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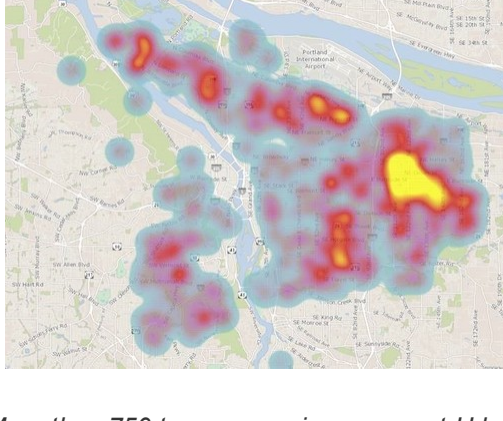
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Where Have All the Free Trees Gone? 2019 Yard Tree Giveaway Recap



More than 750 trees were given away at Urban Forestry's 2019 Yard Tree Giveaway events! The heat map shows that trees went to homes across the city, with the greatest number (shown in yellow) going to parts of Portland that need them the most, like the Hazelwood and Mill Park neighborhoods.

People in Portland are taking action! Planting trees is one way to [improve](#) our yards, neighborhoods, and our world. Hundreds of Portlanders came to one of Urban Forestry's three Yard Tree Giveaway Events in 2019 and took home 766 trees!

These new trees have gone to private properties all over Portland. This is great news because a **2018 report** showed that our yards have the most available planting space in the city! From the report:

- Nearly two-thirds of Portland's canopy potential (62%) is located on private lands
- Residential zones contain 54% of the city's canopy potential

To make sure that everyone who wants a tree can get one, free tree delivery and planting was offered to people who needed help getting their new tree in the ground.

Just as important as where we plant, is what we plant. There were **14 different tree species** to choose from in 2019. To get the most out of the trees as they grow, Urban Forestry focuses on giving away evergreen, Oregon native, and/or large-form trees.

- 78% of the trees given away in 2019 were evergreen, native and/or large-form trees
- 71% of the trees given away since the program started in 2017 have been one or more of these categories

We are not stopping now:

- 1,200 trees are being given away in 2020
- Get a reminder to sign up for free trees [here](#)

We need your help! All of this work takes many helping hands. If you have a group that is interested in volunteering in 2020, contact Molly at freetrees@portlandoregon.gov.

Thank you to our 2019 volunteers

A big thanks to the volunteer groups who helped make the 2019 events a success!

Whole Foods – [Gateway Discovery Park](#)

Cabot Microelectronics – [Parklane Park](#)

Arbor Lodge Tree Team – [Cathedral Park](#)

We hope to see you in the fall of 2020!

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Neighborhood Tree Teams Survey

[Take the Online Survey Here](#)

This event is taking place right here and now! We want to hear from you if any of the following apply:

- You are an active member of your Tree Team
- You were a member, but you lost touch
- You are interested in starting or joining a Tree Team

Tree Teams are groups of dedicated volunteers who all have at least one thing in common: A love of trees! Help us to serve you better so that we know how many of you are out there, and what parts of Portland have tree volunteers just waiting to jump in!

There are only four questions (five if you do not know your neighborhood), so let's get clicking! Please pass the survey on to other members of your Tree Team, or anyone else you think shares your love for trees.

Take the survey [HERE](#).

More Upcoming Events

1/18/2020, Winter Fruit Tree Pruning: Urban Forestry planted a demonstration orchard outside of our North Portland office in 2010. The orchard includes 55 diverse fruit and nut trees, from the traditional apples, pears, and cherries to paw paws, persimmons, jujubes, mulberries, and medlars. These young trees are now ready for their winter pruning. This is a great opportunity for beginners to learn fruit tree pruning basics or for veterans to sharpen their skills. Registration FULL.

2/07/2020, Inland Tree and Landscape Conference: Join arborists, landscape architects, and other green industry professionals for a full day of intermediate and advanced workshops. This conference features Dr. Ed Gilman, author of "An Illustrated Guide to Pruning." Workshop topics include: Designing Sites to Fit Desirable Trees, Planting Specifications and Details, and Tree Biomechanics. The conference takes place at Spokane Community College. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

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Tips for Caring for Storm-Damaged Trees



Broken limbs or ice-encased leaves, do you know what to do for your trees when snow falls in Portland?

Will it snow?! Recent weather reports have been forecasting snow. We thought it was a good time to dust off an article from the very snowy January 2017 edition to help you prepare yourself, and your trees, for the winter season.

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.

- What is wrong with my tree?! Check out the Arbor Day Foundation's **Storm Recovery Kit** if you need help identifying tree problems.
- What kind of tree is it? If you are not sure, check out the **Street Tree Inventory Map**. If your tree is not listed, 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.
- 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, do not be afraid of the process! Urban Forestry staff are here to help. Email trees@portlandoregon.gov or call 503-823-TREE (8733) with tree permitting questions.
- 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 take to care for your tree, and then put your plan into action. Neglecting your tree now may turn an easy fix into a permanent problem.

We encourage you to talk to your neighbors, especially if you think you may have spotted a tree problem that they have not seen. For larger trees or any risky situations, always contact a professional arborist. For your convenience, the City maintains a list of **Local Tree Care Providers** as a resource to the public.

In Other News

Now Hiring! Youth Conservation Crew (YCC) Crew Leaders: Winter is a great time to think about your ideal summer job! At YCC, Crew Leaders enjoy a balance between daily leadership opportunities and being part of a supportive team. Get a foot in the door of your future career by meeting environmental professionals, building your skills, and guiding teens in important outdoor work. Apply by March 2, 2020 for priority consideration. Find details [here](#).

Growing Space and Tree Size: A long-term study on street trees monitored trees in construction and non-construction zones for 39 years. The study "consistently and significantly" found that the amount of room a tree has to grow impacts tree health and how long it lives. Read the study [here](#), with particular attention to section 4.3 Growing space and tree size.

Tree Chic, Why Trees are so Popular in Cities Around the World: There is a growing trend, pun intended, to see how much cities can increase the number of trees, and all of the benefits they provide, for their communities. From the article: "Urban trees bring bragging rights. The more trees, the better, because they look good, people like them and they provide a whole host of benefits." To find out which cities and companies are digging in to the tree planting trend, read the article [here](#).

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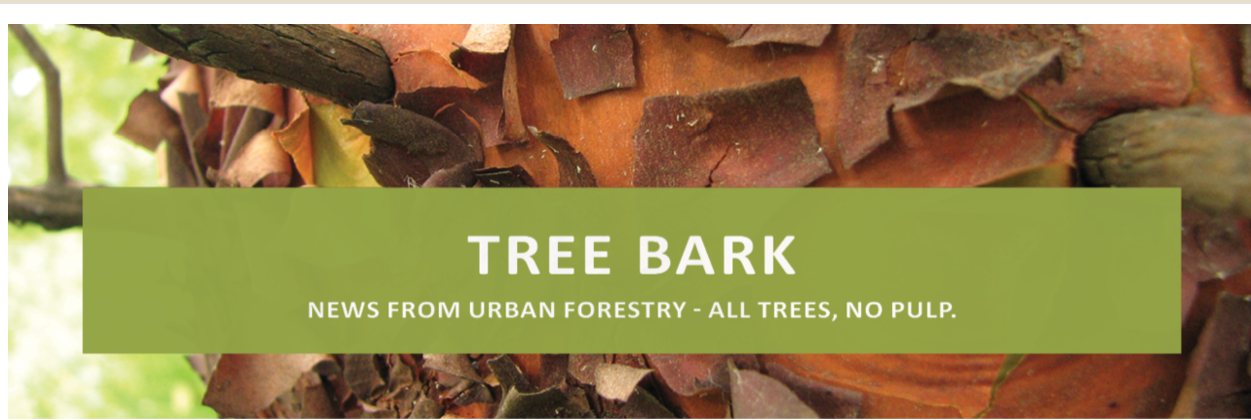
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What Changes to Portland's Tree Code Mean for You



Trees get a lot of attention in Portland for their beauty and the services they provide. When they are cut down, many people wonder what they can do to make sure that the future has large trees for everyone.

Portlanders like you sent a clear message to City Council: Protect big trees! Large trees are a necessity, not a luxury, and cutting them down affects the entire community. This is the core of the large tree amendment to Portland's Tree Code.

In 2016, City Council added protections for large trees during private development to Portland's Tree Code. These changes were set to expire in 2019. City Council recently extended the protections until 2024. Here are a few highlights:

- Preserve all qualifying trees 36 inches in diameter or larger, or pay a fee
- No longer charge a flat fee for all trees that are removed
- Increase the fee for trees 36 inches in diameter or larger, the current fee is \$450 per inch

What does this mean for you? In your neighborhood and around town, you may see more large trees that remain during private development projects. And when they are removed, the money collected from the fees will help plant trees where we need them the most.

You may one day enjoy the shade of a tree that was preserved or planted because of this amendment.

City Council directed several City agencies, including Urban Forestry, to continue to work on **future projects** that will update and strengthen the Tree Code. These projects are meant to ensure that everyone will have access to large, healthy trees, now and in the future.

Read more perspectives on the changes here:

- [Portland Audubon](#)
- [Trees For Life](#)

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Winter 2020 Neighborhood Tree Steward Class

March 14, 21, and 28, 2020, 9 am - 2:30 pm

Location: East Portland Community Center

Applications Due: February 1, 2020

Are you ready to gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence to be a steward of Portland's urban forest?

The Neighborhood Tree Steward (**NTS**) Program

trains participants to care for our community trees.

The program is three days, and is full of hands-on and interactive learning experiences. Stewards learn about Portland's urban forest, proper tree planting, tree regulations, and how trees are providing services that are necessary to the well-being of all Portlanders.

Space is limited in this popular program. Applicants will be notified in mid to late February of acceptance. [Apply online here!](#)



Fix-It Fair Tabling with Urban Forestry

Saturday, February 29, 2020, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Location: Floyd Light Middle School

Want to talk trees with your neighbors? We need volunteers for Urban Forestry's first tabling event of the year!

Join us at the upcoming **Fix-It Fair** at Floyd Light Middle School. At this event we will answer

questions about trees and help people sign up to get a free tree for their yard!

If you would like to help, register [here!](#)

More Upcoming Events

2/01/2020, Irvington Tree Walk, Tree Size Matters: Are all trees equal? What are the benefits of big trees? Using Irvington's trees as examples, Jim Gersbach from the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Concordia Tree Team will explore why tree size matters in meeting Portland's climate change canopy goals. Meet at Caffe Destino, 1339 NE Fremont St. ([map](#)). The walk will be from 10:00 am to noon. Register [here](#).

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Sign Up for a Pop-up!



Pop-up Arboretums are a pop-ular way to explore the trees in Portland's parks. Make sure to visit your local Pop-up before it is gone!

There are over 300 different kinds of trees in Portland's parks! How many of them can you identify? Whether the answer is none, or all three hundred, you can discover the trees in your local park in a whole new way using the [Park Tree Inventory](#).

After you learn about the trees in your local park, share your favorite tree finds with neighbors and friends this summer by getting a Pop-Up Arboretum installed!

2020 will be the third year of our Pop-Up Arboreta program. An arboretum is a collection of trees that have a purpose – and our purpose is to share the trees in Portland's parks with everyone who passes by.

If your Tree Team is interested in having a Pop-Up Arboretum in your local park, please complete an interest form, [available here](#). Interest forms are due by March 31, 2020.

When you see big green signs on park trees this year, snap a picture and tag it on social media. Use the hashtag #popuppx to follow where the Arboreta are, and what new trees are waiting to be discovered!

In Other News

Trees, Heat Islands, and Discrimination: Areas that do not have trees are measurably hotter than places that do have trees, according to a recent study. Due to historical practices, dangerous heat levels tend to occur where there are "...mostly lower-income households and communities of color..." Read more about the racist history of heat islands [here](#).

How Do Conifers Survive Drought? Without the ability to see underground, the question of why some trees survive during drought when others do not, has frustrated tree researchers. A new scientific model was set up to explore whether existing roots or growing new roots had an impact on survival during drought conditions. Read the results of the study [here](#).

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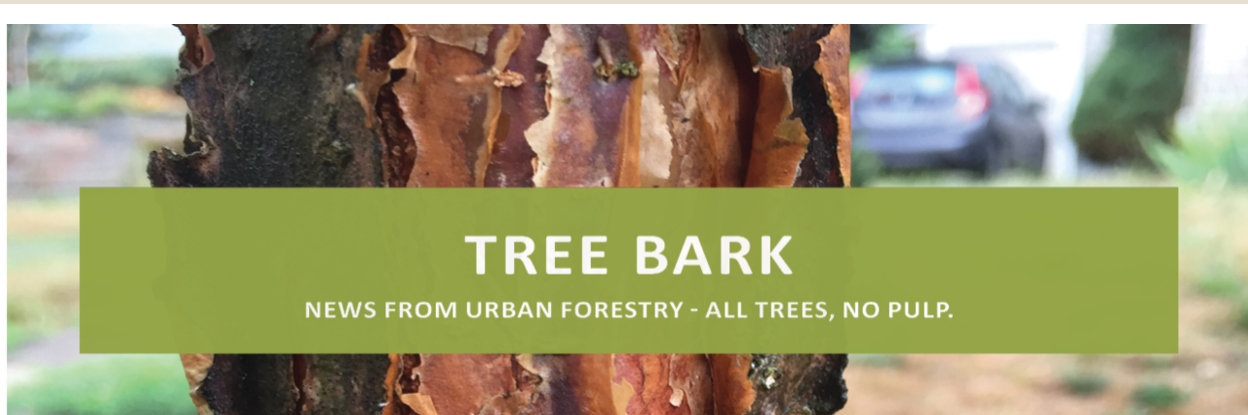
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Black History Month Celebration Spotlight: The History of Trees in Albina



Albina Neighborhood Improvement Project Block Leaders, March 1964. City of Portland Archives, A2010-003.2405. The Albina Neighborhood Improvement Project planted over 500 flowering cherries in March 1964, especially along N Kerby and N Height streets. City of Portland Archives, A2010-003.2402.

