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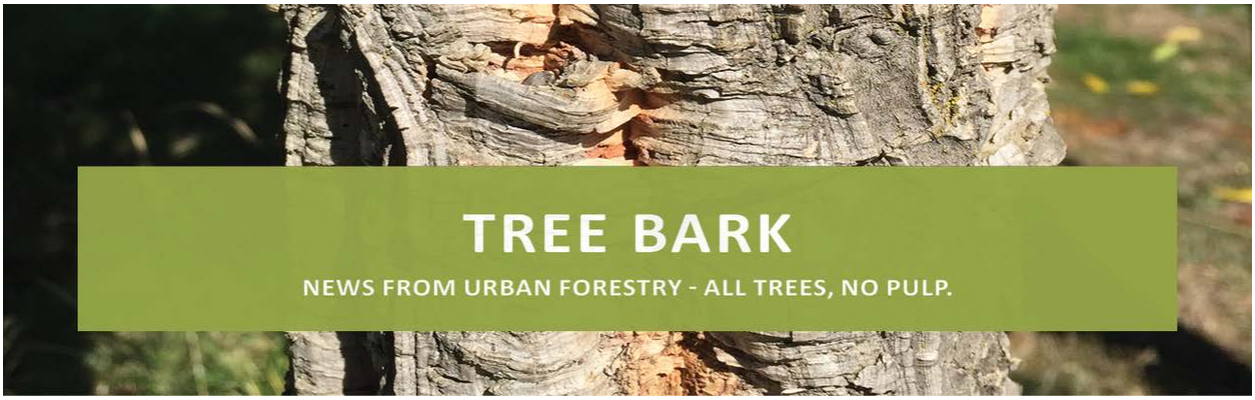

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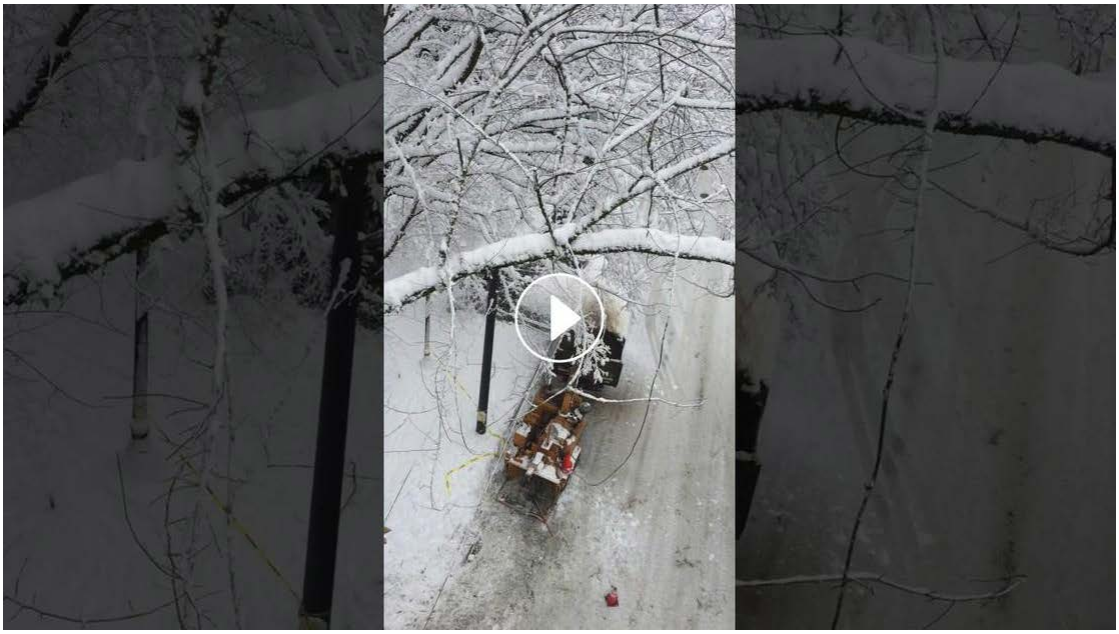

An aerial view from an Urban Forestry bucket truck on the South Park Blocks as crews worked to clear debris during January's heavy snow fall.

In the days between December 9, 2016 to January 18, 2017, Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry responded to over 900 tree emergencies. To put that in perspective: there were 1,192 tree emergencies in the *entire* calendar year of 2015.

Our colleagues from the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) responded to over 65 tree emergencies to help keep Portland moving. Thank you, SDOT!

When the January snow storm first hit, Urban Forestry crews worked to clear trees that were blocking TriMet tracks in four locations. This allowed trains to continue their vital service at a time when car travel was severely impacted by the road conditions. By mid-day on January 13, there were more than 200 calls to the City's emergency tree line, (503) **823-TREE** (8733).

As the snow continued to stick around, 823-TREE kept ringing. Calls included everything from trees in the rights-of-way, on buildings and vehicles, and even a landslide! Urban Forestry crews are still hard at work cleaning up sites across the city. **We thank you for your patience.** Have a look at some of the photos below to see a sampling of emergency tree situations!

Downed limbs and whole tree failures were reported throughout the city.

Urban Forestry crew members clear a fallen tree from the road. Photo by Matt Erceg.

Tips for Caring for Storm Damaged Trees

With the snow gone for now, you may be wondering what you can do about some of those storm damaged trees out there. (For a helpful article from the Oregon State University Extension Service, **click here**.)

Broken central leader on an evergreen magnolia. Should it stay or should it go?

Whether you are inexperienced with tree care, or a proud graduate of the **Neighborhood Tree Steward** Program, a great first step in dealing with non-emergency situations is to gather information.

1. What's wrong with it!? Check the Arbor Day Foundation **Storm Recovery Kit** if you need help identifying the problems.

2. What kind of tree is it? If you're not sure, check out the **Street Tree Inventory Map**. If your tree isn't in there, maybe a tree like yours is nearby and has already been identified. The type of tree you have can strongly influence what you end up doing to correct storm damage.

3. Is it a **street tree**? If so, do you have a **Pruning Permit**? Remember, some street tree pruning

permits can be self-issued online for free. Other situations may call for an inspection first. Either way, don't be afraid of the process! Urban Forestry staff are here to make it as painless as possible!

4. Decide on a course of action! Does your tree require corrective pruning, staking, or even **removal and replanting**? Write out the steps that you will need to take to care for your tree in a timely manner, and then put your plan in place. Neglecting your tree now may turn an easy fix into a permanent defect.

We encourage you to talk to your neighbors, especially if you think you may have spotted a tree problem that they haven't seen. For larger trees or any risky situations, always contact a professional arborist. See the article below for information on arborists in the Portland area.

Some trees are more prone to storm damage than others! Choosing trees for reasons other than their spring flowering habit or autumn color makes a big difference when the weather turns.

Updated Local Tree Care Provider List

This winter has been a busy one for the Portland arborist community. However, not all private tree care companies are the same. Some are new to the area and bring with them innovative techniques, and others have been here for decades and know what has worked in the past.

To make the process of **selecting an arborist** a little easier, Urban Forestry maintains a list of **Local Tree Care Providers**. While we do not make any representation or warranty for any of the companies on the list, we have checked the following criteria:

- A company representative has attended a Local Tree Care Provider Workshop within the past year, which is an opportunity to learn about Portland's tree regulations
- There is an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist on staff
- The company has an active Portland business license
- The company does not have any violations of the Tree Code within the last year, and turns in acceptable permit applications

In 2016, Urban Forestry held three Local Tree Care Provider workshops. 60 professionals representing over 40 arborist companies were in attendance. Though not all of the companies were eligible to be included on the list, we appreciate everyone's participation. Workshops covered topics such as the tree

code, permits, replanting requirements, and trees in development situations. Be sure to check the Urban Forestry **Event Calendar** for future workshops!

New Urban Forestry Staff

Please help us to welcome Kasey Yturralde, a new Botanic Specialist II.

Kasey Yturralde, Botanic Specialist II.

Kasey joins us from Washington, D.C., where she was an Urban Forester with the Department of Transportation for the past three years. Kasey's additional experience includes work at the National Science Foundation, Gila River Indian Community, and the US Forest Service in a variety of natural resource positions.

Kasey is an ISA Certified Arborist and holds the Tree Risk Assessment Qualification. She holds a Ph.D. in Forest Science from Northern Arizona University, where her thesis focused on bark beetle behavior. She also holds M.S., M.A., and B.A. degrees in Biology.

At Urban Forestry, Kasey will work on a wide variety of projects, including developing a pest and pathogen program, managing the **Heritage Tree Program**, updating the **Approved Street Tree Planting Lists**, and creating Urban Forestry's communication plan. Welcome, Kasey!

Parks is Hiring! Youth Conservation Crew Member and Adult Crew Leader Applications Now Available Online

The **Youth Conservation Crew** (YCC) provides summer employment opportunities for a diverse population of Portland-area youth, ages 14-18. Adult crew leaders guide youth as they protect, restore, and manage Portland's parks and natural areas while developing essential job skills and exploring environmental career paths. Visit the YCC website to download **Crew Member** and **Adult Crew Leader** applications!

YCC involves hard work, both physical and mental, and lots of opportunities to explore Portland!

Upcoming Urban Forestry Events

February 11th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm: Street Tree Pruning Work Party. Meet @ Flavel Park SE Flavel and SE 75th St. In Partnership with the Lents and Brentwood-Darlington Tree Teams.

February 18th, 9:00 am - 11:00 am: Decode the Tree Code, Focused Training. Meet @ Grant Park Church, 2728 NE 34th Ave. In Partnership with the Grant and Hollywood Tree Teams.

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

March 4th, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm: Street Tree Pruning Work Party. Location to be determined. In Partnership with the St. Johns Tree Team.

March 11th, 9:00 am – 11:00 am: Tree History in Hillsdale. Meet @ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 3228 SW Sunset Blvd. In Partnership with the Hillsdale Tree Team.

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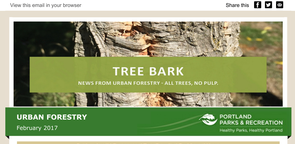

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Hiring Urban Forestry Seasonal Staff, Apply Now!

Urban Forestry is now accepting applications for seasonal positions working with our Outreach and Science program on tree inventory, monitoring, and stewardship activities.

Job Title: Community Service Aide II (CSA II)
Starting Salary: $16.50/hr
Job Type: Part Time/32 Hours per Week
Deadline: Open until filled, priority given to applications received by 3/17/17

Join our team as we continue working to gather information about the urban forest, provide volunteer opportunities for the public, and monitor threats against our canopy.

Positions begin as early as May 4th and the typical duration is five to six months. For a full list of duties and desired qualifications please see the job announcement, or visit our blog post. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled, however priority will be given to applicants who apply by March 17, 2017.

If you have questions, please contact:

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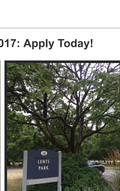
Inventory Project Coordinator, Urban Forestry
(971) 337-7437
treeinventory@portlandoregon.gov

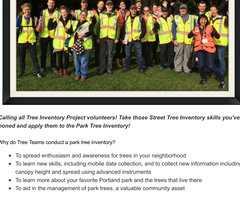
Parks Tree Inventory 2017: Apply Today!



