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## 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. Then apply those skills directly to our community's trees.**

There are two roles available for different skills and abilities. You can register for one or both! Learn more about these [volunteer opportunities](#) online.

### Pruning Preparers

**Time:** Flexible, between January 29, 2021 and February 2, 2021.

Get your steps in with a purpose as you canvass selected streets to evaluate trees in need of care. Report back your collected information to the project manager. [Sign up here.](#)

### Tree Caregivers

**Time:** Saturday, February 6, 2021. Three separate time slots available.

Learn the body mechanics that keep our arborists limber as a pine. Participants will put these new skills to use by mulching and pruning street trees.

The location will be in the Hazelwood Neighborhood and the meeting address will be shared after registration. [Sign up here.](#)

**Not able to make this one? The next Tough Trees Bootcamp will be in Southeast Portland.**

## Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

[www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/workshops](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/workshops)



### Portland Treevia

**Wednesday, January 13, 2021 (Today!),  
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, [Online via Zoom](#)**

**Join your neighbors for a fun night of virtual tree trivia tonight!**

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

When you register, you will automatically be teamed up with your nearest neighbors to form a Treevia team. Together, you can put your urban tree knowledge to the test. Learn more about [tonight's event online.](#)

## More Upcoming Events

**1/22/2021, Neighborhood Tree Stewards Tree Pruning:** Need some pruning practice? If you are a graduate of the [Neighborhood Tree Stewards](#) (NTS) program, you can prepare to join other local NTS graduates to get outside and work through the goals of young tree pruning. To keep group sizes small, you can choose from one of three available sections and time slots. Learn more and [sign up here.](#)

### Ongoing:

**Parks Still Available for 2021: Adopt-a-Pop-Up.** Do you love visiting your local park? Our arboreta installations need a neighbor nearby to keep an eye on them. Volunteers would visit the park weekly, check the installed signs, and report to the program manager if there are any maintenance needs. Volunteers may also provide community outreach assistance for their adopted arboretum. Time commitment: 4-8 weeks, up to 2-4 hours weekly. Available Parks: Glenhaven Park, Hillside Park, Knott City Park, Lincoln City Park, Clinton Park. If you are interested in adopting one of these parks, complete this [online form](#) or email [ufvolunteers@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:ufvolunteers@portlandoregon.gov).

**Winter Wonders Tree Walk:** Build your own tree walk this winter! Follow the guide on the [Winter Wonders Tree Walk](#) page to locate trees in your neighborhood that deserve a winter visit for their bark, berries, or branches. Keep your walk all to yourself or share it with friends.

## Replacement Plantings Add to Ainsworth Linear Arboretum's Diversity



*Urban Forestry staff and volunteers teamed up to plant trees at the Ainsworth Linear Arboretum in December 2020.*

Please enjoy this guest article by Jim Gersbach, Urban Forestry tree steward and member of the Concordia Tree Team.

**Age is taking a toll on the Norway maples that make up most of the trees in the Ainsworth median ([map](#)) in Northeast Portland. Last year, seven dead and dying Norway maples – a species now on the City of Portland's [nuisance list](#) – had to be removed to protect public safety.**

On Dec. 18, 2020, five replacement trees were planted by Urban Forestry staff and volunteer tree stewards from the Concordia, Woodlawn and King neighborhoods. View the [planting day photos on Flickr.](#)

The trees were paid for in part by fees developers pay the City as mitigation when large trees are removed during development. The fees cover the purchase and planting of the trees, and also summer watering for up to five years. This has become critical as summer droughts become more frequent and severe in Portland.

*For more information on how tree fees are spent, read the most recent [Trust Fund Reports.](#)*

Since 2005, the Ainsworth median blocks, as well as the north and south planting strips on either side, have been an official City of Portland arboretum. That is the year when the City's Urban Forestry Commission designated this area as a place to plant new and rarer street trees, and to trial other tree species on an investigational basis to see how well they fare in an actual street setting.