The Albina District ([map](#)) is home to cherry trees that are almost 60 years old! Did you know that these street trees were planted because of neighborhood improvement efforts by many leaders in Portland's African American community?

According to the website [BlackPast](#), "Albina [was] a neighborhood [. . .] that for most of the 20th century was home to the majority of the city's African American population."

The Albina Neighborhood Improvement Project ([ANIP](#)) was formed in part due to a lack of City investment in the area. This community organization called attention to much-needed improvements like parks, streetlights and sidewalks.

Street trees were also part of this important work. In 1964, over 500 flowering trees were planted in North Portland neighborhoods by the ANIP Tree Program. Read more about the project and see historical photographs on Historian Dave Hedberg's blog post [here](#).

Volunteer efforts in the Albina community continue today! Sadly, some of the cherry trees planted long ago have died. In 2017, the Albina Neighborhood Tree Team organized a removal and replanting effort to bring new life to the neighborhoods that they love. Read [here](#) about the new trees that were planted and how everyday people can get things done!

To see even more old photographs of Portland history, check out the Office of Civic and Community Life's latest newsletter [here](#). They will be highlighting photos from the archives over the next few months.

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playground with community members.

East Holladay Park Public Gathering

Saturday, March 7, 2020, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
East Portland Community Office, 1017 NE 117th Ave. ([map](#))

Have you seen some new trees at East Holladay Park?

PP&R Urban Forestry celebrated Arbor Day last fall by planting a grove of trees near the

More Upcoming Events

2/15/2020, Buckman Tree Pruning Kickoff: Join the Buckman Tree Team to kick off tree pruning and care for 2020! Meet at Colonel Summers Park. Registration opens at 8:30 am. The workshop will run from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Register [here](#).

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Events Highlights

See photos from recent events!

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member Jim Gersbach.

Irvington Tree Walk: On the Streets, and In the News!

Rain and cold weather did not stop more than 30 neighbors from enjoying the Irvington Tree Walk.

KATU News joined in too! See the news clip [here](#).

This Urban Forestry Workshop was a partnership between the Irvington Tree Team and Trees for Life. The walk was led by Concordia Tree Team

While exploring the neighborhood, workshop goers learned why Portland needs large form and evergreen trees. They were also impressed by a row of bamboo-leaf oak trees along Knott St. that still had all of their leaves, even in winter!

Now Hiring! Urban Forestry Seasonal Positions, Apply Today



We stay busy and have fun too! If this sounds like your kind of workplace, then check out the jobs and join us!

We all have a lot of reasons why we work. But the chance to really love what you do, and make a difference doing it, does not come along every day. Apply now to work with Urban Forestry!

Available positions include:

- **Urban Forestry Outreach and Science Assistant** (one position available) Apply [here!](#)
- **Tree Giveaway Assistant** (two positions available) Apply [here!](#)
- **Tree Establisher** (multiple positions available) Apply [here!](#)
- **Youth Conservation Crew Tree Crew Leader** (two positions available) Apply [here!](#)

Read more about the [positions](#) to find the job that is the right fit. We cannot wait to work with you!

In Other News

Tree Planting Performance Report: Ever wonder how all those trees Urban Forestry plants or gives away are doing? We do too, which is why we go back and visit them every summer to check on their health and survival. See what we found by reading the online interactive report [here](#).

Bigleaf Maple Syrup?! Boutique Syrup Business is Tapping the Common West Coast Tree: There are syrup makers, chefs, and researchers interested in tapping the tree's potential. But if you think this is a sugary sweet article, think again! There are scientists concerned that with hotter and drier conditions, it is not exactly the time to drain away the bigleaf maple's resources. Read the OPB article [here](#).

Remembering Amy Grotta: Our sincere condolences go out to the family, friends, and colleagues of Amy Grotta. Many in our Tree Bark audience may have met Amy when they attended an Oregon Forest Pest Detector class. Amy's colleague has written a [remembrance](#), which includes details for a celebration of life this June. Amy was a remarkable person, and she will be missed.

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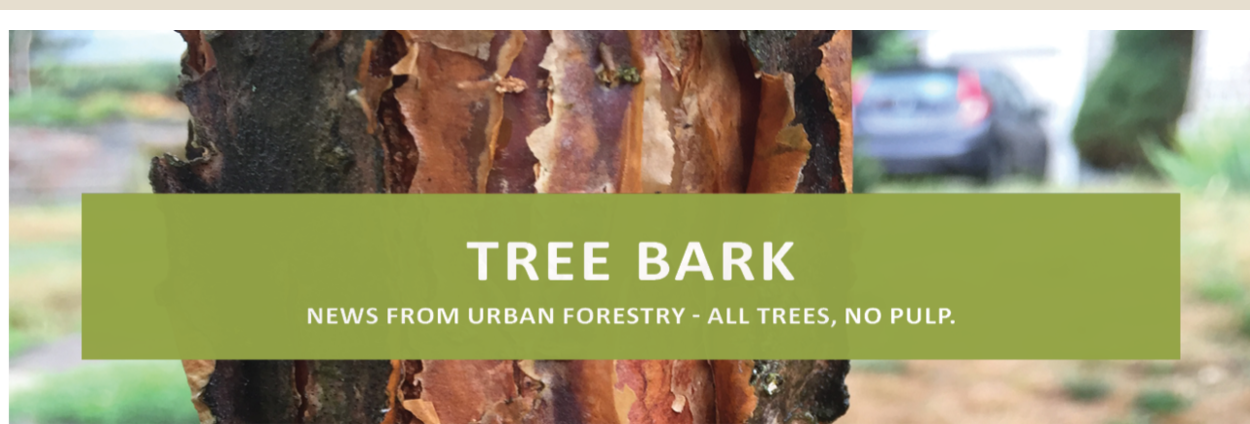
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Find an Arborist! The Local Tree Care Provider List is Here to Help.



We all need some care and maintenance, and this is true for trees too. With spring less than a month away, consider having your trees checked before the leaves come out.

The trees around us may need professional care sometimes. But not everyone knows who to call in a city with so many tree care companies! A good relationship with an arborist you trust should grow over time, just like your tree! That is why Urban Forestry has the [Local Tree Care Providers List](#).

While we will not make a recommendation about one company, everyone on the list of tree care providers has been checked for the following:

- Attends a workshop once a year to stay current with Portland's tree code.
Tree care providers can sign up for the next workshop on May 15 [here](#).
- Does not have a documented tree code violation within the past year.
- Has an active Portland business license.
- Has a certified arborist on staff.

The Local Tree Care Providers page also has links for you to check a company's state license. This is something that you should do before hiring any contractor! Here are some more helpful hints when looking for an arborist to care for your valuable trees:

- Get recommendations and read reviews.
- Free estimates are common, try to get three estimates to compare.
- Advice or consultations are almost never free, expect to pay a fee for professional knowledge.
- Removing a tree, especially a large one, should be avoided if other options exist to reduce risk.

To tree owners and tree care providers alike, thank you for the important part you play in caring for our urban forest!

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Heritage Tree # 213, a weeping cherry in bloom. Photo by Steve Terrill Photography.

2020 Flowering Tree Photo Contest

February 25, 2020 - April 30, 2020

New this year: prizes! The Top 3 individuals can choose from: a tree seedling and watering bucket, Science Comics: *Trees: Kings of the Forest*, or an Urban Forestry water bottle.

Spring will soon be coming into full bloom across Portland! If it is anything like the spectacular fall color we had just a few months ago, we are in for a show.

Urban Forestry is looking for you to get outside, get creative, and send us your best photos of trees in all their flowering glory. New perspectives and species are encouraged.

Please observe the following contest rules:

- The photo must be your own original photo
- The photo must be of a tree in the City of Portland
- Please provide the location with your submission
- Multiple submissions are allowed
- All rights to the photos are released to the City of Portland and may be published with or without photo credit
- Be respectful of private and public property, do not trespass
- Submissions are due by April 30, 2020

Submit your photos [here!](#)

Winning photos may be featured in Tree Bark and on our social media platforms.



We will get familiar with common tree species by looking beyond the leaves – we will also examine flowers, bark, and buds.

Rain or shine, we will be walking and talking trees, so sign up early and bring a friend!

Register [here](#).

Spring Tree Identification Walk

Saturday, April 11, 2020, 10 am to 11:30 am
Ventura Park, 460 SE 113th Ave. ([map](#))

Urban Forestry Outreach and Science Manager, Angie DiSalvo, will lead a special spring tree walk!

Bring your cameras or sketchbooks and learn to identify trees while exploring Ventura Park.

More Upcoming Events

2/29/2020, Leap Year Tree Walk: Every four years, we add on an extra day to February to make up for the 0.2421 days we missed in the previous three. The calendar is a human concept that many plants and trees follow, but not all. Some of our trees have behaviors that do not occur on a yearly schedule. Spend a few hours of your extra day in 2020 learning about trees that have irregular habits. Join Urban Forestry staff from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Knott Park ([map](#)) to explore these unique features. Meet at the NW corner parking lot. Register [here](#).

3/07/2020, East Holladay Park Public Gathering: Have you seen some new trees at East Holladay Park? Last fall, PP&R Urban Forestry celebrated Arbor Day by planting a grove of trees near the playground with community members. Many more trees will be planted here in the fall of 2020, and we want to share the details with you! Join Urban Forestry staff on Saturday, March 7, 2020, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the East Portland Community Office, 1017 NE 117th Ave. ([map](#))

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Discounted Native Plants Available for Pre-Order: Sparrowhawk Native Plants will accept online orders Sunday, March 1, 2020, through Sunday, March 15, 2020! Your plants will support bees, other insects, and wildlife. A portion of the proceeds will also be given to inspiring community organizations. Learn more and order from the impressive selection of 60+ species at: www.sparrowhawknativeplants.com.

Portland Urban Forestry Honored with Society of Municipal Arborists (SMA) Accreditation: There are many urban forestry departments around the country, but less than 20 of them are listed as SMA Accredited. Portland has been formally recognized by SMA as a model for urban forestry programs around the world. All Portlanders should be proud of this accomplishment! Together, we are working hard to grow and protect our urban forest. Learn more about SMA Accreditation [here](#).

Woodlawn Park Storymap, History, and Photos: Did you know that the Woodlawn neighborhood had a train station at Durham Avenue and Dekum Street back in the 1800s? Take a photographic trip through time, and explore the trees of Woodlawn Park by visiting the Trees of Woodlawn Park [Storymap](#). Want more? You can check out other park storymaps [here](#).

OSHA Investigation Finds Boom Lift Safety Violations at Pickathon: KGW8 reports on the tragic incident at Pickathon last August where two local arborists were killed. Read about the [safety violations](#) that were found. Visit the [memorial fund](#) set up to support the families and learn more about these two remarkable men.

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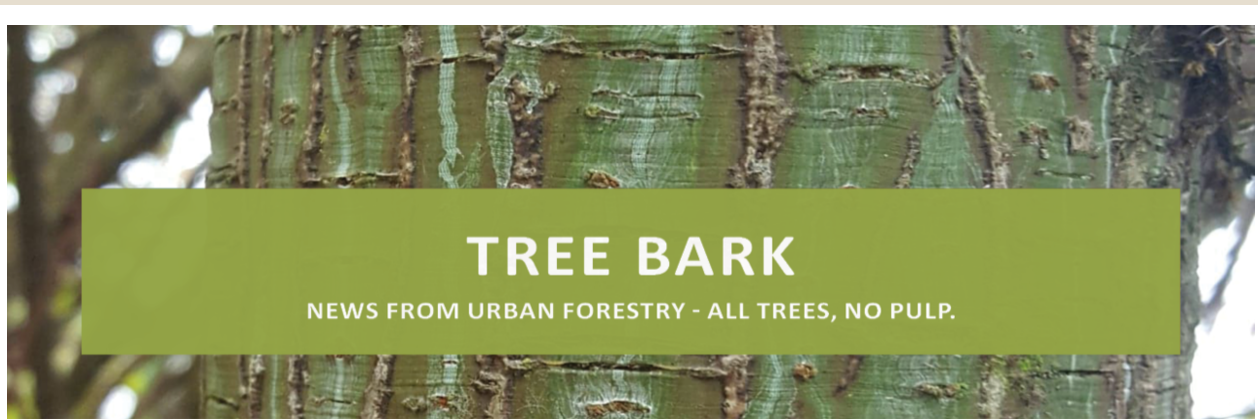
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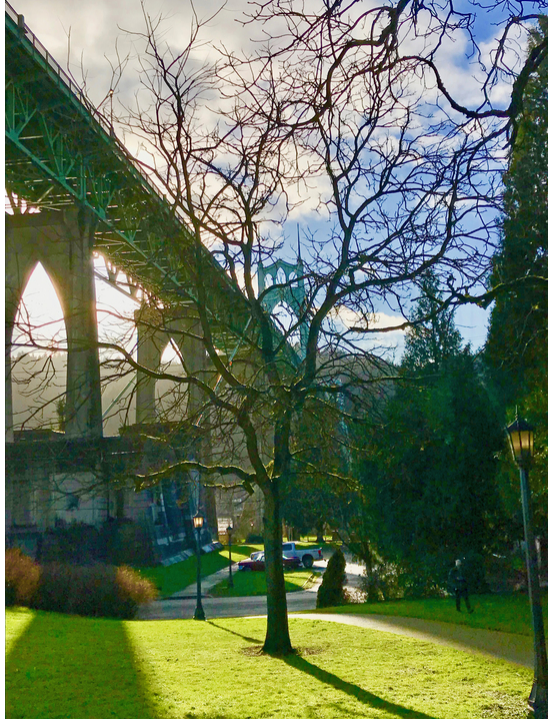
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Turn in Your Heritage Tree Nomination by May 1, 2020!



The St. Johns Bridge peeks out from behind Heritage Tree # 353, a Kentucky coffeetree, still relatively rare in Portland. Heritage Tree # 355, a Japanese red pine, has colorful red, gray and brown bark. Remember to nominate Portland's next Heritage Tree by May 1, 2020.

