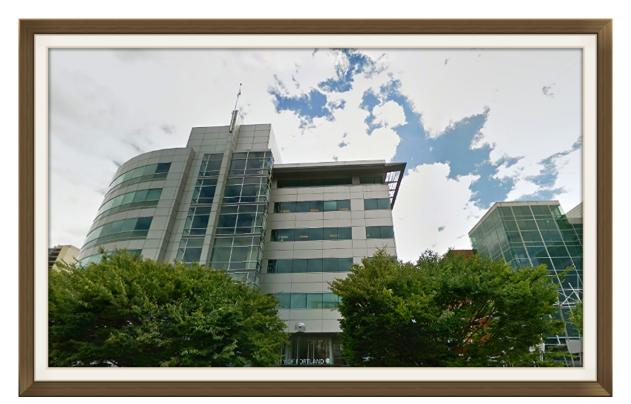
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Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to Title 11, Trees, Wednesday, 12/07/16 from 5-7pm



The 1900 SW 4th Ave. building in downtown Portland.

On Wednesday, December 7th, the Urban Forestry Commission will be holding a public hearing on proposed changes to Title 11, Trees. The hearing will be held from **5pm to 7pm** at **1900 SW 4th Avenue, room** 2500A.

The changes under consideration are part of the Regulatory Improvement Code Amendment Package 8 (RICAP 8) which addresses minor and technical policy changes to city code, and include:

- Clarifying how tree protection requirements apply when a portion of the root protection zone extends onto an adjacent property or right-of-way
- Increasing the allowable fine for unlawful damage or removal of a Heritage Tree on private property

Click here for more information on RICAP 8.

If you are unable to attend the hearing but are interested in submitting a comment, please send written testimony to:

> The Urban Forestry Commission 10910 N Denver Ave. Portland, OR 97217

Or send an email to Brian.Landoe@portlandoregon.gov with "RICAP8" in the subject line. Written testimony must be received by the time of the hearing and must include your name and address.

Join Us for the First Workshop of the Season: Selecting and Promoting Diverse Tree Species, Saturday, 12/10/16 from 9:30-11:30am



A few trees that are not considered to be overplanted in our area: Amur maackia, Chinese pistache, and silverleaf oak.

What: Selecting and Promoting Diverse Tree Species Where: Kailash Ecovillage, Community Room, 4311 SE 37th Ave., Portland, OR 97202 When: Saturday, 12/10/16, 9:30-11:30am Registration: http://tinyurl.com/ckDiverseTrees

Join the Creston-Kenilworth Tree Team and Urban Forestry for an indoor presentation on interesting tree species! In this workshop you will learn about the many tree species that are underplanted here but are adaptable, beautiful, and low maintenance.

Jim Gersbach of Urban Forestry will guide homeowners through the many choices of tree species available through Friends of Trees, a local tree-planting non-profit. Gersbach will emphasize species that are considered low-risk for diseases and pests, and that can thrive in our climate with its wet winters and dry summers.

Planting Trees in Our City! Two Community Tree Planting Events Completed, More to Follow at Schools and Parks



Volunteers at the Roseway Park Blocks and Neighborhood Tree Stewards at Floyd Light Park gave their time and energy to improve our outdoor spaces during two recent Urban Forestry planting events.

Have you heard about all the benefits that trees can provide? Cleaner air and water, energy bill savings, and reduced crime rates are just a few benefits that have been making the news for years.

These factors may contribute to why so many Portlanders plant trees, though we like to think it's also because of how much fun they have! Community members of all ages and walks of life turned out on October 29th at the Roseway Park Blocks, and again for the Neighborhood Tree Steward graduation tree planting on November 19th. What did they accomplish? Glad you asked:

# of Participants	50+	
# of Trees Planted	22	
# of Medium and Large-form Trees Planted	18	
Watersheds Planted	Columbia Slough, Willamette River	

Our current tree planting season will continue until spring 2017. At this time, six schools and two parks are in the works for community tree planting events. Want to get involved, but not sure how? Check out our website here for ideas!



Neighborhood Tree Stewards planted seven trees in Floyd Light Park in SE Portland.

2016 Tree Inventory Summit Findings



Jeff Ramsey presents Portland's Street Tree Inventory findings to an attentive audience at the Tree Inventory Summit.

As of October 2016, more than 1,300 volunteers have mapped every street tree in Portland. That's almost 220,000 trees, covering all 96 of the city's neighborhoods! Findings from the Street Tree Inventory were presented at the 2016 Tree Inventory Summit on Saturday, November 5th, at the Mt. Scott Community Center.