The trees planted on December 18 are approved for planting strips at least **six feet or wider**. However, they are not commonly seen around the city and could be better known. Planting on Ainsworth should make it easier for people in North and Northeast Portland to see what these large-form trees look like and how well they perform as they mature.

### The species planted include:

- **Espresso Kentucky coffeetree** (*Gymnocladus dioica* 'Espresso') - a seedless male, native to the Midwest
- **Forest Dark Hungarian oak** (*Quercus frainetto* 'Schmidt') - a drought-tolerant cultivar with especially dark green leaves and upright form, native to Southeast Europe
- **Hardy Chinese rubber tree** (*Eucommia ulmoides*) - the only species in its genus, this deciduous tree is native to China
- **Holly oak** (*Quercus ilex*) - a long-lived, evergreen oak native to North Africa and southern Europe
- **Swamp white oak** (*Quercus bicolor*) - a 50 to 70-foot-tall tree native to the eastern United States

A second hardy Chinese rubber tree and a Rivers' purple beech were not available in December but are slated to be planted later this year.

## In Other News

**Giant Sequoia Named 2021 Urban Tree of the Year:** The Society of Municipal Arborists recently recognized the Giant Sequoia as its urban tree of the year. Read about the qualities that landed this giant the top spot. Also keep your eyes open for information from Urban Forestry's own Jeff Ramsey, who was quoted in the article. Read the story [here.](#)

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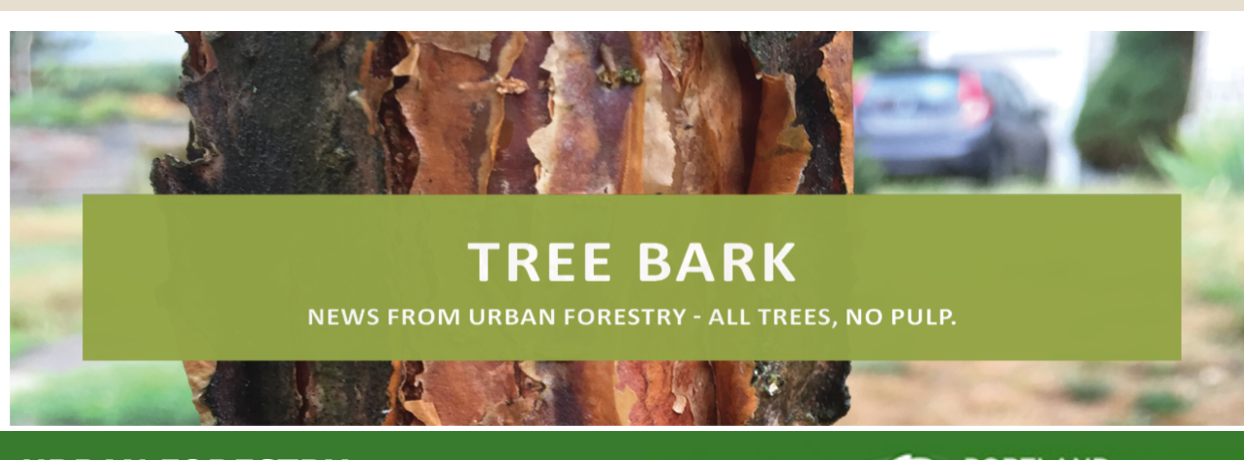
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## TREE BARK

NEWS FROM URBAN FORESTRY - ALL TREES, NO PULP.