You can be part of Portland's history! Each year, Portland's [Heritage Tree Program](#) sends a list of trees to City Council. Not just any trees: This list offers protections to some of the finest trees in Portland. To get on the list, all of the trees had to be nominated by someone. Maybe this year it will be you!

Every tree that is nominated will be considered, but not all will make it through to the end. So, what improves the chances that your nomination will become a Heritage Tree? Here is a short list of some things the Heritage Tree Committee is looking for when they consider a tree:

1. Is this tree species already well represented? If so, how does it compare to the others? If it is rare, or larger than others like it, that is a big plus!
2. What does the tree look like? Is it in good shape? Beauty is different for everyone, but some trees just have something special.
3. Does the tree have a history that is interesting or unique?

We get calls and emails from around the country asking how to make a Heritage Tree Program like ours. There is a lot that goes into it, but the real secret is the quality of our trees. And we need your help to discover them.

Learn more about nominating a tree [here](#).

Be sure to turn in your [nomination form](#) by May 1!

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Local Tree Care Providers Workshop

Friday, May 15, 2020, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Multnomah Arts Center Gymnasium, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. ([map](#))

Calling all tree care professionals! If you work on trees within the city limits of Portland, then this workshop is for you.

Register [here](#).

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2020 Flowering Tree Photo Contest

Now - April 30, 2020

New this year: Prizes! The Top 3 individuals can choose from: a tree seedling and watering bucket, Science Comics: *Trees: Kings of the Forest*, or an Urban Forestry water bottle.

Urban Forestry is looking for you to get outside, get creative, and send us your best photos of trees in all their flowering glory. New perspectives and species are encouraged.

Please observe the following contest rules:

- The photo must be your own original photo
- The photo must be of a tree in the City of Portland
- Please provide the location with your submission
- Multiple submissions are allowed
- All rights to the photos are released to the City of Portland and may be published with or without photo credit
- Be respectful of private and public property, do not trespass
- Submissions are due by April 30, 2020

Submit your photos [here](#)!

Winning photos may be featured in Tree Bark and on our social media platforms.

More Upcoming Events

4/11/2020, Spring Tree Identification Walk: Urban Forestry Outreach and Science Manager, Angie DiSalvo, will lead a special spring tree walk. Bring your cameras or sketchbooks and learn to identify trees while exploring Ventura Park. We will get to know common tree species by looking beyond the leaves at flowers, bark, and buds. The workshop will start at 10:00 am and end at 11:30 am. Register [here](#).

4/25/2020, Outreach Tabling at New Year in the Park Festival: Help hand out free tree seedlings to festival goers! New Year in the Park celebrates a cultural festival that is important in several Southeast Asian countries. The event takes place at Glenhaven Park. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. [Sign up now!](#)

Ongoing:

Sign up for a Pop-Up: An arboretum is a collection of trees that have a purpose – and our purpose is to share the trees in Portland's parks with everyone who passes by. If your Tree Team is interested in having a Pop-Up Arboretum in your local park, please complete an interest form, available [here](#). Interest forms are due by March 31, 2020.

In Other News

Proposers Sought for Tree Planting and Establishment Services by Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry: A request for proposal (RFP) is expected be released around March 10, 2020 and will be posted at <https://procure.portlandoregon.gov>. There will be an optional information session, tentatively scheduled for March 17 from 2-3:30 pm at the East Portland Community Center ([map](#)). The scope of work will cover trees planted in public rights-of-way, city property, and private property. Proposers will provide tree procurement, delivery, installation, and three years of establishment services. More details will be available in the RFP.

Green Workforce Academy, a Five-Week Green Jobs Training Program: This workforce readiness training program is available to Native American and African American youth ages 18 - 25. The five-week academy begins April 13, 2020. It will meet Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Two of the days will be spent in the field, and two will be classroom days. Participants will be paid. For more information contact: Teresa Gaddy | tgaddy@ecotrust.org | 503.467.0789

Portland Publishes Draft Climate Emergency Declaration: Although [Milwaukie](#) was the first city in Oregon to declare a climate emergency, Portland was not far behind. Last month, Mayor Ted Wheeler released the first draft of a Climate Emergency Declaration. Click here to see the [draft](#). Scroll to page 5 to see the 20 actions identified to address climate change. Public feedback is wanted now! Comments will be accepted until March 16 at 5:00 pm. Click [here](#) to share your comments.

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Urban Forestry Update



Exploring our neighborhoods as we stay closer to home, it is clear that our urban forest is all around us. From the smallest and youngest trees bursting with color, to those giants that no longer leaf out.

Much has changed since the last issue of Tree Bark. Health and safety are at the top of our thoughts all around the world. As we limit our person-to-person contact, good communication is as important now as it has ever been.

In order to make space for critical health communications over the past month, we have kept ourselves out of your email inboxes. But Urban Forestry has been working hard during that time to serve you and the trees we all love.

Here is a quick update on Urban Forestry's services:

- **24/7 tree emergency response** in the right-of-way and on city-owned property continues. Call 503-823-TREE (8733) to report a tree emergency.
- **All tree permit types** are being processed. Apply online or by mail. More information [here](#).
- **Tree planting and maintenance** continues to ensure a future healthy canopy.
- **The Title 11 Amendment Project** continues, now with an extended [timeline](#).

Scheduled events have been postponed. We will continue to follow instructions from health authorities on when activities may begin again. The plan is to offer workshops and trainings remotely, so stay in touch for future online offerings!

Until then, there are lots of ways to keep in contact with the trees around you.

Check out these online tree maps:

- **Street trees** (Identify the trees along your street!)
- **Park trees** (What is the biggest tree in your park?)
- **Heritage trees** (Is there a Heritage Tree near you?)
- **School trees** (Has your local school been mapped?)

Find more information about the [Park and Street Tree Inventories](#) or [Heritage Trees](#) on the web.

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Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

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Offered Online

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We will talk about tree basics, then discuss how they react to wounds. We will also review what tools to use and how to keep them sharp. We have got you covered roots to shoots!

Registration will open at **8:30 am** on the day of the class. Please sign in early to confirm connection. All you need is a web browser and internet connection.

The workshop will begin promptly at 9:00 am with the presentation followed by a question

and answer period.

For questions please contact: clare.carney@portlandoregon.gov

Register [here!](#)



Local Tree Care Providers Workshop

Friday, May 15, 2020, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Offered Online

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will be online to answer your questions. ISA CEUs may be available.

For the first time, we will be offering this workshop online. After you register, we will send out the links to participate by May 8, 2020.

Register [here](#).

In Other News

Tree Code Survey: Share Your Ideas! The City of Portland is considering two proposals to strengthen tree protections and planting requirements for construction projects on private and public property. Even if you are not familiar with the tree code, your input is important! Share your ideas in a 5-minute survey. This online survey will be open from April 14 to May 15, 2020, but do not wait! Have your voice heard today! Take the survey [here](#).

Elm Pruning Moratorium in Effect April 15 Through October 15: Dutch Elm Disease is a big problem for many of Portland's elm trees. To help protect them, no elm pruning is allowed from April 15 until October 15. To find out more about the moratorium, pruning restrictions, and proper elm wood disposal procedures, click [here](#).

Timber Joey! A Short Video on Staying Safe in Portland Parks: With the weather so nice, it is hard to resist going outside. This video shows the importance of physical distancing even in open areas like parks. Catch Timber Joey, along with Park Ranger Supervisor Vicente Harrison, and Mayor Wheeler, in this public service announcement. Watch it [here](#).

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Apply to Join the Urban Forestry Commission!



Above, a "Trees are for everyone!" banner at the PSU Farmers Market, and Urban Forestry Commission member, Lorena Nascimento, participating in a Park Tree Inventory.

We have a saying in Portland, Trees are for everyone! To make that happen, trees must be maintained, planted and protected. That is why Urban Forestry is excited to announce that we are seeking a new Commissioner for the [Urban Forestry Commission \(UFC\)](#)!

The UFC is an important group of volunteers that advises the City Forester, Parks Director, and City Council on Portland's tree policies.

Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council. They are asked to serve a 4-year term. Commission service includes:

- Participating in the UFC meetings, currently on the third Thursday morning of each month
- Serving on at least one [UFC Committee](#)

Anyone interested in serving on the UFC is encouraged to apply by completing and submitting an [application form](#).

For more information, please visit the UFC Recruitment page [here](#). For questions, please contact Brian Landoe at: Brian.Landoe@portlandoregon.gov.

We are looking forward to meeting our newest UFC member. Maybe it is you!

Upcoming Events

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Pop-Up Arboreta in May

For the month of May, Urban Forestry will be showcasing fun, informational signs on select trees in four Portland Parks. This will turn each park into a Pop-Up Arboretum!

The Pop-Up Arboreta Parks are:

- Couch Park
- Dawson Park
- Ventura Park ([virtual tour](#))
- Woodlawn Park ([virtual tour](#))

You can explore the tree signs at these local parks throughout the summer. For more information about the trees in Portland's parks, check out the online Park Tree Inventory [map](#). For a complete list of parks with virtual tours, click [here](#).

While you are out there, tag [@portlandparks](#) on Instagram or [@Urban Forestry - Portland Parks & Recreation](#) on Facebook and let us know which tree is your favorite park tree!



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For questions, please contact: ufvolunteers@portlandoregon.gov.

Register [here](#).

More Upcoming Events

5/15/2020, Local Tree Care Providers Workshop: If you work on trees within the city limits of Portland, then this [online](#) workshop is for you! Learn about tree permits and how to submit applications. Urban Forestry Staff will be online to answer your questions. After you register, we will send out the link to participate by May 8, 2020. On May 15, you can use this link to enter the workshop starting at 8:30 am. Then the workshop will run from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Register [here](#).

6/03/2020, Advanced Tree Pruning: Urban Forestry staff will host an [online](#) Advanced Tree Pruning class. Prior participation in an introductory pruning class is required. Registration will open at 10:30 am, please sign in early to confirm connection; all you need is a web browser and internet connection. The workshop will be from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, and the presentation will be followed by a question and answer period. Register [here](#).

Events Highlights

See photos from recent events!

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60 New Trees Planted at Portland Schools This Spring!

In the past few months, Urban Forestry partnered with Portland Public Schools, contractors, and Depave to plant 60 trees at Lent and Sitton Schools!

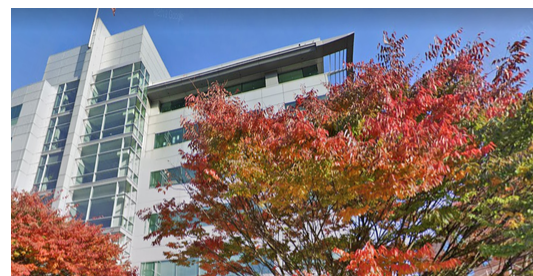
Botanic Specialists, Molly Wilson and Patrick Key, inspected the new trees and added tags, so that everyone can identify the species on the

school grounds.

Although planting with the students at Lent School had to be cancelled, we are excited that a grove of new large, evergreen, and native trees will still be waiting to greet students when they return!

See photos of the Lent planting [here](#), and photos with the students at Sitton [here](#). (Warning, the Sitton link contains super cute kids and tiny shovels!)

Urban Forestry Permits Issued During Permit Center Closure



*The Permit Center may be closed, but Urban Forestry is operating! We are accepting all tree permit application types and have not stopped issuing permits. If in doubt, always **"Call before you cut!"***

We know our trees are [important](#) and [valuable](#), often in ways that are hard to count. But did you know that permits help to make sure that tree care follows industry best practices?

Just like other professions, such as electrical or plumbing, there are [standards for tree care](#). Street Tree Pruning and Planting permits help to ensure that our shared urban forest is as healthy as possible. And Tree Removal and Replanting Permits help confirm that trees are removed only when needed, and that trees are planted to replace them.

You can apply for [tree permits](#) from home through our website. Or, you can [mail in](#) a tree permit application. There is even a new process to obtain [Same Day Permits](#) while the permit center is closed. (Conditions apply.)

Please contact Urban Forestry at trees@portlandoregon.gov or at 503-823-TREE (8733) with any questions.

In Other News

Request for Proposal for Tree Planting and Establishment Now Open: Can your business plant trees with the best of them? Show us what you can do! Urban Forestry is seeking proposers on the City of Portland [vendor portal](#) for tree planting and establishment services. Current open bids are available [here](#), and the tree planting and establishment bid is posted [here](#). An optional online Zoom session is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 2:00 pm. Information to join the session is located in the bid under "Pre Bid Conference."

Backyard BioBlitz Study from Portland Audubon Wants You! Birds and trees are great companions, but what other animals have made your trees their home? Every Tuesday through June, you can track and report the wildlife around your home and neighborhood to Audubon. Do it as many times as you like, or just once! This survey of living species is specific to Portland, and anyone can participate. Learn more [here](#)!

Oregon Nurseries Offering Alternate Shopping Options: Do you feel an irresistible need to garden? Maybe that is business as usual for you, or maybe it is new. But either way, getting plants as safely as possible has changed the way many nurseries are operating. For a list of 61 (and growing) nurseries in Oregon and SW Washington that have adapted their services for public health, click [here](#).

Gardenize App to Organize and Showcase Your Plantings: So, you already have your trees and plants? You know what they are and where they are. What next? Well, how about taking pretty pictures of them and tracking them over time! Gardenize is a free mobile app and desktop tool to "Save all your garden notes and photos in one place." Learn more [here](#).

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Got Tree Questions? Get Answers During "Ask an Arborist"



Are moss, lichen, or ferns hurting my tree? What is wrong with the leaves on my tree? These are common questions that tree professionals hear. Do you have a tree question you have been waiting to ask? Your wait is over, Ask an Arborist is here!

Why do leaves **change color** in the fall? Is it bad for **moss** to grow on trees? And what is really the problem with **tree of heaven** in Portland? PP&R Urban Forestry arborists want to hear from you!