The inventory results, recommendations, and maps have been compiled into individual neighborhood reports. These handy reports and interactive map are available here. Key findings from the inventory are listed below.

- Annual street tree benefits: \$28.6 million worth of environmental and other services
- Replacement value: nearly \$753 million
- **Tree types:** The 10 most common tree types make up over 52% of all street trees. Lack of tree species diversity makes the city's urban forest more susceptible to large-scale tree loss.
- **10 most common tree types:** Norway maple (9%), red maple (7%), cherry (6%), pear (5%), plum (5%), maple, other (5%), ash (4%), dogwood (4%), deciduous oak (3%), and crabapple (3%)
- **Recent planting trends:** Recent planting trends are positive, showing that the two most overabundant genera are being planted less often. However, the *Acer* (maple) genus still exceeds the recommended level, at 18% of new plantings.
- **Stocking level:** Opportunities exist for more planting-the citywide tree stocking level is just 60%. The lowest stocking levels occur in smaller sites and unimproved sites.



Overplanted trees such as maples and plums are a common site on Portland's streets. A large Oregon myrtle is measured in the Hollywood neighborhood. Rose City Park Tree Team members work on their Tree Plan at the 2016 Tree Summit.

While all of Portland's street trees have been inventoried, the Tree Inventory Project continues! Stay tuned for more information on next year's Park Tree Inventory, and click **here** for more information about the Tree Inventory Project and to download presentations and data.

Seeking Nominations for the 2017 Naito Community Trees Award

If you know of an individual or group whose efforts in tree planting, preservation, or stewardship should be considered for this special award, please submit a nomination by completing the **online nomination form** today!



Bill Naito (1925-1996), a businessman, civic leader and philanthropist who founded Portland's Urban Forestry Commission in 1974. Mr. Naito inspired individuals to recognize the numerous benefits that trees bring to our city.

When submitting your nomination, please be sure to include a one-page story about the nominee describing their commitment and community-wide impact. Additional materials in support of the nomination are welcome and may include: news articles, captioned photographs, letters of support, or project specific information.

Nominations are due by midnight on January 27, 2017. Recipients of the award will be honored by the Urban Forestry Commission at **Portland's Arbor Day** celebration in April, where we will also celebrate Portland's 40th year of **Tree City USA** status.

Click here for more information or to view a list of previous award recipients.

For questions, email: Nik.Desai@portlandoregon.gov.





A few Naito Community Trees Award recipients include Starr Hogeboom (2003), the Tuesday Crew Volunteers at Hoyt Arboretum (2006), and Phyllis Reynolds (2012).

Congratulations to the Neighborhood Tree Steward Class of 2016!

On November 19th, 30 students from 23 different Portland neighborhoods celebrated their graduation from the seven-session **Neighborhood Tree Steward** (NTS) Program. Our 2016 graduates join nearly 200 NTS alumni helping to care for our city's trees since the program began in 1997.



The 2016 Neighborhood Tree Steward graduates and participating staff members. To see more NTS photos, click **here**.

To all NTS alumni, stay tuned for details about our NTS multi-year reunion planned for Arbor Day 2017.

Upcoming Urban Forestry Events

December 3rd, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm: Community Tree Care, Friends of Trees: Brooklyn, Buckman, Hosford-Abernethy, Richmond Neighborhood Planting (SE Portland). Meet @ Central Christian Church, 1844 SE Cesar E Chavez Blvd., Portland, OR 97214

December 7th, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Public Hearing: Regulatory Improvement Code Amendment Package 8 (RICAP 8). 1900 SW 4th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97201. Room 2500A (Second floor)

December 10th, 9:30 am - 11:30 am: Creston-Kenilworth Tree Team: Selecting and Promoting Diverse Tree Species. Meet @ Kailash Ecovillage Community Room, 4311 SE 37th Ave., Portland, OR 97202

December 15th, 4:00 pm: Deadline to submit 2017 Partners in Conservation Grant. \$5,000 to \$60,000 available for single year projects, up to \$100,000 for projects up to 3 years long.

December 17th, 9:00 am - 11:00 am: Lents and Brentwood-Darlington Tree Teams: Free Community Workshop on Selecting Trees for Your Home. Meet @ Zenger Farm Grange, 11741 SE Foster Rd., Portland, OR 97266

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December Storm Hits Portland's Urban Forest



When you gotta go, you gotta go. An uprooted silver maple demolished a portable toilet and blocked SW Chehalem Ave.

This December has been one of the worst weather events for our city's trees in the last 10 years!