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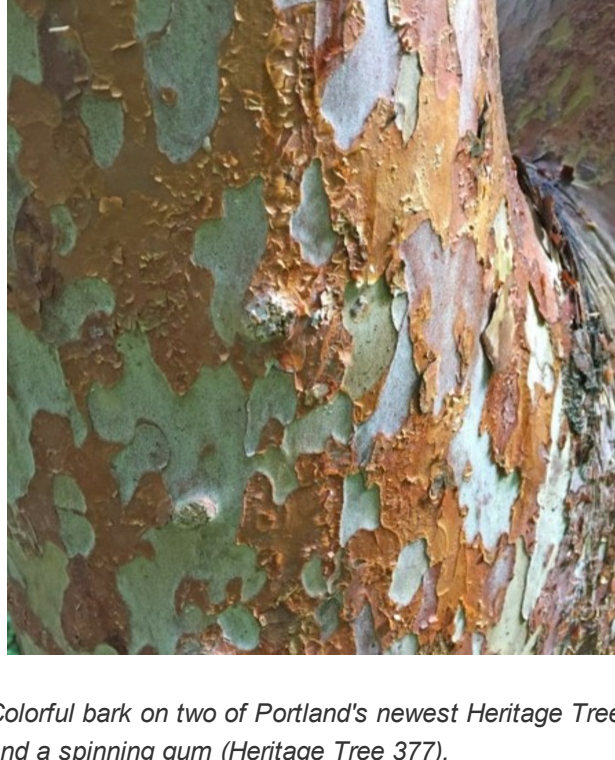
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## New Heritage Trees Added to the List!



Colorful bark on two of Portland's newest Heritage Trees, an orangebark Stewartia (Heritage Tree 376) and a spinning gum (Heritage Tree 377).

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected many of our usual offerings, so we are pleased to finally announce 13 new Heritage Trees!

City Council, with the advice of the Urban Forestry Commission and the Heritage Tree Committee, designated the new trees in 2020. A big thank you to Council for making this happen.

Please visit our [Heritage Tree](#) page on our brand new website. While we are still making some changes and updates, you can check out our progress so far with a list of Heritage Trees by [Year](#), by [Species](#), or by [Location](#).

Without further delay, here are the newest Heritage Trees:

Tree ID	Species	Location
365	Spanish fir ( <i>Abies pinsapo</i> )	9008 N Charleston Ave.
366	London plane ( <i>Platanus x acerifolia</i> )	23 NE Morgan St.
367	Silver linden ( <i>Tilia tomentosa</i> )	Peninsula Park
368	Deodar cedar ( <i>Cedrus deodara</i> )	6006 N Mississippi Ave.
369	American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</i> )	Overlook Park
370	Silverleaf oak ( <i>Quercus hypoleucoides</i> )	2627 NE 11th Ave.
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372	European beech ( <i>Fagus sylvatica</i> )	3310 NE 36th Ave.
373	European beech ( <i>Fagus sylvatica</i> )	810 SE 86th Ave.
374	Ginkgo ( <i>Ginkgo biloba</i> )	6704 SE 122nd Ave. Leach Botanical Garden
375	Lavalle hawthorn ( <i>Crataegus x lavallei</i> )	6704 SE 122nd Ave. Leach Botanical Garden
376	Orangebark Stewartia ( <i>Stewartia monadelphica</i> )	6704 SE 122nd Ave. Leach Botanical Garden
377	Spinning gum ( <i>Eucalyptus perriniana</i> )	3415 SW Water Ave.

Please note, Heritage Tree Nominations from the 2020 nomination cycle were held over due to the pandemic. We have the nominations on file and will schedule their review when conditions allow.

**Thanks in advance for your patience!**

## Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

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1/29/21–2/2/21, 2/6/21

Hazelwood Neighborhood, register for location details

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## Event Highlights

See photos from recent events!

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### Neighborhood Tree Stewards Pruning

On a beautiful sunny day last week, graduates of the Neighborhood Tree Steward program practiced their pruning at Ventura Park Elementary School.

Volunteers discussed different ways to approach the care of each tree, balancing its needs and prioritizing structural problems while staying within recommended pruning guidelines.

Thank you to all of our dedicated Neighborhood Tree Stewards for continuing to care for our community's trees!

Check out [photos](#) from the day's activities.



### Portland Treevia

Earlier this month, tree enthusiasts virtually competed in a tree-themed trivia challenge.

Thanks so much to our volunteer hosts, Kevin and Jim, who had such energy and charisma that you could almost forget we were gathered virtually!

Top team winners were:

- Montavilla Tree Buds
- Piedmont Canopy Crew
- Woodlawn Tree Team
- Albina Neighborhood Tree Team

Check out the [trivia questions](#) that challenged our Tree Teams and see how many answers you know!