An arborist is a professional who specializes in the care, management, and study of trees. What are some of the questions you have about trees? Is there something you have always wanted to know about that one interesting tree in your neighborhood?

Our arborists will answer your questions in a live question and answer presentation on **June 16, 2020 at 1:00 pm**.

Registration is required to ask questions, so [sign up today!](#)

Ask your tree question and submit photographs online by June 5 [here](#).

Watch on June 16 at 1:00 pm as Urban Forestry arborists answer your questions live!

Register [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

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Advanced Tree Pruning

Wednesday, June 3, 2020, 11:00 am - 12:00pm

Offered Online via Zoom

Many arborists will tell you that pruning is both a science and an art; the art of making a proper cut matched with an understanding of the tree's biology and mechanics.

Learning how trees grow and how they respond to various pruning cuts will help you master common pruning techniques.

Urban Forestry staff will host an online Advanced Pruning class on June 3, 2020; prior participation in an introductory pruning class is recommended.

Please pre-register, Zoom details to participate will be sent by email.

The workshop will begin promptly at 11:00 am with the presentation followed by a question and answer period.

For questions, please contact: ufvolunteers@portlandoregon.gov.

Register [here](#).



How to Care for Your Young Tree

Thursday, June 11, 2020, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

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The first three to five years may be the difference between a young tree dying or doing great!

That is why taking special care to give your new tree a good start is so important.

In this online workshop, Urban Forestry staff will help you know what to look for, so you can be confident that young trees in your neighborhood are going to be the best they can be.

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More Upcoming Events

5/15/2020, LAST CHANCE! Local Tree Care Providers Workshop: If you work on trees within the city limits of Portland, then this **online** workshop is for you! Learn about tree permits and how to submit applications. Urban Forestry Staff will be online to answer your questions. Please pre-register, after you register, we will send out the link to participate. On May 15, you can use this link to enter the workshop starting at 8:30 am. Then the workshop will run from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Register [here](#).

Ongoing:

May Pop-Up Arboreta: For the month of May, Urban Forestry will be installing fun, informational signs on select trees in Woodlawn, Ventura, Dawson, and Couch Parks. If one of these is your local park, be sure to visit before the signs are gone! While you are out there, tag [@portlandparks](#) on Instagram or [@Urban Forestry - Portland Parks & Recreation](#) on Facebook and let us know which tree is your favorite park tree. Then get ready for the next round of Pop-Ups in June! View the summer Pop-Up schedule [here](#). Remember – do not go into parks or onto trails if you cannot stay at least 6 feet away from other people. Respect park facility closures, such as sports courts, skateparks, and athletic fields.

Events Highlights

See photos from recent events!

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First Online Workshop Completed, More to Come!

Urban Forestry hosted its first live online workshop on Saturday, May 2 with an Introduction to Pruning class.

The live presentation was recorded, and we plan to share it soon. Keep an eye out in Tree Bark when it becomes available!

For now, check out this **cheat sheet** to see what

you missed!

Tree people from across the city logged on to learn about:

- Goals of Tree Pruning
- How to Get a Permit
- Tools and Safety Materials
- How and Where to Cut

We loved seeing so many of you (about 50!) and your excitement to prune Portland's trees. We hope to see many more of you at the **Advanced Pruning** workshop next month.

In Other News

Tree Code Survey Closes 5/15/20, Share Your Ideas TODAY: Should we strengthen tree protections? Should we require more trees to be planted when they get cut down? These may sound like simple questions, but when it comes to the Tree Code, there is a lot to think about. Join over 1000 people who have already shared their opinions. In October, the City of Portland will be considering two proposals to strengthen tree protections and planting requirements for construction projects on private and public property. Will you add your voice to how Portland protects our trees before the amendments are completed? Take the 5-minute survey [here!](#) Need information first? Read more [here](#).

Plants for a Better Planet, Great Plant Picks Has an Updated 2020 Plant List: Drought-tolerant, pollinator-friendly, and/or native plants are on display at **Great Plant Picks**. Do not be scared off by all the lists! Each tree and plant has a picture, so once you decide where you want to plant, you can visualize what it will look like in your space. Read more about the 2020 updates in Digger magazine [here](#).

SOLVE Brings At-Home Solutions for Oregon: Small acts can make a big difference. If you have the time and ability to help out, SOLVE's **website** has lots of good ideas that do not require a group to accomplish. Learn about **invasive plants** to keep out of your yard and off of your trees. Or safely pick up litter around your yard or neighborhood. But first, be sure to check out the list of what to avoid [here](#).

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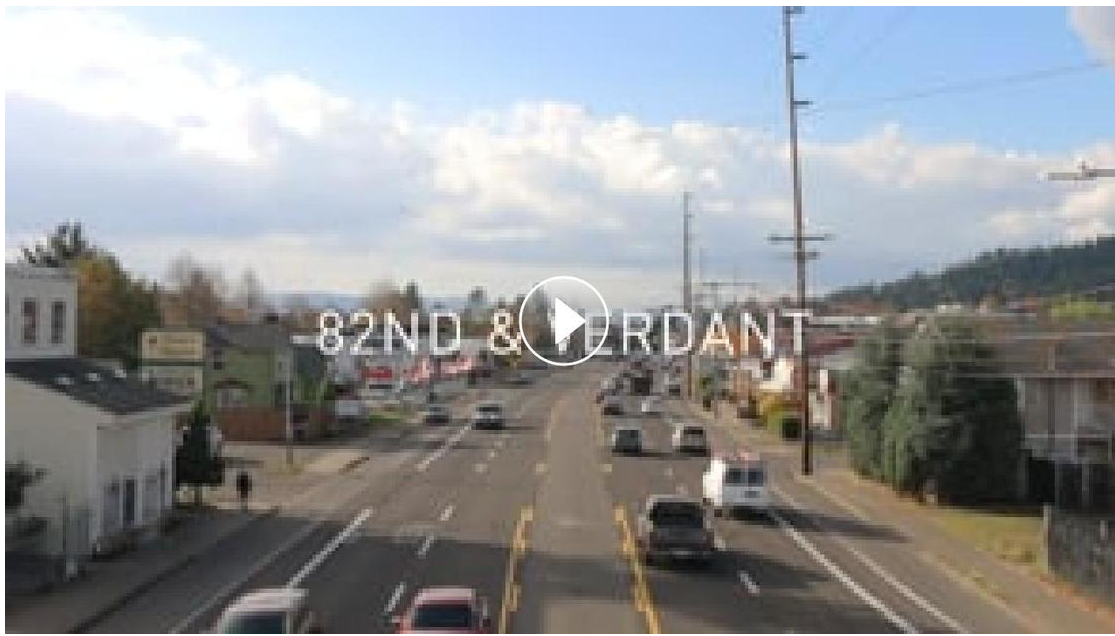
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The Future of Trees in Portland's Jade District, a Short Film



Knowing where trees are and where trees are not is important. But so is doing something about it! Watch what can happen when people put their time and energy into making a better, greener world.

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Which is a timely reminder to watch a short film by local filmmaker, James Krzmarzick. His film, [82nd & Verdant](#), is about Portland's Jade District, which is considered "...one of the most culturally diverse areas of the city..."

The **Jade District** is located between SE 82nd Avenue, SE Division Street, Interstate-205, and SE Powell Boulevard. In addition to being rich in cultural diversity, many people have also actively worked to bring much-needed trees to this area.

The film explores the perspectives of some local businesses in the Jade District. It also highlights the good green work that volunteers and partnering organizations have done in their efforts to expand our urban canopy.

After you have watched the film, you can read more about it in the Greening the Jade report [here](#). (Be sure to check out the pictures!)

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Test out your knowledge of pruning basics to freshen up. [Take the quiz here!](#)

Urban Forestry hosts free community workshops to build your tree knowledge. Join us online through Zoom on June 3, 2020 at 11:00 am to take your pruning skills to the next level!

Please [pre-register](#), Zoom details to participate will be sent by email.



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More Upcoming Events

6/16/2020, Ask an Arborist: Have you seen ferns and moss growing on trees around Portland and wondered if they were good or bad for a tree? Tune in on June 16, 2020 at 1:00 pm as Urban Forestry arborists answer your pre-submitted questions live and online through Zoom. Please [pre-register](#) to receive the Zoom meeting link. Submit questions and photos [here!](#)

Ongoing:

June Pop-Up Arboreta: Did you check out all four of the Pop-Up Arboreta in parks this month and are ready for some new trees to discover? Starting June 1, 2020, Wellington Park, Bloomington Park, Cathedral Park, and Wallace Park will have interactive and informational signs installed on trees! If one of these is your local park, be sure to visit before the signs are gone! While you are out there, tag [@portlandparks](#) on Instagram or [@Urban Forestry - Portland Parks & Recreation](#) on Facebook and let us know which tree is your favorite park tree. View the summer Pop-Up schedule [here](#).

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In Other News

UBC Survey on the Connection Between Nature and Human Well-Being Closes May 31, 2020: The University of British Columbia wants to understand "...the connection between nature and human well-being in times of isolation during the current COVID-19 pandemic." The survey is circulating around the world. Let's make sure they hear from Portland! Take the 15-minute survey [here](#).

Grant Applications Accepted in August for Portland Clean Energy Funds (PCEF): Beginning on August 3, 2020, qualified non-profits may submit grant applications for projects and programs that benefit communities living on the frontlines of climate change. During the first grant cycle, \$6-8 million will be awarded, and \$40-60 million is expected to be awarded annually after that. Even if you do not want to apply for a grant yourself, your help is needed to provide public comment on grant eligibility and the scoring criteria. Learn more and get involved with PCEF [here](#).

Craving a Creative Project? Urban Forestry is seeking a volunteer to create a Pop-Up Arboreta scavenger hunt! Four new Pop-Up Arboreta are installed every month throughout summer, and we want to encourage visits. If you would like to create a fun, downloadable scavenger hunt for kids and adults to seek out cones, leaf shapes, and tree facts, email angie.disalvo@portlandoregon.gov for details.

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Connecting People and Trees



As seasons change, shedding leaves is part of a natural cycle for trees. Looking inside, the process of fighting fungus and decay left marks on this maple.

Social justice and environmental justice are often treated like separate issues. But, as both the protests and the pandemic have shown, living beings are linked. What happens across town, or across the world, affects the air we breathe.

It is no accident that so many organizations that work with trees in Portland have firmly insisted that trees are an equity issue. Where the trees are, and where they are not, shows that trees are not serving everyone in Portland equitably.

We can and will do better. Let's link our efforts together.

Plant trees where they are needed most. Then keep doing it.

- In your **yard**
- At a **school**
- In the **right-of-way**

Partner with us

- Does your organization have a newsletter or website? Let's spread the word and share our content. Email the **editor**.
- Forward Tree Bark to a friend and encourage them to **sign up**.
- Working on a project that needs partners, or want to join one of ours? Let's **talk**.

Be heard

- Take your voice and your vote to **City Council**
- Tree Code Amendments are coming, attend a **public hearing**

Urban Forestry is dedicated to both people and trees. We hope that our readers are staying healthy and safe. We urge you to keep connecting with us, now, more than ever.

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How to Care for Your Young Tree

Thursday, June 11, 2020, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

pm

Offered Online via Zoom

Did you bring home a new tree within the last five years? Or do you know someone who did? If so, read on!

New trees need special care to become established in their forever homes. And nobody wants to have to replace a tree that did not

make it.

Learning how to care for a young tree, what tools you need, and where to get started, will all help to ensure a great addition to your neighborhood.

Join this workshop online via Zoom on June 11, 2020, at 12:00 pm. Watch Urban Forestry Arborists demonstrate best care practices for young trees in Portland. Questions will be answered live!

Please pre-register, Zoom details to participate will be sent by email.

Register [here](#).



Ask an Arborist

Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Offered Online via Zoom

Do you know which tree species in Portland grows the largest cones? Where can you find these big cone-bearing trees?

2020 has brought a lot of changes. Our summers are usually filled with volunteer workdays and events. We will miss seeing all of you throughout Portland's neighborhoods and at gatherings. But Urban Forestry Arborists are still eager to talk with you and answer all your tree questions!

Join in on June 16, 2020, at 1:00 pm as we answer your pre-submitted questions live online via Zoom.

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Ongoing:

June Pop-Up Arboreta: Did you check out all four of the Pop-Up Arboreta in parks last month, and are ready for some new trees to discover? Starting June 1, 2020, Wellington Park, Bloomington Park, Cathedral Park, and Wallace Park will have interactive and informational signs installed on trees! If one of these is your local park, be sure to visit before the signs are gone! While you are out there, tag [@portlandparks](#) on Instagram or [@Urban Forestry - Portland Parks & Recreation](#) on Facebook and let us know which tree is your favorite park tree.

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Advanced Pruning Online Workshop Recap

On Wednesday, June 3, participants in this online workshop learned about more than just pruning. They covered topics like:

- How trees grow and function
- Why different species need different types of care
- How to look at a tree as a complex living organism

Knowing how a tree will respond to your actions can help you determine how to approach pruning. And knowing what signs to look for (like epicormic sprouts) can be a clue as to what sort of future pruning may be needed.

The live presentation was recorded, and we plan to share it soon. Keep an eye out in Tree Bark when it becomes available!

Just like at the Introduction to Pruning Workshop, the Advanced Pruning Workshop had almost 50 people join in!

So far, it looks like going online has been a great way to exchange information and learn from each other. We hope to see many more of you at the **Young Tree Care** Workshop next week.

In Other News

My Favorite Things, a Portrait Project: Nik Desai of Urban Forestry recently participated in a bold new interview series with the Elisabeth Jones Art Center called *My Favorite Things*. To encourage connection during COVID-19 stay-at-home orders, local environmental and human rights leaders were interviewed via video call while talented artists created portraits in real time! They drew inspiration from the interests and passions of the speaker. Check out Nik's interview and the entire video series [here](#). (Nik says the 30-minute mark is where he shares his message of hope, and the artists share their paintings. So, feel free to skip right to it!)