Lincoln and Lents Park are both possibilities for the 2017 Parks Tree Inventory. Do you have a park you'd like to see inventoried?

2016 marked the successful completion of the Street Tree Inventory, Portland's volunteer based inventory of 218,602 street trees. The Tree Inventory Project continues in 2017 with the launch of the Parks Tree Inventory.

With 144 developed parks in Portland, there is ample opportunity for Tree Teams to participate in this exciting new project! Urban Forestry invites neighborhood Tree Teams to partner with us this summer by applying to conduct a tree inventory in a neighborhood park. **Applications** for the 2017 season are due **March 31st**.



Calling all Tree Inventory Project volunteers! Take those Street Tree Inventory skills you've honed and apply them to the Park Tree Inventory!

Why do Tree Teams conduct a park tree inventory?

- To spread enthusiasm and awareness for trees in your neighborhood
- To learn new skills, including mobile data collection, and to collect new information including canopy height and spread using advanced instruments
- To learn more about your favorite Portland park and the trees that live there
- To aid in the management of park trees, a valuable community asset

For more information on the project, please contact:

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Oregon Forest Pest Detector Training: Help Protect Our Forests From Invasive Species

Oregon Forest Pest Detectors help with the early detection of exotic forest pests in Oregon, primarily the emerald ash borer (EAB) and Asian longhorned beetle (ALB). Oregon Forest Pest Detectors are the front line of defense against these high-risk forest pests.

This FREE training will teach you how to identify EAB and ALB, their hosts, and their signs and symptoms; and what to do if you find an infested tree. Become an Oregon Forest Pest Detector so that we can quickly respond should EAB or ALB arrive in Oregon.

This free course is great for anyone who is involved with tree care in urban or natural areas.

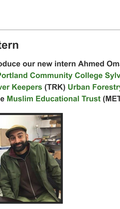
The training has two parts: a self-paced, online prerequisite course followed by a field workshop:

Spring 2017 Field Workshops

March 23 (9 am – 12:30 pm) - Avery Park, Corvallis
April 6 (9 am – 12:30 pm) - North Clackamas Aquatic Park, Milwaukie
April 15 (9 am – 12:30 pm) - Water Pollution Control Lab, Portland

To register for the training or see a full course schedule, visit our website: http://pestdetector.forestry.oregonstate.edu/. You can also contact the OFPD coordinator if you have any questions.

Get Ready for Arbor Day 2017!



Mark your calendars, the biggest tree party of the year is almost here! Join the City of Portland and Urban Forestry as we celebrate trees and our 40th anniversary as Tree City USA.

What: Arbor Day

When: Saturday, April 22, 2017, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Where: **Mt. Scott Park**, at SE 72nd Ave. between SE Harold St. and SE Knight St. (accessible via the #10, #14, and #72 TriMet buses)

This family friendly event will feature delicious food from local vendors, multi-cultural music, artistic performances, a scavenger hunt, arts and crafts, face painting, a tree climbing demonstration and class (with ropes), bucket truck rides (above the tree tops), and the Bill Naito Community Trees Award (accompanied by interpretive dance) presented to one individual and one group exemplifying Loraxian achievements!

Check our website for updates to the event: www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/arbor

If you are a **Neighborhood Tree Steward** or **Neighborhood Tree Team**, join us for an **Arbor Day Reunion** from 10:00 am – noon, followed by lunch. Register here:

http://tinyurl.com/arbordaygathering.

For more information or if you'd like to volunteer, please contact:

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Botanic Specialist I, Urban Forestry
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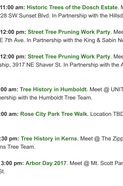
New Urban Forestry Intern

Urban Forestry is pleased to introduce our new intern Ahmed Omar. Ahmed is currently a student at Portland Community College Sylvania and a graduate of the Tualatin River Keepers (TRK) Urban Forestry Training Program presented at the Muslim Educational Trust (MET).



Urban Forestry intern Ahmed Omar (L) and Urban Forestry Botanic Specialist Nik Desai (R).

Upcoming Urban Forestry Events

March 4th, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm: Street Tree Pruning Work Party. Meet @ Pier Park, Intersection of N Lombard St. and N Bruce Ave. In Partnership with the St. Johns Tree Team.

March 11th, 9:00 am – 11:00 am: Historic Trees of the Dosch Estate. Meet @ St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 3228 SW Sunset Blvd. In Partnership with the Hillsdale Tree Team.

March 18th, 8:45 am – 12:00 pm: Street Tree Pruning Work Party. Meet @ Wishire United Methodist Native American Fellowship, 3917 NE Shaver St. In Partnership with the Alameda & Beaumont-Wilshire Tree Teams.

April 1st, 9:00 am – 11:00 am: Tree History in Humboldt. Meet @ UNITE Oregon, 700 N Killingsworth St. In Partnership with the Humboldt Tree Team.

April 8th, 9:00 am – 11:00 am: Rose City Park Tree Walk. Location TBD. In Partnership with the Rose City Park Tree Team.

April 11th, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm: Tree History in Kerns. Meet @ The Zipper, 2705 NE Sandy Blvd. In Partnership with the Kerns Tree Team.

April 22nd, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm: Arbor Day 2017. Meet @ Mt. Scott Park, SE 72nd Ave. between SE Harold St. & SE Knight St.

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Join Us at Arbor Day on April 22nd at Mt. Scott Park: Bucket Truck Rides, Climbing Demos, Music, Food, and More!

The City of Portland and Urban Forestry are pleased to present a celebration of trees and our 40th anniversary as Tree City USA!

Portland's Arbor Day celebration features booths and activities for everyone!

When: Saturday April 22, 2017, 10 am - 3 pm

Where: **Mt Scott Park**, at SE 72nd Ave between Harold St and Knight St (accessible via the #10, #14 and #72 TriMet buses)

This year's celebration has a **new location**, and will feature a variety of music, food, tree climbing, bucket truck rides, a scavenger hunt and the **Bill Naito Community Tree Awards**.

Check our website for the full program schedule:

www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/arbor

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Look for our popular free tree seedling giveaways at this year's Arbor Day!

Neighborhood Tree Stewards and Neighborhood Tree Teams are invited to an Arbor Day Reunion from 10 am to 12 pm!

Please register here: **http://tinyurl.com/arbordaygathering2017**

Announcing the Naito Community Tree Award Winners!

Presented by the **Urban Forestry Commission** on Arbor Day, the Naito Award honors an individual and a group that has exemplified the spirit of Bill Naito, founder of Portland's Urban Forestry Commission.

Award winners are recognized for their tree-related volunteer activities that have raised awareness of the importance of our city's urban forest.

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The Street Tree Inventory Volunteers!

From 2010-2016:

- 1400 volunteers participated
- 17,000 volunteer hours worked
- 218,602 street trees measured, mapped, and identified

This is the largest volunteer led street tree inventory west of the Rockies!

Individual Award Winner:

Catherine Clark!

About Catherine:

- Roseway Neighborhood resident
- 2015 Neighborhood Tree Steward
- Founder/chair of the Roseway Tree Team
- Friends of Trees volunteer
- An inspiration to us all

Catherine has a passion for trees and improving the health and beauty of her community.

Read about her project replanting the Roseway Park Blocks **here**.

Award winners will be honored at Arbor Day at 1 pm.
Please be sure to join us for this special celebration!

For more information, please contact: **Nik.Desai@portlandoregon.gov**

Register Now: Local Tree Care Provider Workshop, May 19th from 10 am to 1 pm

Portland is fortunate to have many skilled and dedicated tree care providers. In addition to helping Portland residents with their tree care

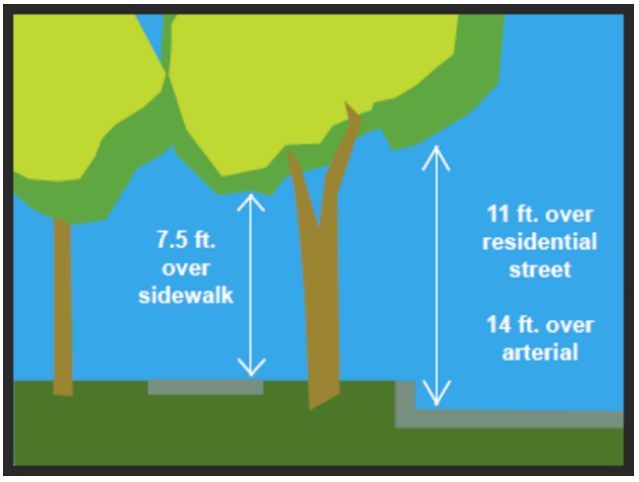
needs, these arborist professionals also guide their clients through Portland's tree code, **Title 11 Trees**.

When: Friday, May 19, 2017, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where: **Community Music Center**, 3350 SE Francis St., Portland, OR 97202

Cost: Free and open to all tree care companies, arborists and landscapers

To register: **https://tinyurl.com/LTCP-May19-2017**



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

After attending a workshop and meeting all other criteria, a company is eligible to be added to the City's **Local Tree Care Provider List**, a resource for members of the public who may be seeking tree care services. The list currently averages over 500 unique page visits per month.

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

The Local Tree Care Provider list is updated at the beginning of each calendar

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of their last workshop will be removed from the list.

Questions regarding the upcoming workshop can be directed to:

Gina.Dake@portlandoregon.gov or (503) 823-1650

Advisory Committee Members Needed to Advise PP&R on Planting Strategy. Applications Due April 14th

How do we best expand tree canopy so that all Portlanders have access to trees and their benefits? Portland State University and Urban Forestry have partnered to evaluate ways to equitably increase our city's tree canopy.

The Citywide Tree Planting Strategy Advisory Committee will provide input on tree planting strategy recommendations made by Portland State University. The committee will meet five times from June through October 2017 and will assist with identifying barriers and opportunities for tree planting for low income communities, reviewing City bureau and public agency priorities around tree planting, and reviewing a tree planting map tool.

For more information, click **here**.

Interested in Street Tree Advocacy? We Need

Your Voices

Are you interested in expanding the size, health, diversity, and equitable distribution of street trees in Portland to improve public health, water quality and urban wildlife?

The Urban Forestry Commission **Policy Committee** is working on a proposal to reform city policies impacting preservation and planting of street trees.

This effort is building off the findings from the **Street Tree Inventory Project** completed in 2016, information from the pending Citywide Tree Planting Strategy, and lessons learned from the first year of implementing Portland's new tree code.

If you are interested in getting involved or kept up-to-date on advocacy opportunities, contact Jim Labbe at: **jlabbe@urbanfauna.org**

Upcoming Urban Forestry Events

April 1st, 9:00 am - 11:00 am: **Tree History in Humboldt**. Meet @ UNITE Oregon, 700 N Killingsworth St. In Partnership with the Humboldt Tree Team

April 8th, 9:00 am - 11:00 am: **Tree Walk in Rose City Park**. Meet @ Rose City Park United Methodist Church, 5830 NE Alameda St. In Partnership with the Rose City Park Tree Coalition.