## Remembering Steve Terrill, Oregon Landscape Photographer



Steve Terrill was an Oregon landscape photographer that Urban Forestry had the honor to work with as he took stunning photos of Portland's Heritage Trees.

In our December 2020 Tree Bark Issue, we included a [Grant's Getaways](#) video on giant sequoia trees in Washington County. Photographer Steve Terrill was featured prominently in that piece. We are saddened to announce that Steve Terrill passed away on January 5, 2021.

With his permission, Steve Terrill's photographs of Portland's Heritage Trees have often been used in our newsletter, social media posts, and presentations. We will miss his keen eye and extraordinary talent.



Heritage Tree 125, a giant sequoia. Photo by [Steve Terrill Photography](#).

## In Other News

**NEW: Attachment and Chemical Treatment Application and Fees:** Beginning January 28, 2021, chemical treatment and tree attachment applications and fee payment will be accepted online through [DevHub](#). There will be a NEW Chemical Treatment Application and \$150 fee, as well as a NEW Street Tree Attachment Permit Application and \$300 fee. For more information, please see our recent [news article](#).

**Correction on Ainsworth Arboretum Tree Planting Funding:** Many of our community tree plantings use the Urban Forestry [Tree Planting and Preservation Fund](#). However, our recent planting event at Ainsworth Linear Arboretum was funded through our partnership with the Portland Bureau of Transportation. Apologies for the confusion! Photos from the planting day are available [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](mailto:christine.j.buhl@oregon.gov).

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# Yard Tree Giveaway – a Success, Thanks to You!



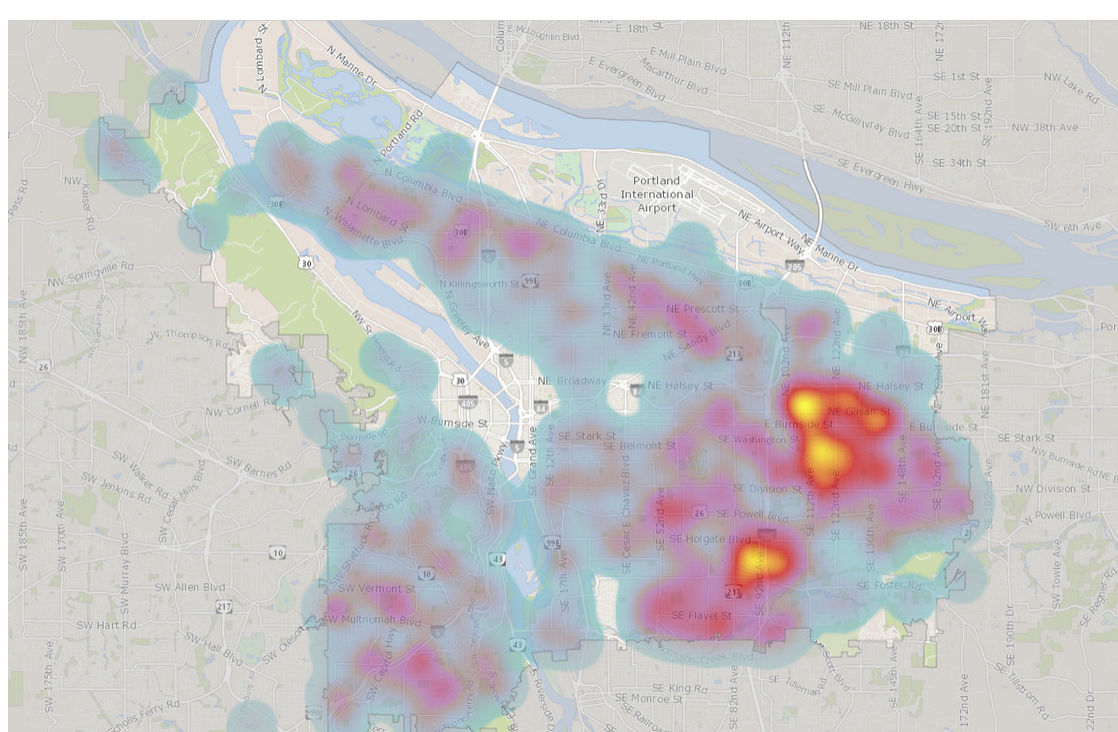
Thanks to Portlanders like you across the city, more than 1,200 trees were planted in 2020 through the Yard Tree Giveaway program.