Are You up for a Challenge? Ecochallenge.org has Action Items for You: Our individual actions have collective impacts, we know this. Ecochallenge.org helps you set individual action goals and see collective results by joining new challenges. Join one if you're up to it! Learn more [here](#). Ecochallenge.org also put together a short list of resources dedicated to anti-racism, review the [list here](#).

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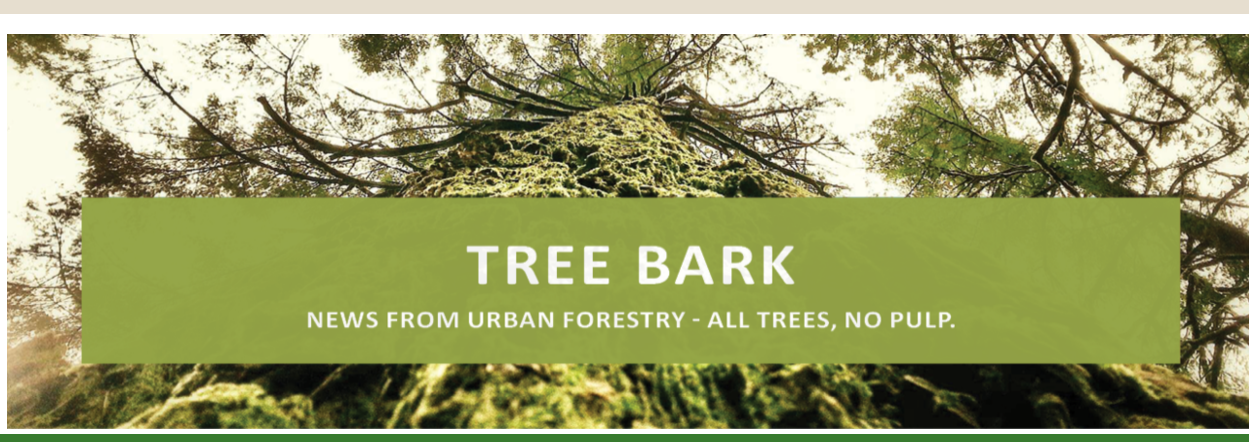
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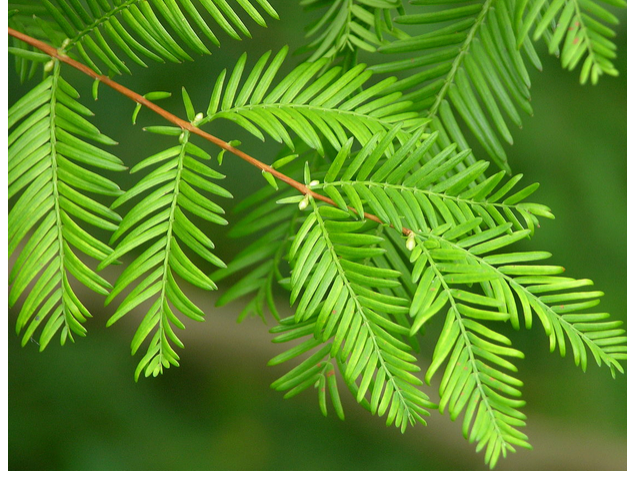
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Updated Application and Fees Begin July 1



Urban Forestry's permit process has some updates coming up! Below are the details to keep you informed.

Beginning July 1, 2020, the following changes are in effect. The links in this article will be updated with new application forms on July 1, 2020.

Tree Removal and Replanting Application

- \$100 fee for up to 3 trees
- \$25 per tree for each additional tree
 - [Supplemental application form](#) required
 - Applications and fee payment accepted online through [DevHub](#)

Replanting Waiver Application now ONLINE

- No fee changes (\$100)
 - Applications and fee payment available online through [DevHub](#)

Older versions of application forms will not be processed. Please discard any paper and electronic copies and use the new forms available for download [here](#).

Paper applications will continue to be accepted by mail at:

Urban Forestry
1900 SW 4th Ave. Suite 5000
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View the [Urban Forestry Fee Schedule](#).

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

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Incense cedars (*Calocedrus decurrens*) with branch dieback, likely from a fungus.

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Question 5: What are the oldest trees in PNW?



Ask an Arborist Recap

On Tuesday, June 16, more than 30 Portlanders tuned in for Urban Forestry's first live Ask an Arborist session.

Our own Tree Inspector, Mariano Masolo, an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist, and Outreach and Stewardship Coordinator Clare Carney, an ISA Certified Arborist, were there to answer questions.

We learned about growths on leaves called galls, what the oldest trees in the Pacific Northwest are, and who is going to win in the battle between tree versus deck. (Spoiler alert, the tree wins.)

Get your tree questions ready for our next Ask an Arborist session in September!

Rigler School Arboretum: For All Portlanders



The trees planted at Rigler Elementary School back in the early 2000s have grown into fine looking trees today. Many other new species of trees have been added to the campus over the years.

Rigler Elementary School Arboretum is the site of a new community driven Pop-Up Arboretum this summer. Volunteers from the community worked hard to present information, in both English and Spanish, for about 70 different trees on the school grounds!

Although Portland is divided into many neighborhoods, neighbors often have a lot more in common than their zip code. One community that has proven this is the [Cully Neighborhood](#). They continue to show up, year after year, in support of improving the Rigler School grounds through planting.

The largest neighborhood in northeast Portland, Cully is characterized by a highly diverse population. For almost 20 years, many volunteers, neighbors, and students from the Cully community have planted over 100 trees at Rigler! You can see a map of some of the trees [here](#).

One volunteer, Bruce Nelson, has been at the heart of the new tree signs currently in place at Rigler School. Ten years ago, he won the [Bill Naito Community Trees Award](#) for his dedication to expanding the accessibility of trees to all Portlanders, which you can read about [here](#). Still a Cully neighborhood community member, Bruce also serves on the Urban Forestry Commission.

If you know of a volunteer or community group who has worked hard to support and protect our urban forest, nominate them for the **2020 Bill Naito Community Trees Award!**

In Other News

Trees Along SE Reed College Place Part of a Community Created Memorial: A member of the Facebook Group, Hidden Portland for the Curious, posted photos of trees with temporary signs on June 14. From the post "On SE Reed College Place, between Woodstock & Crystal Springs, each tree is marked with the name of a Black victim of police violence...People are invited to walk, drive, or bike this stretch of Portland to reflect on the work we have to do. Say their names." Whether the memorial is still in place is not verified, but you can see the post, and a video in the comments, [here](#).

June is Pride Month, a Chicago Neighborhood Celebrates with Pride Trees: Trees wrapped in rainbows has become a community tradition to celebrate Pride Month in Andersonville, a neighborhood in Chicago. Read about how the tradition started and browse the rainbow tree photos [here](#).

What Outdoor Space Tells Us About Inequality: While some people have been able to take comfort in their yards, balconies, or nearby parks since physical distancing began, a recent BBC article explores how the difference in access to the outdoors has only gotten worse since the pandemic. Read the article, and some proposed strategies to improve access, [here](#).

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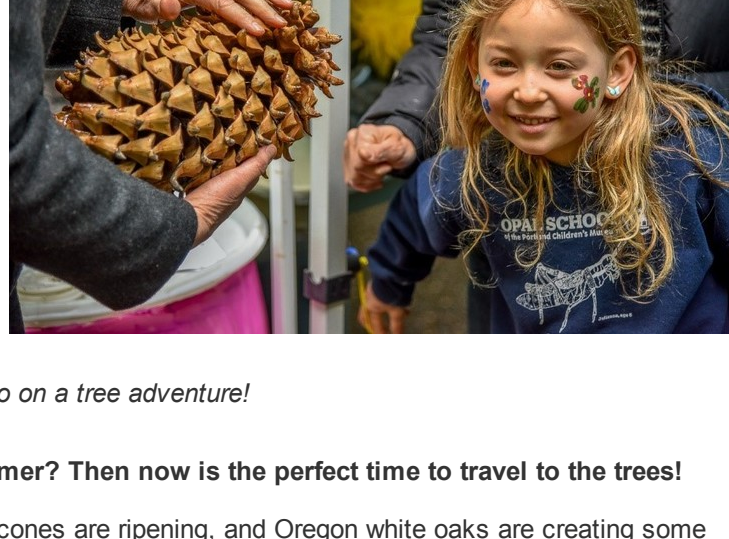
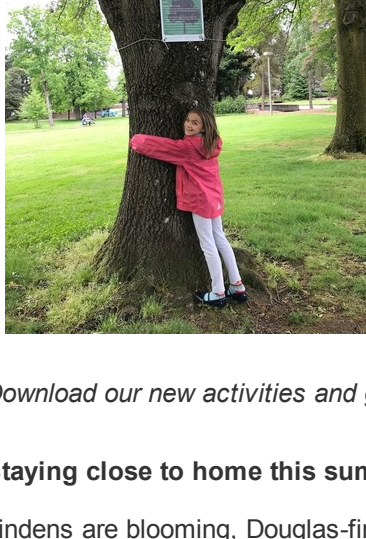
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Visit a Pop-Up Arboretum and Take the Activity Challenge!



Download our new activities and go on a tree adventure!

Staying close to home this summer? Then now is the perfect time to travel to the trees!

Lindens are blooming, Douglas-fir cones are ripening, and Oregon white oaks are creating some amazing shade. Visit one of Portland's **Pop-Up Arboreta** and connect with the trees in our city Parks.

Berrydale, Gabriel, Irving, and University Park are July's Pop-Up Arboreta sites. Before you head out, check out the park's **Pop-Up Map** to make sure you see them all!

NEW FOR SUMMER 2020

We have two great activities designed to get you out among the trees and having fun. These **activities** can be done anywhere you find trees — at a Pop-Up Arboreta, your local park, or along your street.

Download and print the activities, then go on a tree adventure!

- **Tree Journal** – Seek out six common trees in Portland to learn about. Great for students in pre-school through elementary.
- **Tree Scavenger Hunt** – Complete short challenges, activities, and trivia to get you interacting with our urban trees. Three levels are available for pre-school through adults.

PRIZES AVAILABLE

Submit a photo of your activity by September 30, 2020 **HERE** and you will receive a small prize in the mail!

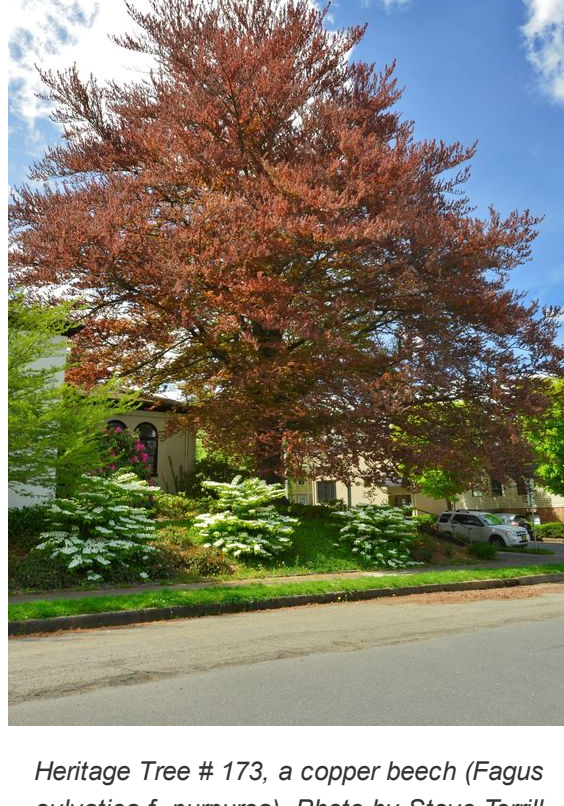
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Thank you to our wonderful volunteers, Lisa Wilke and Kevin Pozzi, of the Montavilla and Albina Tree Teams, for putting together these fun activities.

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Heritage Tree # 173, a copper beech (Fagus sylvatica f. purpurea). Photo by Steve Terrill Photography.

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Threats to Urban Trees: Pests, Pathogens and Drought

What do you think is the most concerning threat to our urban forest?

Over 70% of the more than 50 attendees to last week's online webinar recognized that drought is the greatest threat to our trees.

Nik Desai of Urban Forestry introduced attendees to the common pests and pathogens you might see in Portland. He also discussed ways to respond to them.

Following the workshop, 80% of attendees said they would care for their tree, including summer watering. This is great news because, on an individual basis, drought stress is something we can have an impact on!

Looking for New Members: Urban Forestry Commission Seeks Your Voice



The Urban Forestry Commission is made up of volunteers. They advocate for the urban forest by advising the City of Portland.

Even before we are born, trees may be making a difference in our lives. So, how do we make sure that everyone has access to them? Being involved before decisions are made is an important first step!

Until **August 31, 2020**, you can **apply to join** a group of volunteers known as the **Urban Forestry Commission (UFC)**.

This group hears the best that it can be. They plan affecting trees, and how money is spent to make our urban forest the best that it can be. They get access to information that the rest of us may not have the time or energy to find ourselves.

Then, they have lively discussions and make thoughtful recommendations to: The City Forester, Parks Director, and City Council.

Do you feel like your neighborhood or community has a voice in Portland? If you had a chance to be involved in the decisions that impact the entire city, would you do it?

If you would, then now is the time!

Here is what we are looking for:

All ages and levels of experience

- Never been on a committee before? No problem!
- Tree knowledge not necessary, but really liking them is helpful

You are an advocate for equity

- You can bring experience about communities that have long been left out of the decision-making process
- Ideally, you can represent a neighborhood that is both **low income and low canopy**

You are available to attend meetings and participate in the discussions

- Those lively discussions only happen if you are there!
- Monthly meetings take place on the third Thursday of each month from 9:30 am to noon
- Meeting location is usually Portland City Hall. Currently, meetings are online only.

This is an important decision, and we encourage you to **learn more** about it. We look forward to meeting you!

The City of Portland seeks to build diverse representation on advisory bodies in terms of race, ethnicity, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, age, religion, and geographic identification, as well as advocacy experience, community involvement, volunteerism, occupation, and education.