April 11th, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm: **Tree History in Kerns**. Meet @ The Zipper, 2705 NE Sandy Blvd. In Partnership with the Kerns Tree Team.

April 22nd, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm: **Arbor Day Festival 2017**. Meet @ Mt. Scott Park, SE 72nd Ave., between SE Harold St., and SE Knight St.

April 22nd, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm: **Tree Stewardship Gathering**. Meet @ Mt. Scott Community Center Auditorium, 5530 SE 72nd Ave.

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April 29th, 8:45 am - 12:00 pm: **Street Tree Pruning Work Party**. Meet @ Rieke Elementary School, 1405 SW Vermont St. In Partnership with the Hillsdale Tree Team.

May 13th, 8:45 am - 12:00 pm: **Street Tree Pruning Work Party**. Meet @ Arbor Lodge Park, N Delaware Ave. & N Bryant St. In Partnership with the Arbor Lodge Tree Team.

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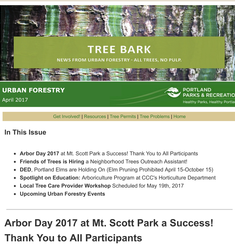

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Arbor Day 2017 at Mt. Scott Park a Success! Thank You to All Participants

Thank you to everyone that visited, volunteered, or contributed to our 2017 **Portland Arbor Day** Festival! It was great to see so many people come together to celebrate trees and our urban forest.

Arbor Day 2017 by the numbers:

- Over **450** visitors
- **275** tree seedlings found a new home
- **150** **Outdoor School** wooden necklace kits crafted
- **75** children participated in the **BES** scavenger hunt
- **68** bucket truck rides
- **59-68** kids got face painting with **PP&R Environmental Education**
- **48** tree climbers
- **Three** awesome musical performances
- **Two** fantastic **Noto Community Trees Award winners**
- **One** newly planted tree in the park with Friends of Trees!

*View photos of Arbor Day **here**!*

Help us to make next year's Arbor Day even better by taking this quick three-minute survey.

Friends of Trees is Hiring a Neighborhood Trees Outreach Assistant!

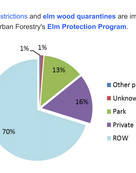
"Accepting Applications through Friday, May 12th"

Friends of Trees is looking for energetic and outgoing individuals to join their motivated staff team. Educating community members about the many benefits of planting trees and the importance of growing the urban forest through tree planting programs is integral to their success.

Job Title: Neighborhood Trees Outreach Assistant
Status: Seasonal part-time
Compensation: $14.16 hourly; not eligible for benefits
Schedule: Tues-Sat, generally 3:00 pm-8:30 pm (approximately 25 hours/wk)

To Apply:

- Please submit a cover letter and resume or submit an application form to: Erica Timm, **EricaT@friendsoftrees.org** by 5:00 pm on May 12th, 2017.
- Please limit application to two pages.



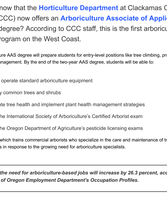
Ideal candidates will be personable, creative and adaptable, comfortable with door-to-door canvassing, community outreach and education, and enthusiastic about planting trees as a means of improving the urban environment. The workload is roughly 20-29 hours per week and they expect to fill up to 10 part-time (seasonal) positions from June 15th to September 22nd with the potential of continuing into the Fall/Winter.

Interested in whether their organization is a good fit for you? Feel free to join them as a volunteer at one of their remaining **neighborhood-tree plantings** to learn more about their program and work.

DED, Portland Elms are Holding On (Elm Pruning Prohibited April 15-October 15)

Did you know there are over 4,500 elms in Portland? These elms are located in both the public right-of-way and on private property (See below).

Elm pruning restrictions and **elm wood quarantines** are important strategies in Urban Forestry's **Elm Protection Program**.



Proportion of elm inventory by property type. (N=4,767 elms)

Snapshot of Portland's elm inventory and elm management in 2016

- Portland lost 55 elms due to Dutch elm disease, which accounts for about 1% of all elms
- Dutch elm disease is a fungal disease that attacks the water-conducting system in elms
- About half of Portland's elms consist of varieties that are resistant to Dutch elm disease
- Urban Forestry treated 129 park elms with fungicide (chemical injected into trees to prevent fungal growth)
- Neighborhood groups treated 98 street tree elms with fungicide

To learn more, please read the **2016 Elm Report**, or visit Urban Forestry's **latest blog post**.

Spotlight on Education: Arboriculture Program at CCC's Horticulture Department

Photo: Richard Harper Photography

Did you know that the **Horticulture Department** at Clackamas Community College (CCC) now offers an **Arboriculture Associate of Applied Science** degree? According to CCC staff, this is the first arboriculture training program on the West Coast.

The Arboriculture AAS degree will prepare students for entry-level positions like tree climbing, pruning and plant health care management. By the end of the two-year AAS degree, students will be able to:

- Safely operate standard arboriculture equipment
- Identify common trees and shrubs
- Evaluate tree health and implement plant health management strategies
- Pass the International Society of Arboriculture's Certified Arborist exam
- Pass the Oregon Department of Agriculture's pesticide licensing exams

The program, which trains commercial arborists who specialize in the care and maintenance of trees in urban centers, comes in response to the growing need for arboriculture specialists.

By 2022, the need for arboriculture-based jobs will increase by 26.3 percent, according to the State of Oregon Employment Department's Occupation Profiles.

For more information, visit the Horticulture Department online at **www.clackamas.edu/horticulture**, call (503) 594-3292, or email **loretbm@clackamas.edu**.

Local Tree Care Provider Workshop Scheduled for May 19th, 2017

Registration: Local Tree Care Provider Workshop on 5/19/17

The first **Local Tree Care Provider** Workshop of the year will be held on May 19th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the **Community Music Center** (3350 SE Francis St.).

This workshop is an opportunity for the local arborist community to review Portland's Tree Code, **Title 11 Trees**. Recent **RICAP 8** changes that went into effect on April 14th will be discussed. Please register **here**.

Upcoming Urban Forestry Events

April 29th, 8:45 am - 12:00 pm: **Street Tree Pruning Work Party**. Meet @ Rieke Elementary School, 1405 SW Vermont St. In Partnership with the Hillsdale Tree Team.

May 13th, 8:45 am - 12:00 pm: **Street Tree Pruning Work Party**. Meet @ Arbor Lodge Park, N Delaware Ave. & N Bryant St. In Partnership with the Arbor Lodge Tree Team.

May 19th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm: **Local Tree Care Provider Workshop**. Meet @ Community Music Center, 3350 SE Francis St. This is an Urban Forestry sponsored event and is free and open to all tree care providers. Registration is requested.

May 20th, 8:45 am - 12:00 pm: **Street Tree Pruning Work Party**. Meet @ Berkeley Park, SE Caesar E Chavez Blvd & Bybee Blvd. In Partnership with the Eastmoreland Tree Team.

May 20th, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm: **Tree History Walk & Talk**. Meet @ Holladay Park Church of God, 2120 NE Tillamook St. In Partnership with the Irvington Tree Team.

May 23rd, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm: **Tree History Walk & Talk**. Location to be determined. In Partnership with the Lents & Brentwood-Darlington Tree Teams.

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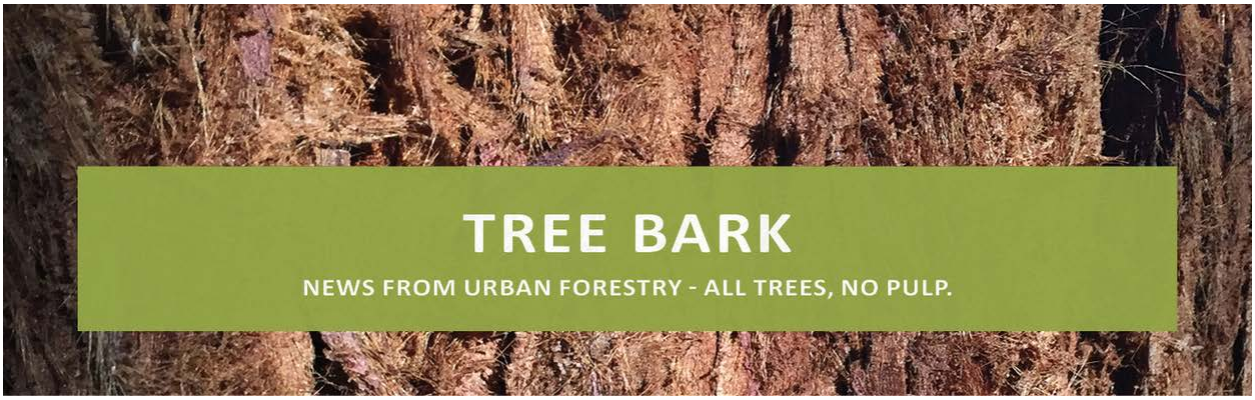

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Tree Planting Survey, We Want to Hear From You!

Take Portland's Tree Planting Survey! How can we best provide trees for everyone?

Share your opinions about tree planting in this short survey that closes June 30, 2017.

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www.tinyurl.com/plantingsurvey

We need your voice and feedback to help the City of Portland develop its tree planting strategy to ensure that all residents have access to trees. Currently, tree canopy in Portland is not equitably distributed throughout the city: *low income neighborhoods have fewer trees than other neighborhoods.*

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Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry is partnering with community members, stakeholders, and Portland State University to identify the best ways to expand tree canopy access for all residents. Feedback from this short survey will help us understand opportunities and barriers to tree planting in our communities.

Learn more about Portland's Citywide Tree Planting Strategy at **www.branchoutpdx.org**.

Parks Tree Inventory Sites Announced, Sign Up Now to Attend Team Leader Training

2017 marks the launch of Portland's Parks Tree Inventory. This is a continuation of the Tree Inventory Project, which began with the Street Tree Inventory completed by volunteers between 2010 and 2016.

Map of Portland Parks to be inventoried in 2017.

Urban Forestry is proud to announce our partnership with 9 **Neighborhood Tree Teams** or partners to complete inventories in 12 parks this summer beginning on June 24th.

Register to inventory with us this summer.