2020 was the largest year for the **Yard Tree Giveaway** program, with 1,218 trees finding new homes in private yards across Portland. Over the last four years, the program has given away more than 3,000 trees.

While all Portland neighborhoods can benefit from more trees, it is crucial to plant trees in areas with the lowest tree cover.

So where did the trees go? **72%** went to neighborhoods that are low canopy, low income, or both.

Check out our tree planting heat map:



The tree planting heat map shows the distribution of the 2020 Yard Tree Giveaway trees across the city. Trees were planted in nearly every neighborhood, with especially large clusters in the Hazelwood and Lents neighborhoods (yellow).

To provide the most benefits to us and our wildlife, Urban Forestry focuses on planting large growing, evergreen and native trees. (See the **2020 Free Yard Tree Species List**.)

- **88%** of the trees given away this year were either large growing, evergreen, or native.

Along with goals to increase tree cover across Portland, Urban Forestry wants the program to be accessible to all.

- **227** trees were delivered, and **59** trees were planted by Urban Forestry for people with limited mobility.

Thank you to everyone who has planted and cared for these trees.

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***You are helping to make Portland a greener, more livable place for us all.***

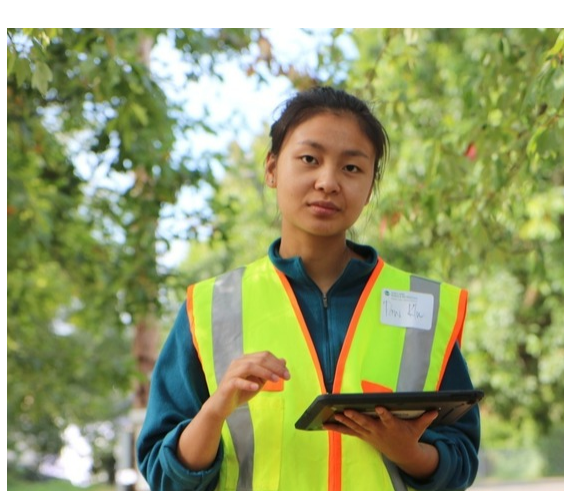
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Interested in getting a tree for your yard at the next giveaway? **Sign up** to get a reminder email once the September 2021 registration opens.

## Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

[www.portland.gov/trees/workshops](http://www.portland.gov/trees/workshops)



### Tree Technology Tools

**Friday, February 26, 2021**

**12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**

**Available Online via Zoom**

**Learn about the technologies now available to discover, track, and learn about the trees around you.**

This live webinar will provide an overview of the free, available technologies that help connect people and trees.

For example:

- Discover where and what types of trees are in your neighborhood
- Track invasive trees with your local tree team
- Learn the best places to plant trees for energy savings and environmental impacts

Please **pre-register**.

After that, an invitation and link to join the webinar will be sent to registered attendees.

## More Upcoming Events

**2/20/21, RESCHEDULED-Tough Trees Bootcamp Hazelwood-Tree Caregivers:** Register online for the rescheduled tree care stewardship event in the Hazelwood neighborhood. Three sessions available, learn more and register online at the Tough Trees Bootcamp Hazelwood **Signup page**.

**2/26/21-3/2/21, Tough Trees Bootcamp Hosford-Abernethy:** Join your neighbors outdoors this spring to get moving and do some tree care! Register online for one of three available roles: Pruning Preparers (low impact, 2/26-3/2), Tree Caregivers (moderate impact, 3/6), or Support Stewards (low impact, 3/6). Learn more about these events on our **website**.