We appreciate that so many of our loyal readers are opening Tree Bark regularly. We kindly request that you share this opening on the UFC with others who may not receive our newsletter. Thank you in advance!

In Other News

Tree Code Amendments to be Heard in October. Share Your Thoughts Today: The City of Portland wants to hear from you! You now have the opportunity to learn about important Tree Code Amendments that Council will consider in October. These amendments are an effort to increase tree preservation during development of industrial, commercial, and residential properties. A website has been set up to function as a virtual workshop where you can find more information about the process. Be sure to scroll to the end to take the survey. Visit the site [here](#)!

November Levy Proposed to Support Portland Parks: Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) has asked City Council to place a levy on the November ballot. This would be a critical first step in setting the bureau on the path for a **Sustainable Future**. To protect and restore recreation programs, parks services, and our natural areas, the levy is a crucial part of an effort to end PP&R's previous, mandated reliance on fees to fund its budget. Learn more about why we are asking for a parks levy by reading this **newsletter**. Please take our **survey**, and see how much PP&R means to Portlanders in this short and shareable **video**.

Watering Trees During Soak-It-Week Summer: Remember when we said how big of a problem drought is for trees? **Tree Soak for Life Oregon** wants to help! They have declared the last week in July and the last week in August to be Soak-It-Weeks for watering yard and street trees. From their website, "Come get a free, pre-drilled bucket designed to water your trees this summer!" For more information, visit their website [here](#).

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Be Heard. Take the Tree Code Amendment Survey Now!



*Ponderosa pines, redwoods, and Douglas-firs grow tall and strong in Portland. What kind of protections do you want for trees like these? Now until **August 3, 2020**, is your chance to be heard.*

Your opinion matters. Tell Portland City Council where YOU stand on tree preservation today. Learn more and take the survey! You have until 8/3/2020.

[Take the Tree Code Survey Here!](#)

Development takes place all over the City. You probably notice it most often when it is in your neighborhood, or right next to your home.

But what about the development that you do not see? Some parts of town that are called industrial or commercial areas are currently *not* required to protect trees the way they are in other places.

If we want this to change, then we all need to speak up right now.

Protecting more Portland trees in development means:

- Stronger tree preservation rules in industrial and commercial areas
- Stronger tree planting requirements in industrial and commercial areas
- Lowering the size requirements to 20 inches of tree diameter (from 36 inches) for tree preservation in all development areas

We need trees. Trees clean the air we breathe, they provide wildlife habitat, and they are important in reducing the effects of climate change.

Please do not let this chance to speak up pass you by. Portland trees need us now.

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Pop-Up Arboreta in August

Ongoing through all of August

For the month of August, Urban Forestry will be showcasing trees with fun, informational signs in Portland parks.

The August Pop-Up Arboreta Parks are:

- **Argay Park**
- **Cherry Park**
- **Farragut Park**
- **Sellwood Riverfront Park**

You can explore the tree signs at these local parks throughout August. Click the park links above for a map of the tree signs at each park.

Remember to bring your **Tree Journal** or **Scavenger Hunt** guide from our **Activities** page.

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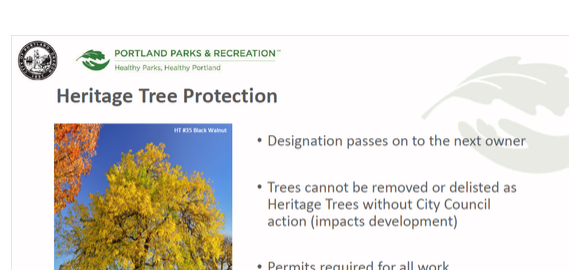
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Heritage Trees of Portland

Portlanders are proud of their trees, and those listed as Heritage Trees are some of the best in our City.

Last Tuesday, Heritage Tree fans joined an online workshop to learn more about the Heritage Tree Program.

They learned what qualifies these 300+ trees to be designated as Heritage Trees, the protections that they receive, and how to volunteer with the Heritage Tree program.

There is nothing like seeing the trees for yourself though! Check out the Heritage Trees in your neighborhood by using our [online map!](#)

Seeking Applications: Community Trees Award



Among the past winners of the Bill Naito Community Trees Award are Save Our Elms in 2010, and the Tree Inventory Volunteers in 2017.

Magnificent trees may be designated as Heritage Trees. But what about all the volunteers who protect, care for, and advocate for our trees?

There is an award for that! Since 1997, Portland has celebrated community volunteers, both individuals and groups, who dedicate their time to Portland's trees with the **Community Trees Award**.

Almost 40 groups or individuals have been recognized through the years for their hard work. And every year the **list** grows longer!

From now until **September 1, 2020**, you can turn in a Community Trees Award **nomination** of your own.

Do you know someone, or a group of people, that you think deserves to be awarded for their work with trees, but are not sure how to get started? Take a look at our [eligibility](#) page for some helpful tips.

We cannot wait to see who the next Community Trees Award winners will be!

In Other News

Applications for the Urban Forestry Commission Accepted Through 8/31/2020: The Urban Forestry Commission is a group of volunteers that hears about plans affecting trees in Portland. They make informed recommendations to the City Forester, Parks Director, and City Council, and they are currently seeking new members. All ages and levels of experience are welcome. Community members that can represent **low income** and **low canopy** neighborhoods are encouraged to apply. Learn more and apply [here](#).

Urban Heat Island Effect and Equity: Cities are heating up! Pavement, concrete, and buildings all add up to higher temperatures in urban areas. However, not everyone is experiencing the effects of elevated heat in the same way. Underserved neighborhoods are often hit the hardest. Read more about the urban heat island effect and what cities can do to turn down the heat [here](#).

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Now Hiring: Tree Planting Specialist



Are you a tree professional who is ready to advance tree planting efforts in Portland? If you are, then do not let this job posting pass you by! Apply by **September 7, 2020**.

Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry is hiring! Are you skilled at managing urban tree plantings? Do you want to increase tree canopy for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) community members and underserved neighborhoods in Portland? If so, you may be the team member we are looking for!

Tree Planting Specialist: Apply Now!

Position: Tree Planting Specialist (Botanic Specialist II - Forestry)

Salary: \$65,582.00 - \$83,678.00 Annually

Apply by: 9/7/2020 11:59 PM Pacific

We are hiring a Tree Planting Specialist to plan and manage urban tree planting projects. Portland is committed to growing a more equitable urban forest by planting trees where they are needed most: in low canopy, low income neighborhoods according to the City's **tree planting strategy**.

The ideal candidate:

- Skilled at surveying neighborhoods to find the best locations for high-impact tree planting, on both public and private property
- Conducts site inventories, selects tree species, and creates site plans
- Works with property owners to provide notification or secure permissions

This position also manages contractors who purchase, plant, and establish trees, and ensures that contract specifications are followed to ensure healthy trees that survive. Additionally, this position may manage seasonal staff to assist with planting program activities.

Excellent communication, outreach, and organizational skills are required. The ability to successfully work with diverse communities, property owners, businesses, and agencies to plant trees is essential.

Learn more and apply [here](#)!

Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

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A young cork oak, human for scale.

Species Selection Tree Walk

Saturday, September 5, 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Offered Online via Zoom

Planting a new tree is exciting. Often, we choose a tree based on what it will be like in 10 to 20 years.

But what if you do not already know what it will look like?

Join Urban Forestry staff to go on a virtual walk together to see what a new tree will look like in your yard. We will also have some shared locations for you to check out on your own.

Please pre-register, Zoom details to participate will be sent by email.

Register [here](#).



Ask an Arborist - Tree Planting

Wednesday, September 16, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Offered online via Zoom

September's Ask an Arborist workshop will be joined by our Community Tree Planting Coordinator, Molly Wilson.

As Portlanders get ready to kick off tree planting season here in the Pacific Northwest, Urban Forestry wants to answer your tree planting questions!

We will talk about tree planning and planting, what to look for to select a great tree, and any other tree planting questions you might have.

Please pre-register, Zoom details to participate will be sent by email.

Register [here](#).

More Upcoming Events

8/29/2020, Free Watering Buckets: Are your trees looking thirsty? Trees for Life Oregon will be distributing free buckets so you can water your trees this summer, and many summers to come! Stop by Fernhill Park between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm on Saturday, August 29 to get your free bucket. Learn more about it [here](#).

Ongoing:

August Pop-Up Arboreta: Have you visited a **Pop-Up Arboreta** in a Portland park yet? Well, there are many new trees to discover! Going on now, Argay Park, Cherry Park, Farragut Park, and Sellwood Riverfront Park have interactive and informational signs installed on trees! If one of these is your local park, be sure to visit before the signs are gone. While you are out there, tag [@portlandparks](#) on Instagram or [@Urban Forestry - Portland Parks & Recreation](#) on Facebook and let us know which tree is your favorite park tree. To see the summer Pop-Up Arboreta schedule, click [here](#).

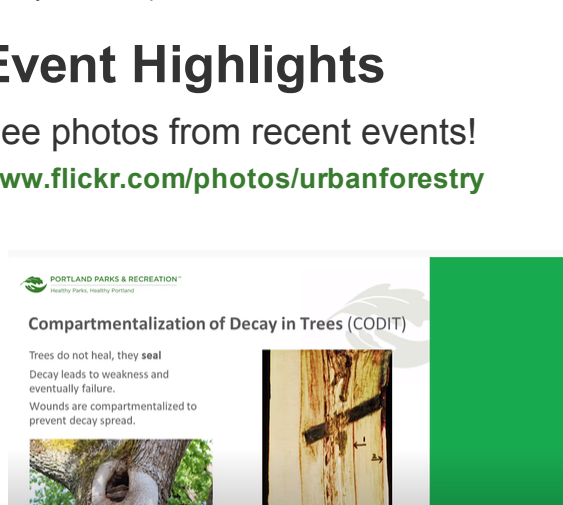
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Event Highlights

See photos from recent events!

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Recorded Workshops Now Available

Tired of Netflix and Hulu? Check out our new digital collection of recorded workshops!

They are available without a subscription (except maybe to Tree Bark).

This spring, we shifted our usual workshop format online to be available as live presentations.

Many of our workshops had limited capacity in the past, but now, anyone can access recordings of these presentations from our website.

Current offerings include:

- **Introduction to Tree Pruning**
- **Advanced Tree Pruning**
- **Heritage Trees of Portland**
- **Threats to Urban Trees - Pests, Pathogens, and Drought**
- **Your Tree, Right Place**

Take yourself on an online adventure and explore Portland's urban forest how and where you feel most comfortable. Happy viewing!

In Other News

Due Date 8/31/2020 for Urban Forestry Commission Applications: The Urban Forestry Commission is a group of volunteers that hears about plans affecting trees in Portland. They make informed recommendations to the City Forester, Parks Director, and City Council, and they are currently seeking new members. All ages and levels of experience are welcome. Community members that can represent **low income** and **low canopy** neighborhoods are encouraged to apply. Learn more and apply [here](#).

Tree Code Amendments - More Opportunities for Public Comment: A final staff report with proposed tree code amendments for City Council to consider in October has been released. The proposed amendments work to increase tree preservation requirements in certain development situations. Read the staff report [here](#). The amendments are an important step, but there is more work to do. Visit the Tree Code Amendment website for upcoming opportunities to be heard [here](#).

Willamette Week Article Says What Many of Us Already Know, East Portland Needs Trees: Earlier this month, Willamette Week published an article that draws upon many familiar names and organizations in Portland's tree community. The information may not be surprising for many of our loyal Tree Bark readers, but it is nice to know that many new readers will see the message. Read the article [here](#).

Sparrowhawk Native Plants - Online Ordering Starts September 1: Shop 70+ species of native plants, from the comfort of your physically-distanced home. A percent of the proceeds from each Sparrowhawk plant purchase will support inspiring community partners. View their colorful and informative website [here](#). Worried about staying physically-distanced during plant pick up? Read their COVID-19 protocols [here](#).

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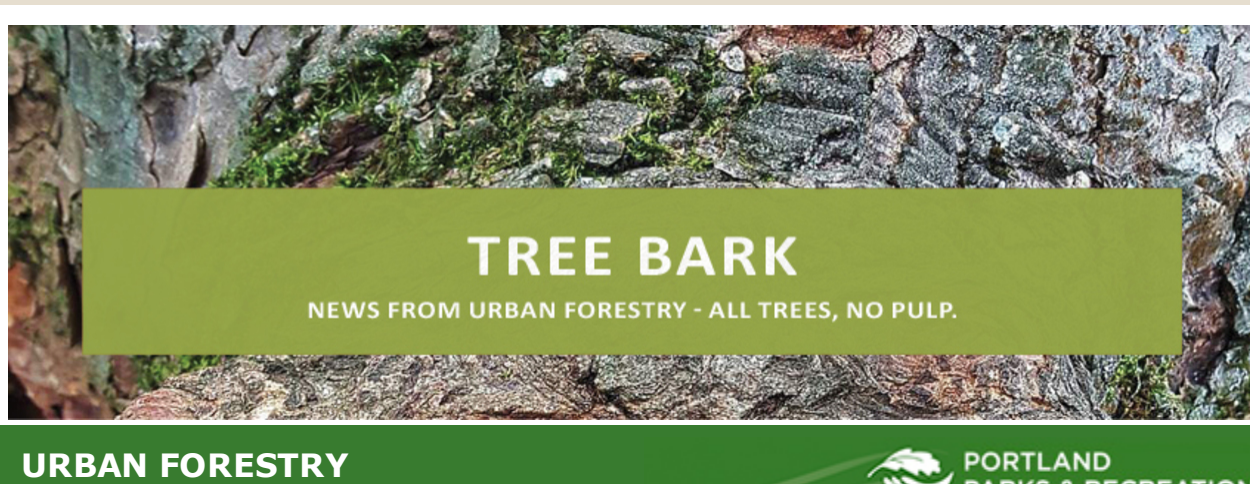
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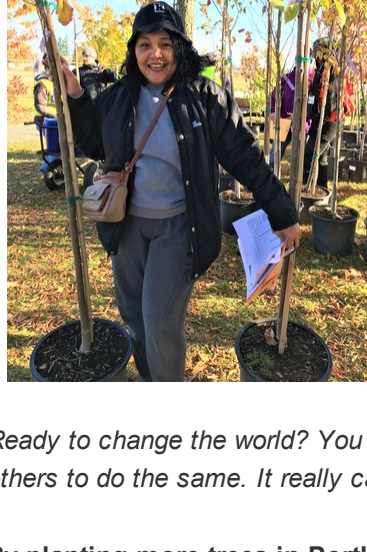
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Make a Difference: Get Free Trees for Your Yard



Ready to change the world? You can take action by planting trees at your home and encouraging others to do the same. It really can be as simple as that, one tree at a time.