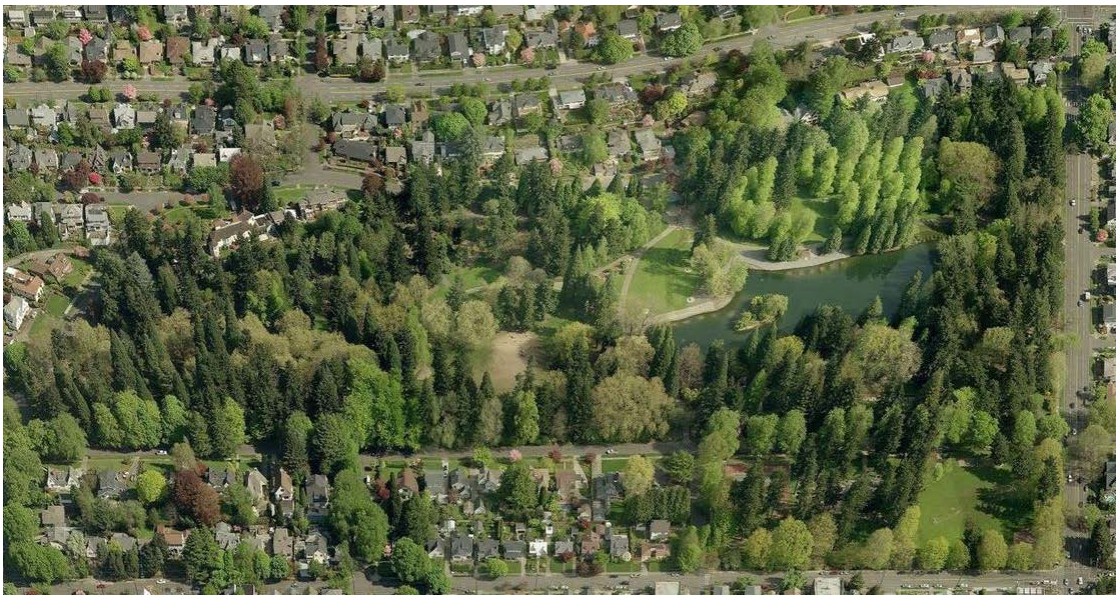
Can't wait to start counting trees? Become a Team Leader this summer! Learn species ID and how to measure the height of a tree, and lead other volunteers in collecting data.

No experience required- we'll teach you everything you need to know. This two-part training begins June 10th, with a field session on 6/17 or 6/21. Learn more by clicking the link below.

Sign up for Team Leader Training

Portland Regional Tree Climbing Competition is on June 17th at Laurelhurst Park!

Come watch Portland's tree climbers compete! Go for a bucket truck ride 60ft in the air!



A bird's eye view of the impressive trees in Laurelhurst Park, where the Portland Regional Tree Climbing Competition will be held on June 17th.

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture is pleased to host the Portland Regional Tree Climbing Competition (TCC). This educational event and skills competition is an excellent way for climbers of all skill levels to learn the latest in safety and climbing techniques. Beginning and experienced climbers are encouraged to participate.

Climbers participate in five events: aerial rescue, belayed speed climb, secured footlock, throw line, and work climb. The top four qualifiers are eligible to compete in the Chapter TCC this fall in Boise, ID. Chapter TCC winners go on to represent PNW-ISA at the International TCC.

This will be a fun filled day that the entire family will enjoy. Please come and watch true tree care professionals at their best!

Regional Tree Climbing Competitions are open to PNW Members and Non-Members alike. PNW-ISA membership is required to compete in the Chapter TCC.

When: Saturday, June 17th, 2017 from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

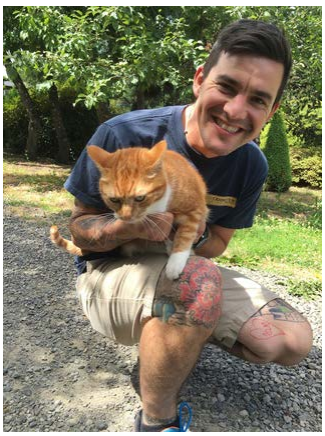
Where: Laurelhurst Park, **3765 SE Oak St**. Portland, OR 97214

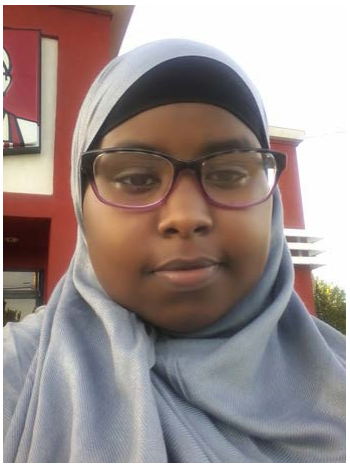
For more information: Click here.

New Seasonal Staff Are Getting Ready For Summer

Please join us in welcoming our 2017 seasonal Outreach and Science (O+S) staff. With several new additions for our busy summer season,

we'd like to introduce the Community Service Aide IIs, AmeriCorps members, and interns who provide essential programming for Urban Forestry.





In order of appearance: Kasie Auger, Carrie Black, Van Bogner, Daphne Cissell, Julie Fukuda, Dave Hedberg, Patrick Key, Harrison Layer, Ahmed Omar, Hakima Siyad, Lizzie Sords, Mason Wordell.

So just what will these O+S staffers be doing this year? A few highlights include the following:

- **Work with communities** – teach over 30 workshops, support the Neighborhood Tree Stewards class and projects, and table at events.
- **Monitor trees and collect data** – inventory 12 parks with volunteers, monitor elms for Dutch elm disease, conduct permit planting compliance checks, provide GIS support.
- **Teach youth** – lead six youth for 8 weeks in the Youth Conservation Crew, teach students at Learning Landscapes plantings.
- **Plant and prune trees** – prune 800 young trees with volunteers, give away 450 yard trees at 3 events.
- **Support permitting** – provide tree technician and storm support and data entry on 5,000+ trees for planting and pruning!

Our public events **calendar** is online and we'd love to see you – join us any Saturday at our weekly volunteer events.

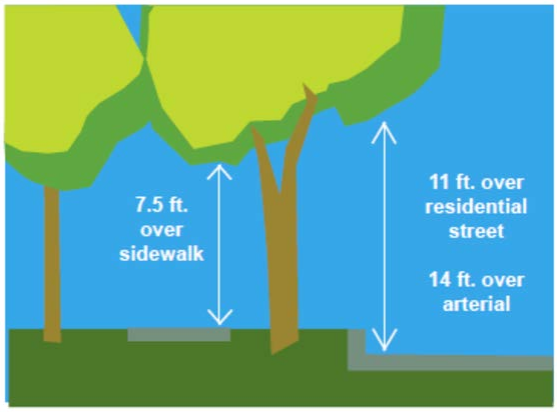
This year our Community Service Aide IIs, AmeriCorps members, and interns are funded by Urban Forestry, Parks Environmental Education, the Muslim Educational Trust, Tualatin Valley River Keepers, and Confluence Environmental Center.

Local Tree Care Provider List Has Been Updated to Include 3 New Companies

Urban Forestry held the first Local Tree Care Provider workshop of 2017 on May 19th. Approximately 27 individuals representing 22 tree care companies were in attendance.

During the 3-hour workshop, participants learn about trees in non-development and development situations and have the opportunity to ask questions about Portland's Tree Code, Title 11 Trees.

Did you know that if you look up Tree Service and/or Arborists in Portland's YellowPages.com, you'll get **250** results?! This can be overwhelming for the general public when trying to find a solution for their tree care needs.



This is one of the reasons that Urban Forestry maintains a list of Local Tree Care Providers and makes the list available to the public as a web page.

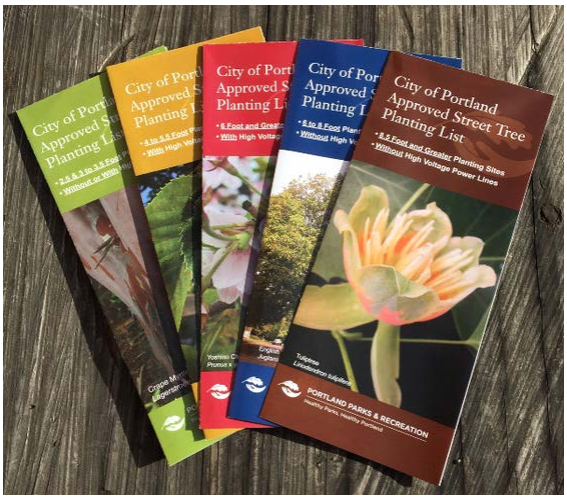
With the addition of these 3 new companies:

- **A Beautiful Tree & Gardens LLC**
- **Foster Trees**
- **Roots & Shoots, LLC**

there are now 34 companies on the list! Though this may seem like a lot, it is less than 14% of the 250 tree service companies currently listed in the Portland area.

In order to be eligible for the list, companies must meet the following requirements:

- **A Certified Arborist from the company must attend one workshop each year.**
- **The company must have an active Portland Business License and be in**



compliance with business license law.

- **The company cannot have a documented Tree Code violation within the past year.**
- **The company must submit complete, accurate, and legible applications.**

Congratulations to all the tree care companies on the list, and thanks to the participants for showing your dedication to the health of Portland's urban forest!

Treevia Night with the Albina Neighborhood Tree Team, You're Invited!

Ever wanted to test out your tree knowledge amongst your fellow Portlanders? Are you proud of the fact that you can identify the many species of maples across the city? What was Portland's first heritage tree?

Come join other tree geeks in a rousing night of tree-centric trivia, prizes, and forestry fellowship. Minors are welcome, so bring them along!

When: Tuesday, July 11th. Come on by at 6:00 pm, Treevia starts around 6:30 pm
Where: Ex Novo Brewery, **2326 N Flint Ave.**
Who: You and any tree geeks that you know

Register Here!

Upcoming Urban Forestry Events

June 10th, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm: **Tree Inventory - Team Leader Training Classroom Session**. Meet @ Grant Park Church, 2728 NE 34th Ave. This class is a prerequisite for the Field Sessions, sign up now!

June 17th, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm: **Tree Inventory - Team Leader Training Field Session**. Meet @ Lents Park, SW corner of SE Steele and SE 88th Ave. The Classroom Session is required in order to attend the Field Session.

June 17th, 7:00 am - 5:00 pm: **Portland Regional Tree Climbing Competition**, hosted by the Pacific Northwest ISA. Laurelhurst Park, 3765 SE Oak St.

June 21st, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm: **Tree Inventory - Team Leader Training Filed Session**. Meet @ Unthank Park, N Failing St & N Kirby Ave. The Classroom Session is required in order to attend the Field Session.

June 24th, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm: **Brentwood Park Inventory Workday**. Meet @ Brentwood Park, SE 60th Ave. & Duke St.

June 28th, 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm: **Berkeley Park Inventory Workday**. Meet @ Berkeley Park, SE Cesar E Chavez Blvd. & Bybee Blvd.

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Portland Regional Tree Climbing Competition Highlights & Video

On Saturday, June 17, 2017, the **Pacific Northwest Chapter** of the International Society of Arboriculture, with the support of PP&R Urban Forestry, hosted an educational event and skills competition in Portland, in our own Laurelhurst Park.

Urban Forestry arborist, Rick Bunch, exits a tree with style after a successful Work Climb performance.

L-R: Dan Kraus (1st Overall), Robert Bundy (2nd Overall), Rick Bunch (4th Overall).

Twenty-eight competitors from around the region, and some from as far away as British Columbia and France, participated in the Portland event. The 2005 **International Tree Climbing Champion**, Dan Kraus, took the crown as the best climber in the region. Urban Forestry's own arborist, Rick Bunch, took 3rd in the Work Climb and 4th Overall. Congratulations to all of our participants and competitors!

Special thanks to all of the judges and sponsors, and especially to our volunteers for

helping to make this event a success.

A Portland park near you will once again be the host location for the 2018 Regional Tree Climbing Competition! Stay tuned.

Laurelhurst Park was an excellent venue to showcase some serious tree climbing skills.