Urban Forestry would like to thank all of the many people who responded to this month's winter storm event. Private arborists, the utility sector, the Portland Bureau of Transportation - all of these dedicated professionals worked long hours in poor conditions to assist Portland residents with their trees.

THANK YOU to all of our partners and colleagues for the important work that you do!

During the storm event, three Tree Technicians fielded inquiries and dispatched 9 Tree Inspectors and 12 Arborists to 557 tree-related emergencies! This included trees that were actively failing or posed an imminent public safety issue.



A broken limb hangs on a utility line, a branch partially blocks the road, and a large oak toppled into the pond at Laurelhurst Park.

This December has served as a reminder of the important services Urban Forestry provides for the city. You can call (503) 823-TREE (8733) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or email **trees@portlandoregon.gov** to report city tree-related problems.

Keep in mind, proactive tree maintenance is the first line of defense in avoiding tree emergencies. Here in Portland, the adjacent property owner, not the city, is responsible for the maintenance of their street tree/s. Not sure how to start? Consult our **Local Tree Care Providers List** for arborists that are up to date with Portland's **Tree Code**.

Introducing New Urban Forestry Staff and Urban Forestry Commissioners

Urban Forestry is pleased to welcome our new Planting Program Coordinator, Leanne Wells.



In her new role, Leanne will coordinate increased mitigation tree planting efforts funded by the city's **Tree Planting and Preservation Fund**. She will also be collaborating with Portland State University to develop a city-wide tree planting strategy.

Leanne joins us from the City of Lafayette, Indiana, where she worked as the City Forester. She was responsible for the care, maintenance, removal and planting programs of all public trees. Her work entailed oversite of tree contract work, budgeting, working with non-profits, and securing grant money.

Leanne is an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist and holds the Tree Risk Assessment Qualification. She received Master of Landscape Architecture and Master of Environmental Planning degrees from the University of Georgia, and holds a B.A. in Women's Studies. Welcome, Leanne!

Urban Forestry also welcomes two new commissioners, Daniel Newberry and Thuy Tu, to the Urban Forestry Commission.

Appointee Biographies

• Daniel Newberry is the Executive Director of the Johnson Creek Watershed Council. He has

previously worked with the Hoopa Valley Tribe, the Applegate River Watershed Council, and the U.S. Forest Service. Mr. Newberry holds a Master of Forest Science from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

• **Thuy Tu** is a Transportation Engineer and Planner with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Portland. Ms. Thuy is currently an Adjunct Professor at the University of Oregon School of Architecture and Allied Arts, and is a member of the Jade District Steering Committee.

Now Accepting Nominations for the Naito Award!

Do you know an individual or group that led or inspired a community project in support of our tree canopy?

Now is your chance to nominate those amazing tree people with the Naito Community Trees Award.

Awardees receive a solid oak plaque etched with recognition of their accomplishments on Arbor Day and join a distinguished group of people that will forever be a part of Portland history.

Nominations are easy and there is no limit to the

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number that you may submit. Simply complete this online nomination form. It takes only 5 minutes to potentially change someone's life.

Please contact Nik.Desai@portlandoregon.gov; 503-823-4441 if you have any questions.

Upcoming Urban Forestry Events

January 5th, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm: Great Tree Choices for Your Home. Meet @ Kennedy School Community Room, 5736 NE 33rd Ave. In Partnership with the Concordia Tree Team.

January 7th, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm: Street Tree Pruning Work Party. Meet @ Sons of Haiti Food Cart Pod, N Mississippi Ave. & NE Fremont St. In Partnership with the Albina Neighborhood Tree Team.

January 11th, 10:00 am - 11:15 am: Webinar: Integrating Experts, Communities, and Online Resources for Equitably Expanding Urban Tree Canopy. Click the "Connect to webinar" link to access.

January 14th, 9:30 am - 11:30 am: Selecting Trees for Your Home. Meet @ Grant Park Church, 2728 NE 34th Ave. In Partnership with the Grant Park and Hollywood Tree Teams.

January 28th, 9:00 am - 11:00 am: Selecting Trees for Your Home. Location to be determined. In Partnership with the Alameda and Beaumont-Wilshire Tree Team.

February 11th, 8:45 am - 12:00 pm: Street Tree Pruning Work Party. Location to be determined. In Partnership with the Brentwood-Darlington and Lents Tree Teams.

February 25th, 9:30 am - 11:30 am: Roseway Tree Walk. Meet @ Ira's Deli, 7215 NE Prescott St. In Partnership with the Roseway Tree Team.

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