By planting more trees in Portland, you can help provide cleaner air, cooler temperatures, and better physical and mental health for all of us. Planting our large, native trees makes even more of an impact. So what are you waiting for? Now is the time.

[Sign Up for Free Trees!](#)

We need trees more than ever. That is why Urban Forestry is giving away 1,200 free trees to Portlanders. The first event is coming up on **September 26, 2020**.

As we begin our 4th annual Yard Tree Giveaway season, here are some common questions people have for us:

How do I get free trees?

Sign up! We cannot give them to you until we know you want them. Follow the simple sign up steps at the link above.

I am physical distancing, how do I get my tree during the pandemic?

We have four no contact events for you to choose from, they are:

- **September 26, 2020** (SE Portland)
- **October 10, 2020** (East Portland)
- **October 24, 2020** (North Portland)
- **November 7, 2020** (SE Portland)

You choose the event date and time when you sign up. Trees will be available for you to load yourself. Staff will be on site to answer questions and direct you through the process.

How many trees can I have?

You can receive up to two trees per address. Trees must be planted on private property only.

I got two free trees last year, can I get more this year?

Yes! We love trees and we are glad you do, too!

What kind of trees are available?

*We ordered **20 high-quality tree species** to choose from. Here are our top recommendations:*

- Douglas-fir
- Oregon white oak (sold out this year!)
- Willamette Valley ponderosa pine
- Giant sequoia

I do not live in the city limits of Portland, can I still get a free tree?

Sadly, no. We recommend that you check with your local urban forestry department and let them know you are interested in having trees planted at your home.

Can I use these trees to fulfill a tree planting permit requirement?

No, Yard Tree Giveaway Trees cannot be used to fulfill any permit planting requirements.

Free trees sound good, but what is the catch? What are my responsibilities?

You are responsible for planting the tree, watering it for three years, and letting Urban Forestry check on the tree to help us measure the success of the program.

For more information on the Yard Tree Giveaway Program visit our website [here](#).

All of us can make a difference. Help us make Portland a greener and healthier city by planting trees in your yard.

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Kenilworth Park

Pop-Up Arboretum

Each park is a fascinating collection of trees worthy of being called an arboretum. This month, your park has temporary signs on some trees telling you who they are, with fun interactive facts.

Online tree ID map, kids activities, and more!


Can you find all of these trees?
American Sycamore
Douglas Fir
European Larch
Japanese Red Oak
Norfolk Island Pine
Pacific Dogwood
Pine Oak
Western Red Cedar



September Pop-Up Arboreta

Ongoing through September

Visiting our Portland parks and natural spaces has been a source of comfort for many people during the pandemic.

Since the smoke has cleared for now, there are new parks (and one parkway) with Pop-Up Arboreta waiting for you to discover them.

The September Pop-Up Arboreta Parks are:

- Kenilworth Park
- Lair Hill Park
- Overlook Park
- Roseway Parkway (All five blocks!)

Be sure to check out the **September 2020 Arboreta Maps** from the **Pop-Up website** before you go!

Remember – do not go into parks or onto trails if you cannot stay at least 6 feet away from other people. Respect park facility closures, such as playgrounds and athletic fields. Current information is posted at PortlandParks.org.

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More Upcoming Events

9/26/2020, Friends & Allies Summit: The Portland Parks Foundation, in partnership with Portland Parks & Recreation, is holding a virtual gathering for 200+ non-profit, volunteer, and grassroots groups. If you have been involved with volunteer stewardship in parks, natural areas, community gardens, or community centers, this summit is for you! The event takes place online from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Learn more and register [here](#).

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Event Highlights

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Virtual Species Selection Tree Walk

On Saturday, September 5, 24 participants went on a virtual walk through the Creative Science School at Clark with Molly Wilson.

Molly is a Community Tree Planting Specialist with Urban Forestry.

With a few guest appearances from neighborhood dogs, Molly helped participants visualize what a certain tree may look like 10 years after planting.

She also talked about the traits and characteristics of each of the trees on the walk.

If you missed the virtual walk, a map of the trees planted at Clark is available [here](#). If Clark is not in your neighborhood, you can find a selection of other school tree maps [here](#).



Ask an Arborist - Tree Planting

Not all trees are the same. But did you know that different tree species have different habits in how their roots grow?

At the September 16 Ask an Arborist workshop, participants asked the Urban Forestry team great questions – from roots to shoots!

Planting a tree can seem pretty simple, but there is more to know than how to dig a hole.

If you visit a nursery to select a new tree, do your research before heading out. Know what to look for and what to avoid.

Bring a pair of gloves with you to the nursery and be sure you can find the root flare of your tree before you bring it home. Trees with circling roots can girdle your tree and cause problems in the future.

These handy tips, and more, were shared with attendees at the September Ask an Arborist workshop.

Browse our list of recorded workshops [here](#).

In Other News

Friends of Trees Seeks Executive Director, Application Deadline 10/09/2020: We are helping to spread the word to our tree-loving audience, Friends of Trees is hiring! They are currently seeking their next Executive Director to work with staff in Portland and Eugene. The Executive Director will report to an active board of directors and engage with the community on a daily basis. Learn more about this exciting opportunity and apply [here](#)!

Tree Art at the Elisabeth Jones Art Center, Now Through November 5, 2020: "My Favorite Things" is a portrait/interview project featuring local tree people. Featured are Nik Desai (Urban Forestry), Whitney Dorer (Friends of Trees), and Vivek Shandas (Urban Forestry Commission). "Tree Emergency Response Team" will also be on exhibit, featuring paintings of trees slated for removal due to local development. These paintings have raised awareness around tree removals and even saved some trees from being removed! Information on gallery hours and COVID-19 precautions at the gallery are available [here](#).

BikePortland.Org Features Street Improvement Project at SE 80th and Mill. Many Trees Retained, 40 More to Come: Urban Forestry was involved early on in a collaborative Portland Bureau of Transportation project in SE Portland. This project highlights that development and improvements can happen while keeping existing trees, and even making space for more! Read the article and see before and after photos [here](#).

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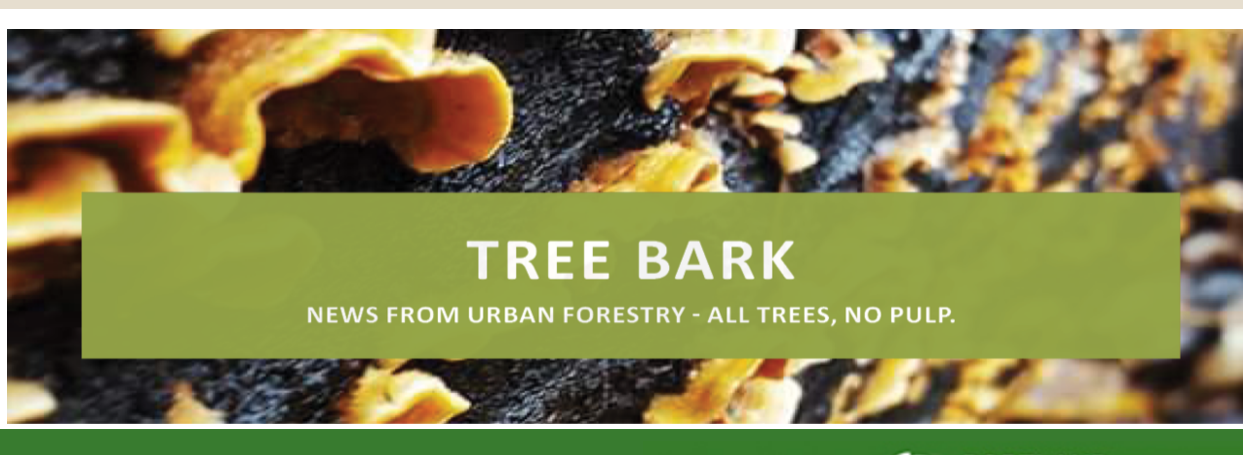
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Portland Arbor Day 2020



Portland has been celebrating Arbor Day since 1889. This year, we invite you to join the Portland tree community by celebrating trees in this five-minute Arbor Day video.

Although we are not able to celebrate **Arbor Day** in person this year, we want to share with you a message of thanks for the passion Portlanders have for our trees. And to share the peace tree, brought from Hiroshima, that now lives in Hoyt Arboretum.

In a year that has been difficult for many Portlanders, thank you for the care all of you continue to show our growing urban forest.

We are pleased to announce this year's winners of the **Bill Naito Community Trees Award**.

The Individual Award

Linda Robinson has been an advocate for Portland parks for many years, and a vocal advocate for trees for all. Thank you for decades of tireless dedication which have, and will, benefit many generations of Portlanders.

The Group Award

The Tree Emergency Response Team has won this year's group award. Their mission is to bring awareness to trees that may be at risk of being removed during development with a unique approach – through art, a language for all Portlanders.

We thank all of you who share our love and passion for trees!

Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

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Yard Tree Giveaway - Last Chance!

Saturday, November 7, 2020

The last Yard Tree Giveaway event is next Saturday, November 7, 2020. And we have a few dozen trees still available!

Sign up now to get free trees for your yard.

We have had cancellations, so if you checked before and the **species** you wanted was not available, be sure to check again!

The process is easy:

1. **Sign up** for your trees*
2. Choose your pick-up time
3. Show up to the no contact drive-through event to get your tree

*Trees must be planted on private property inside the city limits of Portland.

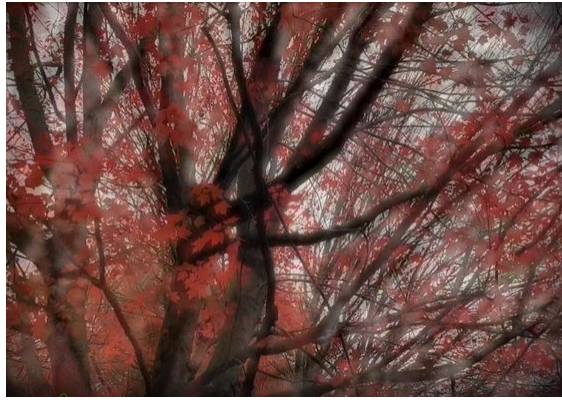
So far this season, Urban Forestry has given away more than 800 trees through the Yard Tree Giveaway.

That means 800 more trees to cool us and our homes during the summer months, clean our air, and boost our physical and mental well-being.

Thank you to everyone who has planted trees in your yard, you are making Portland a more livable city for all!

Before you go, check out the great pictures on our Flickr photo page from the first couple events:

- **Lents Yard Tree Giveaway**
- **Mt. Tabor Yard Tree Giveaway**



Trick-or-Tree Walk

Online, Any Time

Throw on your costumes for a Trick-or-Tree Walk! Create a hair-raising route to share with friends and neighbors!

This do-it-yourself **tree walk video** will take you to see all of the trick-or-trees in your neighborhood – gnarled branches, whispering willows, and haunting hawthorns are just a few

you might find along the way.

By using the online **Tree Inventory Project webmap**, you can make a tree walk anywhere in Portland. Watch our short **walkthrough video** with instructions, then get started using the webmap to build a **tree walk** of your own. It is frighteningly easy!

More Upcoming Events

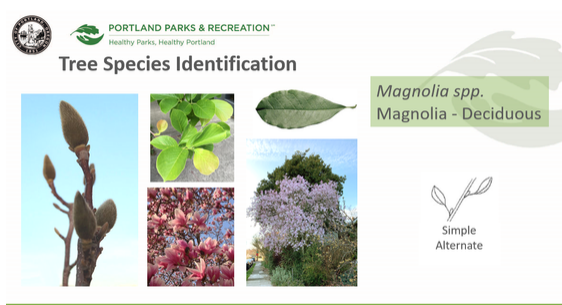
Postponed, Local Tree Care Providers Workshop: The regularly scheduled November workshop will not take place this year. The workshop is scheduled to return in the spring of 2021. Companies currently on the **Local Tree Care Providers List** will remain until May 2021, as long as qualifications other than workshop attendance have been met. We look forward to seeing you in the spring.

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2020 Neighborhood Tree Stewards

Congratulations to the graduates of the first virtual class of Neighborhood Tree Stewards!

After a delay from their originally scheduled spring classes, the latest cohort of passionate tree people logged into a virtual classroom for four weeks to try out the new format.

Participants in the course may not have been able to plant a tree together, but the conversations and community building that come from the class were still there.

Keep an eye out over the next year as the graduates share their independent projects and outreach activities with their neighbors!



Who Popped into a Park Arboretum?

This summer, 19 of Portland's parks were home to a **Pop-Up Arboreta**. That is over 160 trees waiting to tell you who they were!

Many Portlanders visited these parks to learn about their great green neighbors who create our urban forest.

Volunteers Lisa Wilcke of the Montavilla Tree Team, and Kevin Pozzi of the Albina Tree Team, created amazing **activities** for visitors of all ages to complete while visiting any of the Pop-Up Arboreta.

Check out a few **fun photos** of some future arborists and their park adventures this summer!

In Other News

City Council Verbal Code Hearing on 10/29/20 - Call for Public Testimony: The public is invited to provide written or verbal testimony on proposed development related Tree Code amendments. The Council Hearing will be held online on 10/29/20 at 2:00 pm. Information to view the livestream of the meeting will be posted [here](#). Learn more about the proposed amendments and how you can submit verbal or written testimony [here](#).