A panoramic view from under the tree canopy at the 2017 Portland Regional Tree Climbing Competition.

Parks Tree Inventory Update

Portland's parks hold over 1.2 million trees and are often home to the biggest and most impressive tree specimens in our neighborhoods.

Our parks are also home to a diverse collection of trees from all over the world. Staff and volunteers have been having a great time identifying them!

In just two workdays, volunteers

found over **50** individual species!

Hoyt Arboretum Curator, Martin Nicholson, helps identify a dawn redwood tree in Brentwood Park.

Special thanks to our 65 **Team Leaders** who completed 2 days of training in species ID and data collection protocol prior to the start of inventory season.

Without this group of experts to lead our volunteers in the field, we wouldn't be able to take on the task of inventorying thousands of trees at 12 neighborhood parks this summer.

***Register** for one of 14 remaining events this summer, and see what we've been up to on our **Flickr** page.*

Free Yard Trees for Portland!

This fall, it's time for trees from PP&R Urban Forestry.

Help yourself! Help your neighbor! Help Portland increase its tree canopy! In 2017, PP&R Urban Forestry will host three city-wide tree giveaways in the Cully, Centennial, and Hazelwood neighborhoods.

All Portlanders are welcome!

Eligibility

- Trees are for planting on private property in front, side or back yards (trees may not be planted in containers or in the sidewalk strip as street trees)
- Trees must be planted within the City of Portland
- Limit of two trees per household

Before planting, be sure to check out our guide on Yard Tree Planting and Care.

Saturday, October 28, 2017 - Registration Required

REGISTER HERE to reserve your tree

When: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Where: Rigler Elementary School, 5401 NE Prescott St., Portland, OR 97218 (**map**)

In partnership with the Cully Tree Team, this event will be held in the Cully neighborhood.

Saturday, November 4, 2017

When: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, reserved pick up

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, walk-in pick up (until trees are gone)

Where: Parklane Park, SE 155th Ave. & Main St., Portland, OR 97233 (**map**)

In partnership with the **Johnson Creek Watershed Council**, this event will be held in the Centennial neighborhood. The first 50 trees are available by reservation. After that, this event is first-come, first-served until the trees are gone!

Saturday, November 11, 2017

REGISTER HERE to reserve your tree (first 50 trees)

When: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, reserved pick up

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, walk-in pick up (until trees are gone)

Where: East Portland Neighborhood Office and Hydro-Park, 1017 NE 117th Ave., Portland, OR 97220 (**map**)

This event will be held in the Hazelwood neighborhood. The first 50 trees are available by reservation. After that, this event is first-come, first served until the trees are gone!

Available Yard Trees this Fall:

Large Trees

Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*)
Katsura tree (*Cercidiphyllum japonicum*)
Dawn redwood (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*)
Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*)
Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)
Scarlet oak (*Quercus coccinea*)
Giant sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*)
Western red cedar (*Thuja plicata*)
Willamette ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa* var. benthamiana)

Medium Trees

Heartland catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa* 'Heartland')
Purple beech (*Fagus sylvatica* 'Riversii')
Black tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica*)
Skyline honeylocust (*Gleditsia triacanthos* var. inermis 'Skyline')
Silverleaf oak (*Quercus hypoleucoides*)

For questions about the Yard Tree Giveaway events:

Email: freetrees@portlandoregon.gov

Phone: (503) 823-4025

Free Trees for Commercial, Industrial, Multi-Family Residential Properties

The **Bureau of Environmental Services Tree Program** is offering free street trees and three summers of watering to **commercial, industrial**, and multi-family properties in **low-canopy** areas of the city. The offer also includes concrete cutting to make room for trees when necessary.

Sign-up by August 1, 2017!

Is there a business or apartment building in your neighborhood that ***YOU*** think would benefit from street trees? Please don't be shy, ask them to sign up, and help to spread the word. **Neighborhood Tree Stewards** and **Tree Teams**, this is a great opportunity to put your knowledge to good use in your neighborhoods! Of course, property owner permission is required for all sign-ups.

To sign-up, or for more information:

Email: **itreepdx@portlandoregon.gov**

Phone: (503) 823-2255

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The right tree in the right place benefits all of us!

Hiring Two AmeriCorps Positions for the BES Stormwater Stewards Team!

The **Confluence AmeriCorps Program** and Portland Environmental Services are hiring two AmeriCorps members: a **Stormwater Equity Coordinator** and a **Green Street Coordinator**.

The Stormwater Equity Coordinator and Green Street Coordinator will work collaboratively to assist the Stormwater Stewards Team to plan and develop urban forest and sustainable stormwater capacity in low-tree-

Interested? Visit the Confluence Environmental Center to **view the full announcement and apply**!

TREEVIA Night, Join the Fun and Hang with Tree-Minded Friends

Trees + Trivia = Treevia! The Albina Neighborhood Tree Team invites you to Treevia Night on Tuesday, July 11th. We recommend arriving by 6:00 pm to get seated, they'll start promptly at 6:30 pm!

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New and familiar faces are waiting for you at Treevia Night.

Upcoming Urban Forestry Events

July 8th, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm: Midland Park Tree Inventory Workday. Meet @ Midland Park, SE 122nd Ave & Morrison St.

July 11th, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm: Treevia Night. Meet @ Ex Novo Brewery, 2326 N Flint Ave. This event is brought to you by the Albina Neighborhood Tree Team.

July 12th, 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm: Cathedral Park Tree Inventory Workday. Meet @ Cathedral Park, N Baltimore Ave & N Bradford St. In partnership with the St. Johns Tree Team.

July 15th, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm: Normandale Park Tree Inventory Workday. Meet @ Normandale Park, NE 55th Ave & NE Wasco St. In partnership with the Rose City Park Tree Team.

July 22nd, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm: Bloomington Park Tree Inventory Workday. Meet @ Bloomington Park, SE 100th Ave & Steele St. In partnership with the Brentwood-Darlington/Lents Tree Team.

July 26th, 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm: Alberta Park Tree Inventory Workday. Meet @ Alberta Park, NE 19th Ave & NE Jarrett St. In partnership with the Albina Coalition of Tree Teams.

July 29th, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm: Cathedral Park Tree Inventory Workday. Meet @ Cathedral Park, N Crawford St & N Pittsburgh Ave. In partnership with the St. Johns Tree Team.

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Hot! Hot! Hot! Water Those Young Trees, Please!

When the weather gets hotter, many trees young trees need water! Watering young trees – those within the past three years – is vital for tree health during the summertime.

Tree Crew members from the Youth Conservation Crew here tended young trees around Portland since 1995.

Young trees die for a variety of reasons. Drought stress during the first five years after planting is one of the most common reasons.

"Planting a tree is a great first step," says Jenn Cairns, Portland's City Forester, "but caring for your benefits, including cleaner air, shade, and wildlife habitat. They need the nearby area naturally, and help to improve our health. But watering young trees regularly and carefully for their first two to three years is a critical part of their success."

Newly planted trees – in the ground for three years or less – need help to survive. Their root systems are immature, and not as efficient in pulling water as well as larger, older trees.

Increased and attentive watering is key for new trees, so they risk dying – even during a pleasant, relatively cool summer.

At least two years, a supplemental watering during the summer dry season will help young trees establish for years to come. Tree professionals, including those in nurseries where trees are purchased, may be able to advise on specific watering needs. Below are general tips from Urban Forestry.

Where to water:
It's important that the water directly reaches the root ball of your tree, close to the trunk, usually within one to two feet.

How much to water:
Approximately 10 gallons of water per diameter inch of tree trunk (i.e., a tree trunk 5 inches in diameter requires about 50 gallons).

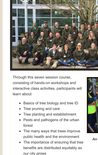
How frequently to water:
Approximately once a week. If the soil feels dry, or just slightly damp, it's time to water again. Pressing a finger into the soil below the mulch surrounding your tree is a good indicator. If the soil is wet or very damp, wait a day or two and then test again. Note that overwatering can kill trees, too!

Methods:
A garden hose and soaker hose can be used for a time to slowly release water for about 5 minutes. Watering tubes can be filled up about once a week for a 55-and-forget-it method. Tree bags are a convenient way to slowly release 20 gallons of water when water is another option. This bucket should be filled at least twice a week, and frequently moved to different areas around the root zone.

For questions or more information, please contact Urban Forestry at (503) 823-TREE (8733), or by email at trees@portlandoregon.gov.

Buy It Where You Burn It! Don't Transport Firewood. Learn Why

With the upcoming solar eclipse in August, we'll have millions of people travelling from across the country to the path of total eclipse (which includes parts of Oregon). Many people will be camping in the path of the eclipse, and that means that there is a risk of infested firewood coming into the state.



Tell your friends and others who are coming to Oregon for the eclipse about the risks of moving firewood – no one wants to be responsible for starting a tree pest infestation. Remind them: **Don't move firewood.** Instead, buy it where you burn it, buy certified heat-treated firewood, or gather firewood on site if permitted. For more information, visit the **Don't Move Firewood** website.

Reminder: It's Dutch Elm Disease Season, Know the Symptoms

Elms are most susceptible to Dutch elm disease (**DED**) infection from the time they first leaf out in the spring until midsummer. In Portland, there is a moratorium on pruning elms between April 15 to October 15.

and **elm wood disposal procedures** apply at all times of the year.

DED is caused by a fungus that compromises the tree's ability to move water through its system, which often results in the rapid decline and death of the tree. Learn more about how to learn about DED symptoms, and check out Portland's **Elm Protection Program** for more information.

Dead, brown leaves in the tree canopy, called "flagging," is often an indicator of a potential DED infection.

The most obvious sign of DED in an elm is when part or all of the canopy begins to turn brown, usually starting with a single branch. This symptom is commonly referred to as "flagging." Flagging does not always mean that an elm tree is infected, but it must be treated if it does. Contact Urban Forestry at (503) 823-TREE (8733) or email trees@portlandoregon.gov to arrange an elm tree inspection.

Figure 3. Branch dieback and flagging in an infected American elm. Photo by Kenton Bogue, Pennsylvania State Univ. (three left to right) on 12-day-moist, Sweet-agrimol, (1) spring inoculation, (2) fall inoculation, and (3) control. Note the fungal fruit on woodchips beneath.
Source: Pennsylvania State University, http://extension.psu.edu/plants/trees/pests/dutch-elm-disease/symptoms-of-dutch-elm-disease

"Wilting" is another symptom of the presence of DED. This is characterized by dark discolorations inside the wood of an infected branch, below the bark.

Other potential problems after symptoms have been presented, Urban Forestry seeks samples of suspected DED infected elms to the Oregon State University Plant Pathology Clinic.

To read more about DED in Portland, please refer to our **Frequently Asked Questions** sheet.

Sign Up Now: Neighborhood Tree Steward Classes, Oct. - Nov.

Urban Forestry is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the 2017 **Neighborhood Tree Steward** (NTS) Program, scheduled for this fall. The focus of this year's course will be "Equity and the Urban Forest."