Changes Coming Soon, NEW Tree Pruning Application with Inspection: Applications for tree pruning with inspection will be accepted through the **Dev Hub online portal**. There will be a new application form and a new \$50 application fee. Watch for details [here](#).

Report Dying Western Redcedar: The Oregon Department of Forestry is asking you to report areas with pockets of **dying western redcedar** as part of a study to map where this is happening and establish monitoring sites. Look out for sites where two or more Western redcedar trees look like they are dying or in decline. Signs or symptoms to look for include thinning crowns, dieback from the top of the tree, or entire branches becoming brown and dying. If you see any of this happening, please send location information to: christine.j.buhl@oregon.gov.

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Free Trees Planted for Businesses and Apartments, Sign Up by 11/6/2020: The Environmental Services Tree Program plants trees for free at businesses and apartment buildings. This offer includes four years of watering and tree care. Sign up by November 6, 2020 to be included in the next planting. To learn more and sign up, visit www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/treeprojects.

\$8.6 Million in PCEF Funds Available Now! Apply by 11/16/2020: The Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund (PCEF) is seeking proposals for clean energy and infrastructure, regenerative agriculture, and green workforce development! Projects should advance both climate action and racial justice in Portland. Application period is open until November 16, 2020 and lots of support is being offered to community-based organizations that need assistance or translation. To apply, visit: <https://www.portland.gov/bps/cleanenergy/guide-pcef-grant-application-process>.

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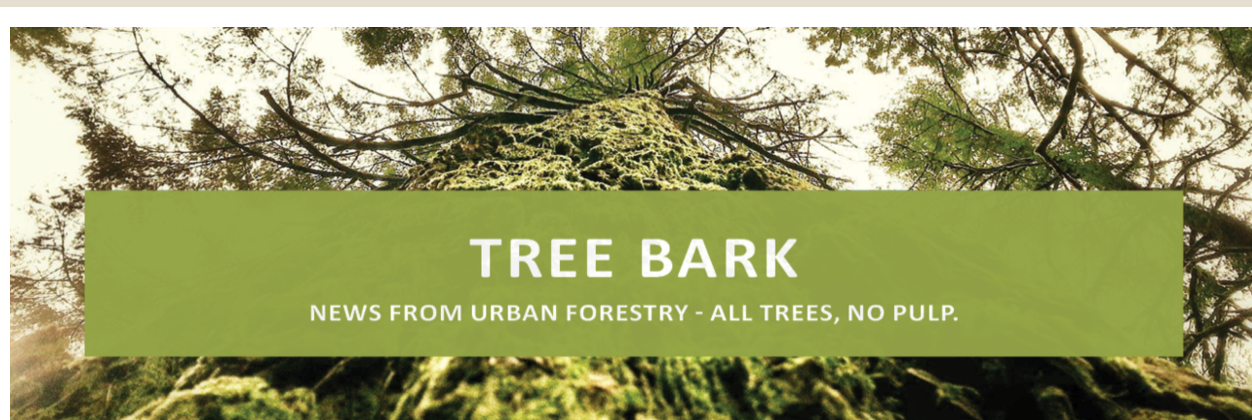
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City Council Adopts Tree Code Amendments



Large trees provide important public health and environmental services that will take decades to replace if removed during development. Requiring more trees to be preserved and protected serves us all.

Update Alert:

On November 12, 2020, City Council unanimously approved two development-related tree code amendments. The amendments will go into effect on December 12, 2020. Thank you to everyone that participated in the process. Your voices were heard!

As a result of these important amendments, more trees will be preserved or planted across more areas of the City. The amendments will:

Remove exemptions to tree preservation and tree planting requirements for properties zoned:

- Central Commercial (CX)
- Central Employment (EX)
- General Industrial 1 (IG1)
- Heavy Industrial (IH) when City-owned or managed

Require preservation of trees 20 inches in diameter at 4.5 feet (DBH) and greater when development occurs on private property:

- Or, pay a fee in lieu of preservation based on the diameter of the tree
 - The diameter-based fee is greater than the flat fee previously required for trees between 20 and 36 inches

Before these amendments, preservation was not required until trees were 36 inches DBH and greater! Lowering the size requirement and increasing the fee is intended to promote tree preservation.

Preserving trees in these areas can improve the health and well-being for all Portlanders, particularly, low-income and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities living or working in parts of the City with fewer trees.

In instances where trees cannot be preserved, fees in lieu of preservation will be collected. These fees go into the Tree Planting and Preservation Fund (**TPPF**), which allows for the planting and ongoing care of trees where the need is the greatest.

Before you go, take a quick scroll through the **2018-19 TPPF Report**. It is packed with colorful photos and information on how the fees are spent to keep Portland trees growing strong.

Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

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Sign Up Now to Adopt-a-Pop-Up

Do you love visiting your local park? If you do, our Pop-Up Arboreta throughout the City will need a neighbor like you!

From May to September, volunteers are needed to visit their local park with a Pop-Up Arboreta temporarily installed.

Your help would be so important in checking that installed signs are still up and looking good. You would report back to the program manager about

any maintenance needs or suggestions. Interested volunteers will work with the program manager to be matched with the park that is the best fit!

The estimated time commitment is for four to eight weeks while the signs are up, and approximately two to four hours weekly. [Sign up here!](#)



Arboreta Activity Creator

Are you a creative thinker who has been looking for a way to stay engaged with your tree community? We invite you to bring that creativity to a park near you.

Pop-Ups are popular! In addition to learning about trees, we have seen an increased interest in interacting with park trees, from park visitors of all ages.

This is where your creativity comes in.

Writing a story for others to follow along as they visit a park, or designing a coloring book of the trees you see—however you engage with your local trees, share it with your neighbors!

The time commitment is flexible, and depends entirely on you. [Sign up here!](#)

Event Highlights

See photos from recent events!

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2020 Yard Tree Giveaway by the Numbers!

Portlanders took home 1,200 trees during this year's Yard Tree Giveaway!

Folks picked up their trees at one of our four drive-through events this year. About **200 to 250** trees were given away at each event.

Urban Forestry delivered another **200** trees to our Hazelwood and Mill Park neighbors.

And more than **50** trees were planted for people with limited mobility.

Thank you to everyone who has, or will, plant trees this year!

We still have a couple dozen trees remaining. If you are interested in a free tree, email Molly at molly.wilson@portlandoregon.gov.

See photos from the events [here](#).

International Press for Portland Urban Forestry



Urban Forestry Operations Manager, Larry Maginnis, demonstrates climbing techniques and equipment to Youth Conservation Crew Tree Crew members in 2019. Volunteers and Urban Forestry staff plant trees with students at Sitton Elementary School.

Last fall, Portland's Urban Forestry program was formally recognized by the Society of Municipal Arborists (SMA). Urban Forestry was recognized for exceeding standards and demonstrating excellence in advancing the science, policy, and operations in urban forest management.

Following that achievement, Botanic Specialists, Gina Dake and Nik Desai, were interviewed for a feature article in the most recent issue of the SMA publication, *City Trees*.

The interview captures an excellent overview of the great work that Urban Forestry staff do to grow and care for Portland's trees.

Read all about your urban forestry program [here!](#)

In Other News

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Portland Treevia, Put Your Tree Facts to Use!



You may already know that the **world's smallest park** is in downtown Portland. But do you know what tree species is planted there?

Join us for a fun night of virtual tree trivia on Wednesday, January 13, 2020 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

You do not need to be an expert in tree science for this upcoming online event. Tree enthusiasts of all ages and abilities are welcome.

When you register, you will be automatically teamed up with your nearest neighbors to form a Treevia team. Together, you can put your urban tree knowledge to the test.

If you already know your local **Neighborhood Tree Team**, great! If not, you can **find your neighborhood** online.

[Treevia Registration](#)

Test your tree knowledge before Treevia night!

1. What tree is planted at the world's smallest park in downtown Portland?
2. What fictional trees are chopped down in Dr. Seuss' book *The Lorax*?
3. What type of tree has seeds with a cap on top?
4. What type of tree is the World Tree from the popular television show *American Gods*? (Hint, we have a native one that grows in Oregon.)

Find answers to these questions on the [Portland Treevia Event](#) page.

Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/workshops



Build Your Own Winter Wonders Tree Walk

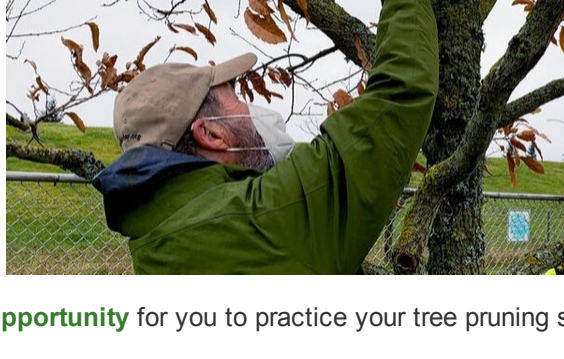
Winter can make many people feel sad about not seeing enough green. But a lot of trees have their own special winter charm that brings beauty to the season.

Visit the [Winter Wonders Tree Walk](#) page to learn how to find the trees in your neighborhood with brilliant berries, unique bark, or interesting

branches.

To get you going quickly, use these five steps to create a winter walk of your own:

1. Visit the [How to Build a Tree Walk](#) page and download or print out the guide.
2. Visit the [Tree Inventory Project Webmap](#) page and find your address or neighborhood and discover what trees are growing nearby.
3. Select some trees that match up with the winter theme, for example: false cypress, pines, Douglas-fir, hawthorn, American holly, eucalyptus, and evergreen oaks.
4. Take your walk for a test run! Can you find and identify the trees you chose? Make some changes until you are happy with it.
5. Share your tree walk with neighbors and friends!



Neighborhood Tree Stewards Tree Pruning

Friday, January 22, 2021, See sessions for available times.

Calling all Neighborhood Tree Steward graduates!

Need some pruning practice? If so, we have an **opportunity** for you to practice your tree pruning skills.

Sign up here for one of three available sessions.

Section 1: 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Section 2: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Section 3: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

In all of the sessions, you will join other graduates of the program to go outside and work through the goals of young tree pruning. Get ready to put your pruning knowledge into action.

More Upcoming Events

1/13/2021, Portland Treevia: Are you ready to team up with your neighbors and show Portland what you know about trees? This online tree trivia night will help you connect with your neighbors and answer fun questions about trees, from popular culture to tree identification. Not able to make morning or daytime events? Well, then this is the event for you! Starting at 7:00 pm and ending at 9:00 pm, Treevia teams are being formed now, so be sure to **sign up soon!**

2/06/2021, Tough Trees Bootcamp: Portland's trees work hard, but our volunteers work even harder! Just as our trees need regular care, we need to remember to take care of ourselves. Join your neighbors outdoors this spring, working on the body mechanics that keep tree caregivers strong. You will apply proper form to practical tree care in one of three outdoor work sessions. Or, choose a walking session with flexible dates. Sign up now on the [Tough Trees Bootcamp](#) page!

Ongoing:

Pop-Up Arboreta Volunteer Roles:

1. **Adopt-a-Pop-Up:** Volunteer to help watch over a Pop-Up Arboretum near you. Simply checking on signs and reporting back would be a huge help this spring and summer, **sign up now!**
2. **Design a Pop-Up Arboretum:** Tree Teams and Neighborhood Tree Stewards, this volunteer role is for you! Design a Pop-Up Arboretum this summer, **sign up here.**
3. **Arboreta Activity Creator:** Do you have a creative idea to share for an activity in a Pop-Up Arboretum next summer? If you do, we hope to hear from you, **sign up here!**

Grant's Getaways Puts Oregon Trees in the Spotlight



This short video (less than 3 minutes) from Grant's Getaways explores giant sequoias in Washington County that date back to the 1800's. It also features Hoyt Arboretum, and highlights Portland's Heritage Tree Program, take a look!

Grant's Getaways on KGW-TV regularly showcases notable people, places, and activities in Oregon. Earlier this month, Grant teamed up with landscape photographer, Steve Terrill, to showcase some magnificent trees in and around Portland.

The video and article, [Grant's Getaways: Washington County's Land of the Giants](#), starts off in Forest Grove, where there are around 100 giant sequoias that are at least 140 years old. This includes the largest known giant sequoia in Oregon. It is 152 feet tall and 32 feet around and is a state heritage tree.

Portland's [Hoyt Arboretum](#) and [Heritage Tree Program](#) are also featured. From the article, Terrill is quoted as saying: "I want people to look at the many trees inside the Arboretum and say, 'Geez, this is gorgeous, and this is Oregon, this is in Portland? Wow, it's just unbelievably beautiful and just a great place to hike and enjoy.'"

We may not need a news article to tell us what we already know, that we have magnificent trees! But it is good to see them get the attention they deserve.

In Other News

Friends of Trees Now Hiring a Green Space Program Manager. Apply by 12/30/20 at 5:00 pm:

Friends of Trees is searching for their next Green Space Program Manager to help achieve their mission of bringing people together to plant and care for trees in neighborhoods and urban natural areas across the Portland-Metro and Salem regions. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

Taking Ownership PDX Seeking Licensed/Bonded and Insured Volunteers: Taking Ownership PDX describes itself as: "...a small-but-mighty community collective of contractors, realtors, neighbors, and businesses brought together by Portland musician, activist Randal Wyatt. Together we renovate and revive Black-owned homes that have requested our help, with an emphasis on enabling Black homeowners to age in place, generate wealth and simultaneously deter predatory investors and realtors to deflect the gentrification process." To learn more or volunteer, visit their web page [here](#).

Biocultural Stewardship: Transforming Our Urban and Community Forestry Practices: The U.S. Forest Service recently hosted a free webinar on diversifying our approaches to urban and community forestry work, particularly by including Indigenous and local knowledge. The webinar and individual resources are now available for free online. Check it out [here](#). If you find it as interesting as we did, email us at UFVolunteers@portlandoregon.gov with your thoughts.

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