Through this seven session course, containing of hands-on workdays and interactive class activities, participants will learn about:

- Basics of tree biology and tree ID
- Tree pruning and care
- Tree planting and establishment
- Benefits and pathways of the urban forest
- The many ways that trees improve public health and the environment
- The importance of ensuring that tree benefits are distributed equitably in our city groves

An NTS class prepares to prune young trees in the park.

A primer on the city tree code and how Tree Stewards can speak for the trees

The cost for the entire 20 hour course is only $25 and upon graduation, Tree Stewards receive a Certificate of Completion, a Tree Steward T-shirt, **a backpack, hand tools and trifold vouchers are available upon request.**

For more information, please visit:
www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/trees

or call the Tree Hotline at (503) 823-8461

Click **HERE** to register.

Please share this information with anyone that you think might be interested in environmental education, **volunteering, and supporting our urban forest.**

Backyard Habitat Certification Program, Plan Fall Plantings Now!

The Backyard Habitat Certification Program is planting roots, creating habitat, and transforming the world – one yard at a time.

The **Audubon Society of Portland** and the **Columbia Land Trust** have teamed up to create a unique program that supports urban gardeners in their efforts to create natural backyard habitat. The intent of the **Backyard Habitat Certification Program** (BHCP) is simple: it provides technical assistance, financial incentives, encouragement and recognition to people that want to create gardens that are healthy for people, wildlife, and the planet.

Since 2006, more than 6000 properties have participated, spanning over 1000 acres of our metro area. It is the goal of the program to increase the connectivity of landscapes that provide change happiness. Together we make our cities a healthier place, for ourselves and for wildlife.

To learn more about the program and to sign up, visit their website at www.backyardhabitat.org

For more information, also feel free to contact program co-managers:
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Register Now: Annual Friends of Trees Community Tree Care Training, Saturday, September 30th!

Take another step in your tree education and join the Community Tree Care Program (CTC) with **Friends of Trees!** The annual Pruning Leader Training is a chance to develop (or further hone) your skills pruning urban street trees.

This program focuses on pruning young trees in the public right-of-way during their first 3-5 years of life, which results in healthier, safer, and longer-living trees in our urban environment. And did we mention it's fun?

The CTC training includes an inside presentation, outside demonstration, and afternoon guided pruning practice.

This year's annual Pruning Leader Training is scheduled for Saturday, September 30th, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at SE Portland at the Mondavista United Methodist Church (**map**). This free event includes both classroom and hands-on field sessions, as well as free lunch and "Thank Tree!" t-shirt!

Experienced pruners are asked to commit to four Saturday morning pruning events from October through March (the training counts as one) and work alongside Urban Forestry and Friends of Trees arborist staff. There are 15 scheduled Friends of Trees pruning events on Saturday mornings between October - March, event dates available at the training.

*Space is limited, register for the training **HERE!***

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

Any questions or comments? Please contact Jenny or Pablo with Friends of Trees: volunteer@treesforfreeds.org / (503) 595-0213.

New Parks Tree Inventory Staff

We are pleased to welcome a dedicated Urban Forestry volunteer and 2017 Nature Community Trees Award winner, Catherine Clark, to this summer's **Parks Tree Inventory** staff. Urban Forestry caught up with Catherine, straight from the journal:

> I'm a Texas native, but left the state when I was 18. I bounced between the coast and small towns until I found a home in Portland. I'm Millennials, and finally a Gamma Sigma Sigma member.
>
> During my six years in New Mexico, I taught biology at two community colleges, and I ran a small business in Ecology, and Human Anatomy and Physiology.
>
> My educational background includes an undergraduate Biology degree, a Master's degree in Ecology from Oklahoma State University, and I went to nursing school and worked as a Registered Nurse for almost two years.
>
> I later earned a Master's degree (Botany) and Ph.D. (Forest/Plant Biology) from North Carolina State University.
>
> *I'm been a great pleasure working with Urban Forestry staff and volunteers as a frequent volunteer, and I look forward to working with all of you as seasonal staff.*
>
> Come say hi!

Upcoming Urban Forestry Events

August 5th, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm: Alberta Park Tree Inventory Workday Meet @ Alberta Park, NE 15th Ave & NE Jarrett St. in partnership with the Alberta Coalition of Tree Teams.

August 5th, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm: Rose City Park Tree Inventory Workday Meet @ Rose City Park, NE 62nd Ave & NE Thompson St. in partnership with the Rose City Park Tree Team.

August 12th, 5:30 pm - 12:30 pm: Irving Park Tree Inventory Workday Meet @ Irving Park, NE 7th Ave & NE Fargo St. in partnership with the Irvington Tree Team.

August 19th, 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm: Wilshire Park Tree Inventory Workday Meet @ Wilshire Park, NE 26th Place & NE Skidmore St. in partnership with the Beaumont-Wilshire Tree Team.

September 9th, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm: Venice Park Tree Inventory Workday Meet @ Venice Park, SE 115th & SE Yamhill St. in partnership with the Parkrose Tree Team.

September 13th, 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm: Wilshire Park Tree Inventory Workday Meet @ Wilshire Park, NE 26th Place & NE Skidmore St. in partnership with the Beaumont-Wilshire Tree Team.

September 16th, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm: Arbor Lodge Park Tree Inventory Workday Meet @ Arbor Lodge Park, N Bryant St & Delaware Ave. in partnership with the Arbor Lodge Tree Team.

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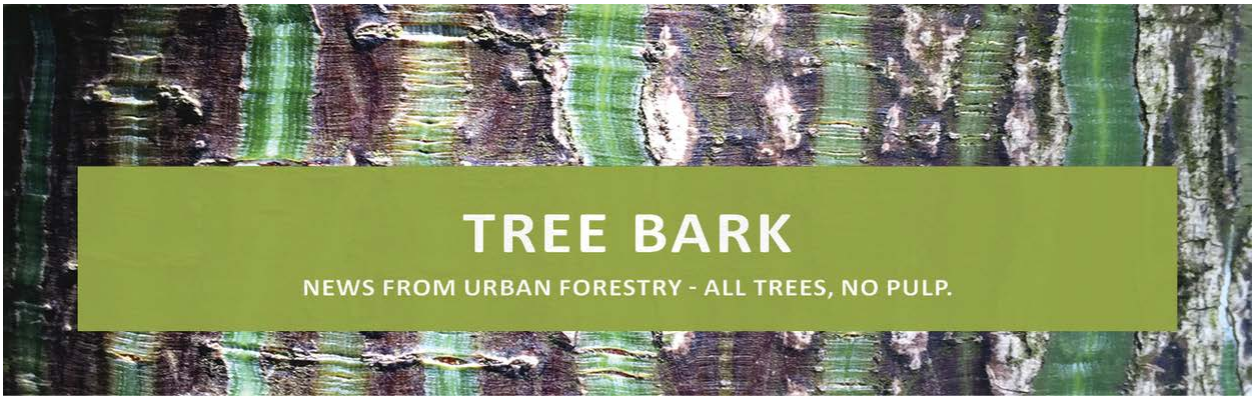

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Share a Tree Story with the PSU Canopy Story Project

love! The Canopy Story Project is
seeking stories about trees in the Portland Metro Area, in order to understand and share the value of trees to citizens in the region. Visit **CanopyStory.org** before October 15th, select a tree, and tell us about it! There you may also read tree stories that others have shared with us. This project is a collaboration between PSU Institute for Sustainable Solutions students and faculty, and the US Forestry Service. Join us in learning more about Portland's canopy!

Register for Oregon Pest Detector Training

Oregon Forest Pest Detectors help with the early detection of exotic forest pests. They are part of the front line of defense against these insects, helping to keep them from becoming established. This free training is great for anyone who works or volunteers in urban or natural forests on a regular basis. You will learn how to identify the pests, their host trees, and their signs and symptoms; and what to do if you find an infested tree. **Our next training in Portland will take place on Saturday, October 21st (9am – 12:30pm)**, at the Water Pollution Control Lab near Cathedral Park. ISA, LCB, NALP, and ODA pesticide applicator continuing education credits are available. **Visit our website to register or learn more.**

Catch the Last Three Tree Inventories of 2017!

Our parks have some of the oldest and largest trees in the city, making them a haven for creatures of all types, including tree loving humans! It's no wonder- Portland Parks & Recreation has been taking care of many of these trees for more than 100 years. Come see what trees in Portland can really do in this city and join us for the **Park Tree Inventories** of Ventura (9/9), Wilshire (9/13), and Arbor Lodge (9/16) Parks.

All are welcome; no experience is necessary! Training is provided at each workday. Volunteers will identify, measure, and map every tree in each park.

Register here for workdays.

Join us for Urban Forestry Fall Workshops

Urban Forestry workshops are back! Join our certified arborists, tree experts, and community partners as we bring tree walks, history presentations, and hands-on tree care opportunities to a neighborhood near you.

All skill levels, ages, and abilities are welcome. **Fall workshops begin September 16th**, check out our **Workshop Calendar** for details and to register.

News from the Youth Conservation Crew

The **Youth Conservation Crew** (YCC) program is an eight-week employment opportunity for youth ages 14-18 that more than doubles the number of PP & R staff working in Portland's natural areas each summer. One of the primary goals of the program is to engage youth from underrepresented backgrounds in gaining exposure to pathways leading to environmental careers. Through this program, 6-person crews engage in differnt aspects of environmental stewardship, including habitat restoration, tree maintenance, trail building, and peer education.

The Urban Forestry contingent of YCC, The Tree Crew (*pictured above*), has been weeding, mulching, and pruning trees at public schools, city parks, and in rights of way. This year, they also contributed to the Park Tree Inventory and the Heritage Tree Program. Learn more about the accomplishments of these remarkable youth **here**.

Congrats to UFC Commissioner Thuy Tu

Urban Forestry Commissioner Thuy Tu has been recognized by the Daily Journal of Commerce (DJC) as one of **DJC's 2017 Women of Vision** and will be recognized at an awards luncheon on October 10th. DJC's Women of Vision is an educational and awards program that supports the women who are shaping our built environment with their leadership, mentoring efforts, community involvement, and the promotion of industry diversity. Last month, Thuy's firm, Thuy Tu Consulting, was also recognized by DJC as a **Building Diversity Award Winner.**

Welcome New Urban Forestry Staff

Alec Amacher joins Urban Forestry as a Temporary Tree Inspector. Alec has a life-long interest in trees fostered by growing up in the coastal mountains of Oregon. He began working with trees and chainsaws in high school as part of a mountain bike trail building internship. He then moved onto working with Starker Forests (Corvallis) as a tree trimmer for their forest roads. In 2008, Alec began his arboricultural career working for J.B. Good Inc. (Corvallis) as an apprentice climber. In 2009, he graduated from the Oregon State College of Forestry with a Bachelors of Science in Forest Management and also earned his ISA Arborist Certification. He climbed for Luken's Tree Preservation (Olympia, WA), Oregon Tree Care and General Tree Service (Portland), before starting his own company in 2014. North Ridge Tree Preservation LLC was the synthesis of his arboricultural experience and allowed him to contract climb and network with arborists across the PNW.

Alec is excited to continue his arboricultural career working for the City of Portland. He sees Portland as a great place to raise his family and is excited to explore all that

it has to offer. In his spare time he enjoys hiking, biking, climbing, relaxing and adventuring with his wife Megan, son Elijah and loyal hound Ragnar.

Casey Clapp joins Urban Forestry as a Temporary Tree Inspector. He has been working as a professional arborist for the last six years. After receiving his Master of Science in Environmental Conservation with a focus in Forest Resources and Arboriculture (University of Massachusetts, Amherst) and a Bachelor of Science in Forest Management with a focus on Urban Forestry (Oregon State University), Casey had worked as a arborist consultant in Seattle and Portland since 2014. Casey is an ISA Certified Arborist and Qualified Tree Risk Assessor. Casey will be working alongside his fellow inspectors processing tree permit applications, conducting tree, root, and planting inspections, enforcing Title 11 Code and assisting in emergency call outs. Casey grew up in Milwaukie and returned to Portland after living elsewhere across the US for ten years. He enjoys backpacking and Ultimate Frisbee when he's not seeking out new forests to explore.

Daphne Cissell and **Julie Fukuda** join Urban Forestry as Development Services Technicians II (aka "Tree Techs"), and will play pivotal roles in Urban Forestry's public relations- helping to manage the 823-TREE phone line, responding to customer inquiries, processing tree permit applications and assisting Tree Inspectors in emergency dispatch. They will be located with the Urban Forestry team on the 3rd floor of the BDS building (1900 SW 4th Ave). Learn more about permitting at: **www.portlandoregon.gov/trees.**

Daphne has a Bachelors in Environmental Science from Portland State University and a background in ornamental horticulture. After going to high school in Bellingham, WA, Daphne moved to California to seek the sun, but returned to the PNW in 2006. Daphne has worked at Urban Forestry since 2016 primarily doing data collection for permitting compliance and the **Tree Inventory Project**.

Outside of work she can be found gardening, reading, riding her motorcycle, doing stained

glass, and spending time with her partner and two dogs.

Julie is originally from Tokyo, Japan and has lived in Portland, Oregon since 1990. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Portland State University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Art History from Temple University. Julie is a graduate of the Oregon Department of Forestry/Washington Department of Natural Resources Community Tree Management Institute (2016), and a **Neighborhood Tree Steward** (2015). Since 2015 Julie worked for Urban Forestry on the **Tree Inventory Project**. Prior to joining Urban Forestry, Julie's work experience includes retail plant sales, wildlife surveying/monitoring, and environmental consulting project management.

Julie resides in the Sabin neighborhood with her family. In her spare time, Julie can be found hiking among trees in the Pacific Northwest, volunteering with **Friends of Trees**, cheering on her kids at their soccer games, hiding out in her garden, or sneaking out on plant shopping excursions.

Upcoming Urban Forestry Events

September 9th, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm: Ventura Park Tree Inventory Workday Meet @ Ventura Park, SE 113th Ave & SE Stark.

September 13th, 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm: Wilshire Park Tree Inventory Workday Meet @ Wilshire Park, NE 35th Place & NE Skidmore St. In partnership with the Beaumont-Wilshire

Tree Team.

September 16th, 8:30 am – 12:00 pm: Arbor Lodge Park Tree Inventory Workday Meet @ Arbor Lodge Park, N Bryant St & Delaware Ave. In partnership with the Arbor Lodge Tree Team.

September 16th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm: Tree Walk: The Trees of Cully Meet @ Fernhill Park, NE 42nd & Ainsworth. Greet the unique and beautiful trees of Cully and learn how to identify them by their leaves, buds, and bark.

September 23rd, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm: Tree Walk: Tree History in Hazelwood Location TBD. Explore how history and nature intersect. Trees represent layers of history from Indigenous peoples to recent arrivals, each with a unique story. Whether you are interested in trees, history, or both, you will enjoy this fun and engaging walk.

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Lightning Strikes Tree in Washington Park. See Photos!

On September 20th, a lightning strike was reported in Washington Park. The strike damaged a Douglas fir that was approximately 150 - 160 feet tall, with the top of the tree completely blown off. At about 2:20 pm that day the trunk of the tree caught on fire.

The 48 inch DBH (diameter at breast height) tree has been removed by Urban Forestry for safety reasons, and will be replaced with a Douglas fir or other large-form, native evergreen.

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A lightning strike tore through this towering Douglas fir from top to bottom.

An Urban Forestry climbing arborist removes large limbs to prepare for removal

Aerial view of the damaged trunk from the lift truck.

The bottom of the tree caught on fire as the lightning exited

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Notice the hard hat far below?

Tree Summit: Three Reasons You Should Attend

The summer data collection season is behind us, and the inventory findings are in! Moving from Portland's streets to our parks meant measuring enormous trees, and there is a lot of information to share! This year's theme brings you three good reasons to join the conversation.

Big Trees:

1. **Where to find them**
2. **How to plant & care for them**
3. **The benefits they provide**

Register for the 2017 Tree Summit here!

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At this year's **Tree Summit**, you'll learn about the history of some of our oldest trees, as well as ways to get involved in taking care of Portland's next generation of giants. Everyone is welcome at this free event. See you there!

Where: Mt. Scott Community Center, 5530 SE 72nd Ave. (**map**)

When: Saturday, November 4th, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Urban Forestry Staff Compete & Speak at Recent PNW-ISA Events

From the Urban Forestry tree crew, arborist Anita Dilles took 1st and 2nd in many events and won the overall Women's division at the PNW-ISA **Chapter Tree Climbing Championship 2017.**

First Place

Masters Challenge climb

Aerial Rescue climb

Speed climb

Second Place

Open Ascent climb

Work climb

Anita's impressive performance qualified her to compete in the 2018 **International Tree Climbing Championships** in Ohio. Congratulations, Anita, we'll be rooting for you next year!

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Anita Dilles, an arborist with Urban Forestry, brings home big wins from the Chapter Tree Climbing Championship in Washington state.

Anita Dilles, center, takes a break with Dan Kraus, right, the 2005 ISA International Tree Climbing Champion, and 13 time PNW-ISA Champion, and Robert Bundy, left, 2015-16 Chapter Tree Climbing Champion.

Two PP&R Urban Forestry Tree Inspectors, Dylan Saito and Casey Clapp, recently presented topics to an audience of their industry peers at the **PNW-ISA Annual Training Conference**.

Dylan's topic was: **Portland Emergency Tree Response: Storm Damage in Trees**. Attendance at his presentation was much higher than expected with 85-90 people crowding into the room.

During the presentation, Dylan reviewed precipitation records from 1941, noting that Portland has recently set new weather records for rainfall since record keeping began. In

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Dylan Saito is a Tree Inspector with Urban Forestry. He is an ISA Certified Arborist, holds a Tree Risk Assessment Qualification and is FEMA certified.

addition, the **2016-17 winter season** brought ice storms to Portland that made national attention. Snowfall in the metro area accumulated up to two feet in some areas.

Dylan noted that Urban Forestry staff responded to the equivalent of a year's worth of storm event emergencies in less than 5 months time.

On the horizon, Dylan is involved as a co-creator of the PNW Tree Failure Database. Check the **PNW-ISA website** in the near future for the launch of the database.

Urban Forestry Tree Inspector, Dylan Saito, recently presented to a packed room at the PNW-ISA Annual Training Conference.

Casey Clapp presented in a conference series titled: **The Basics of Arboriculture.** The goal was to provide a refresher course for seasoned arborists, or to teach tree fundamentals to new industry professionals. As Casey says, "Tree ID is the foundation of sound arboriculture."

In an outdoor venue, Casey presented two sessions on tree identification skills:

- Basics of Tree ID: Leaves, Bark, Twigs, &

- Sight & Sample Review: Individual Tree Species Characteristics

During the eight-hour field day, approximately 40 - 45 participants attended the Tree ID sessions. Casey also facilitated a fun and challenging Tree ID Quiz for arborists to test their skills.

Casey Clapp is an Urban Forestry Tree Inspector. He is an ISA Certified Arborist, Tree Risk Assessment Qualified, and holds MS & BS degrees in forestry related fields.

Casey Clapp goes over tree identification fundamentals at the PNW-ISA Annual Training Conference.

Arborists! Last Chance in 2017 for the Local

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Tree Care Provider Workshop on 11/9/17

Title 11 Trees, Portland's Tree Code, went into effect in January of 2015. Since that time, the Tree Code has continued to evolve. If you work on or around trees in Portland, this workshop is for you! Be sure to register using the link below:

Local Tree Care Provider Workshop Registration

History of Your Tree: What Can You Uncover? Tips From a Historian

Are you curious who may have planted a particular tree in the past?
Perhaps you would like to know what it may have witnessed?
Or maybe you want to find an old image to see what it looked like years ago?

Upper: Heritage Tree # 35 and its neighboring trees in 2016. Lower: The same site featuring the Kamm house and gardens in 1892.

The answers to each of these questions require historical research, often located in archival collections.

Often, people ask about what it is like in archives and how they work. Don't worry, it is not as hard as you may think.

Dave Hedberg (pictured) produced a **Historical Tree Research Guide** to demystify the process and point you to helpful resources.

It is specifically oriented to the Portland area, although, many of the tools and methods will work in other cities too.

Historical evidence helps tell a factual and accurate story of a tree

It offers personal, rather than arboricultural, support for preservation and advocacy.

Your research can lead to a **Heritage Tree** nomination or it could identify a cultural landscape or land-use pattern from the past.

Happy historical treasure hunting out there! We look forward to seeing what tree records you uncover.

Irvington neighborhood planting strips in 1905, before any trees were planted. City of Portland Archives, A2004-002.629.

Upcoming Urban Forestry Events

October 7, 9:00 am - 11:00 am: Tree Walk: The Trees of Alameda & Beaumont-Wilshire. Meet @ Grand Central Bakery, 4440 NE Fremont. St. Registration FULL - please email **Mason.Wordell@portlandoregon.gov** to join waitlist.

October 10, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Which Tree To Plant? Meet @ Leaven Community Center, 5431 NE 29th Ave. Registration FULL - please email **Mason.Wordell@portlandoregon.gov** to join waitlist.

October 21, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm: Tree Planting at Roseway Park Blocks. Meet @ NE 72nd and NE Beech St.

October 21, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm: Oregon Forest Pest Detector Training. Pre-Registration required. Meet @ Water Pollution Control Lab, 6543 N Burlington Ave.

November 4, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm: 7th Annual Tree Summit. Join us at the Mt. Scott Community Center, 5530 SE 72nd Ave.

November 9, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm: Local Tree Care Provider Workshop. Meet @ Community Music Center, 3350 SE Francis St.

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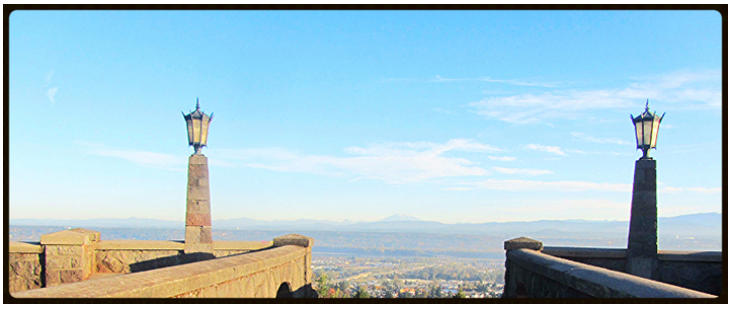
Rocky Butte View Clearing Project Wraps Up Phase I

Urban Forestry's Operations Crew recently wrapped up tree work in support of the **Rocky Butte View Clearing Project**. Their efforts on Rocky Butte's challenging, wooded slopes recreate the idyllic view corridors that have drawn visitors to the park for years.

Looking west from atop Rocky Butte, the Fremont (I-405) Bridge and Forest Park are visible in the distance.

The Rocky Butte panorama allows views in nearly all directions with particularly spectacular views of Mt. Hood and Mt. St. Helens. *City of Portland* ***Scenic Views, Sites and Drives Inventory***

The iconic Mt. Hood is visible to the east.



Looking northeast, stately lights frame a view of Mt. St. Helens and the Glenn Jackson (I-205) Bridge.

This work defines the first phase of the view clearing project. Most of the woody debris generated from Urban Forestry's work has been left on-site

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as habitat improvement, including tall Douglas fir snags.

Portland Parks & Recreation will take this opportunity to improve the health of the forest on Rocky Butte by removing invasive species, planting 400 trees (the majority are low growing) and 5,200 shrubs. It takes hard work to look this good!

Yard Tree Giveaway: Trees Are for Everyone!

Urban Forestry completed the first year of their new **Yard Tree Giveaway** program in November, with over 450 trees distributed throughout the city!

Trees are lined up by species on giveaway day, ready to head to their new homes.

Although low-income, low-canopy neighborhoods in North and East Portland were emphasized, all Portlander's who met the criteria were eligible to receive up to two free trees during three giveaway events in October and November.

Blue skies, blue trucks, blue buckets! The giveaway days were colorful and festive events!

With an emphasis on species diversity, a mix of native and non-native trees that were large or medium form were offered. For more species specific information and photos of the trees, click **here!**

Registration lines showed how popular the giveaways were, people were creative in how they got their trees home, and staff and volunteers worked hard to make it all happen.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Yard Tree Giveaway! We are particularly appreciative of our community partners, the Cully Tree Team and Johnson Creek Watershed Council. And to all our tree planting households out there: Thank you for making our first year a success!

"You folks did an amazing job...East Portland's tree canopy will be much healthier as a result." Christopher M., Friends of Hazelwood Hydropark

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YCC is Hiring Summer Crew Leaders for 2018

One of the 2017 Trail Crew leaders, Eder Katembwe, works with the crew out in the field.

2017 Tree Crew leader, Harrison Layer, helps transplant a school yard tree.

Youth Conservation Crew (YCC) is a City-sponsored summer employment program for youth ages 14-18. Crew leaders mentor and supervise a diverse population of teens as they learn job skills related to environmental careers. Are YOU up for the challenge of helping them navigate this rewarding adventure?!

Here's what you need to know:

- **Work dates:** June 18th - August 22nd, 2018
- **Hourly rate:** $15-18/hour depending on experience
- **Skills recommended:** *One or more of the following*:
  Trail building and maintenance, environmental education, habitat restoration, or tree care
- **Application due date:** Apply by March 2nd for the first round of reviews; however, positions will be open until filled

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To apply, check out the simple application process here!

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Tree Summit 2017 Highlights

Thanks to all who attended this year's **Tree Summit**! Over 100 participants from across the city came to hear the latest developments in the urban forest including:

- **Park Tree Inventory** findings
- **Volunteer opportunities** at schools and in neighborhoods
- **Online tools** for learning and sharing information on Portland's trees

On Saturday, November 4th, Tree Summit 2017 attendees gathered at the Mt. Scott Community Center to see presentations on Portland's urban tree canopy.

If you missed it, don't worry—you can catch **all the presentations** on our website. We heard from so many people that they were inspired to take action in their neighborhoods and across the city.

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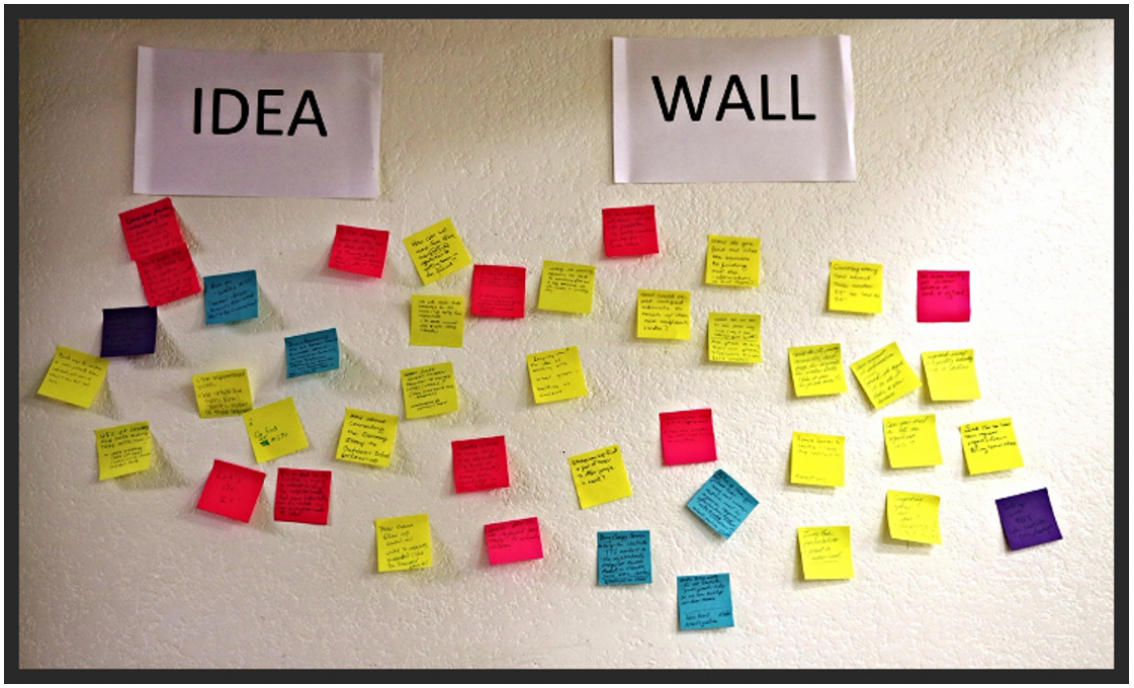

With lunch in hand, everyone broke up into groups organized by geographic location to discuss their ideas and to socialize. Individual and group ideas were posted on the wall.

One especially popular presentation was about new “Story maps” for some of the parks inventoried this past summer. These maps are virtual tours of the parks and their trees, and include historic photos in addition to information on each tree in the following parks:

- **Trees of Berkeley Park**
- **Trees of Cathedral Park**
- **Trees of Irving Park**
- **Trees of Midland Park**
- **Trees of Rose City Park**

Be sure to check them out on the **Tree Inventory Project** website, and stay tuned—more maps will be added throughout December.

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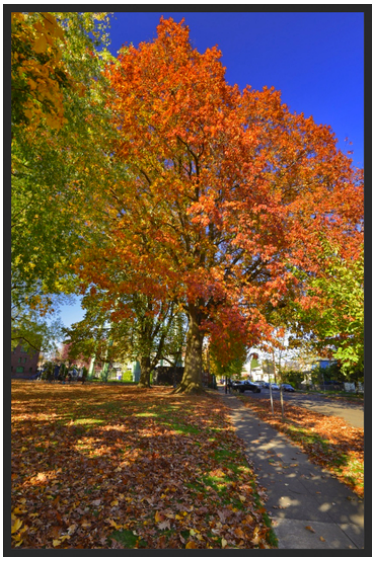
Story map of Cathedral Park. Check out this park and four others using the links above!

Heritage Tree Committee Seeks New Members



Trees are beautiful. They wow us with brilliant autumn color, inspire us with spring blossoms, and shelter us on summer days. Heritage Tree photos by Steve Terrill.

Portland's **Heritage Tree** program is one of the ways that all of us can celebrate the impact that trees have on our busy urban lives. Since 1993, over 300 Portland trees have been recognized for their size, age, history, and other unique qualities.

However, the Heritage Tree program needs your help! The Heritage Tree

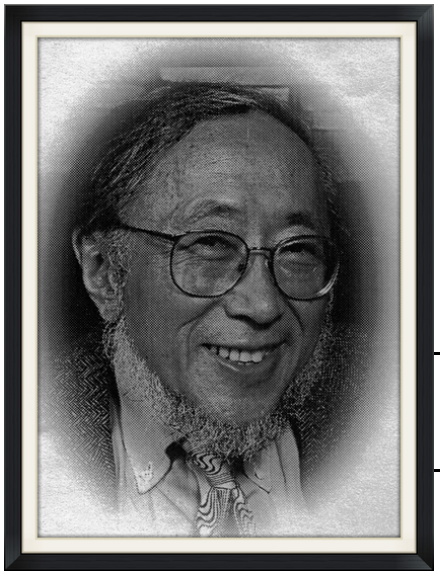
- **A passion for trees and some knowledge of tree species commonly found in Portland**
- **A connection to East Portland to help expand the range of the program (there are currently only five Heritage Trees east of I-205**

Please consider being part of a dedicated group that reviews **Heritage Tree nominations** and makes recommendations to City Council on which trees to accept into the program.

Apply today!

The first review of applications will begin on December 15th, but we do accept applications year-round. For questions, please email: **Parks.Heritagetree@portlandoregon.gov**.

Call for Nominations: 2018 Naito Community Trees Award



William Sumio "Bill" Naito (September 16, 1925 - May 8, 1996)

Do you know an individual or group whose community efforts in tree planting, preservation, or stewardship have been amazing? If so, please submit a nomination for the 2018 Naito Award by completing our simple online nomination form at:

www.tinyurl.com/2018NaitoAward

The nomination must include a one-page description of the nominee, with information about their innovative and creative approaches, diligent commitment, and community-wide impact. Additional materials in support of the nomination are welcome.

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Please visit our web page **here** for more information on this award and a list of previous awardees.

Nominations are due by midnight on January 31st, 2018. Awardees will be honored by the Urban Forestry Commission at **Portland's Arbor Day** celebration in April.

Questions? Email **Nik.Desai@portlandoregon.gov**.

Congratulations to the NTS Class of 2017!

On November 18th, 29 students from 18 neighborhoods graduated from the **Neighborhood Tree Steward** Program.

Neighborhood Tree Steward Class of 2017.

The program has grown in popularity in recent years. From its humble roots 20 years ago as the Neighbor Tree Liaison Program, there are now over 350 Neighborhood Tree Stewards to date, with 80 of them graduating in the last 3 years.

The theme for this year's course was "Equity & the Urban Forest." Classes covered the basics of tree stewardship, but through an equity lens. The Tree Steward's dedication to better understanding equity issues was nothing short of inspiring.

For information on the course, curriculum and instructors, please see the NTS homepage at: **www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/nts**.

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