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## In Other News

**Help Make Decisions That Matter:** Several City Advisory Groups are now, or will soon be, open to new members! We encourage our tree-minded audience to consider applying, and help us all help trees. Current open seats: **Historic Landmarks Commission**, **Design Commission**, **Development Review Advisory Committee**. Spring 2021 openings: **Portland Utility Board**. Learn more and sign up on the **Office of Community and Civic Life** webpage.

**Get Paid to Work With Trees:** Are you looking for a full-time opportunity to work with trees in Portland? A local landscaping company, Cascadian Landscapers, Inc., is looking for some dedicated employees to join their team. Check out their **Job Opportunities** webpage to learn more about the positions and how to apply electronically! If you would like to apply in person, call first to set up an appointment. You can call them at 503-209-3143, or email them at [corrisa@cascadianlandscapers.com](mailto:corrisa@cascadianlandscapers.com).

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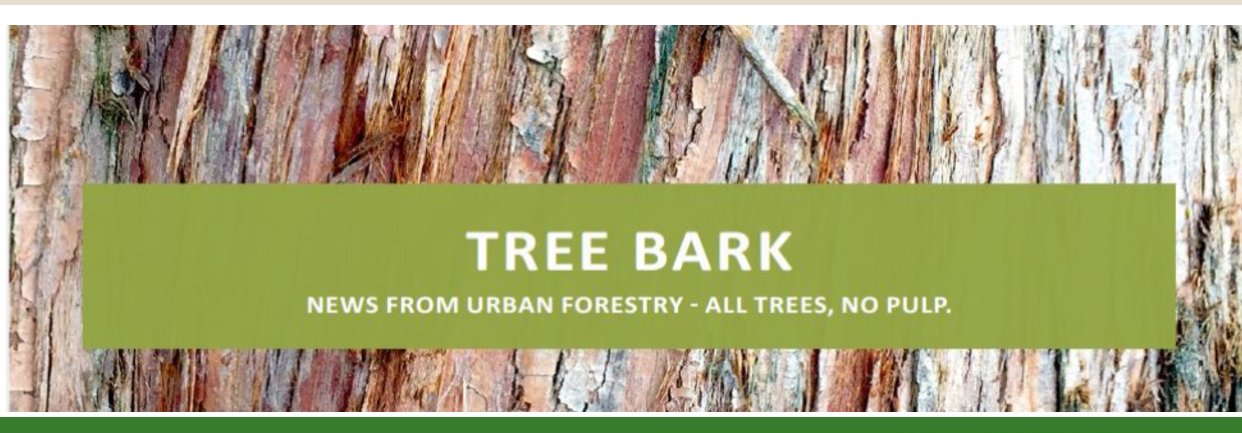
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# What to Do Now That the Storm Has Passed



Young and old trees alike were affected by the recent winter weather throughout the Portland area. It is reported that City workers responded to over **600 tree emergencies** in the past week alone.

From Thursday, February 11 through Sunday, February 14, a **winter storm** hit the Portland metropolitan area. Snow and ice caused damage to trees and power lines across the city and beyond.

While cleanup efforts continue, here is some information that may help you and your neighbors figure out what to do for your trees now.

1. **Get Information.** The Arbor Day Foundation has a **Storm Recovery** page that can help you learn what to look for when you have a storm-damaged tree, and when to seek professional help.
2. **Get Help.** Urban Forestry maintains a list of **Local Tree Care Providers** as a resource for the public. Be sure to also check out our **Tips for Hiring an Arborist** page. Keep in mind that arborists are very busy in the aftermath of storms, and it may take some time to secure an appointment.
3. **Call Before You Cut.** A permit may be required for work that will be or has been done on trees in Portland. Visit Urban Forestry's **Tree Permits and Regulations** page to find more information.

The loss of so many trees is hard for all of us. Continually planning for our future urban forest by planting new trees is important. Visit our **Tree Planting** page to find out how you can get started planting trees for yourself, or for your community.

See photos from the storm in our **Ice and Snow 2021 Flickr album**.

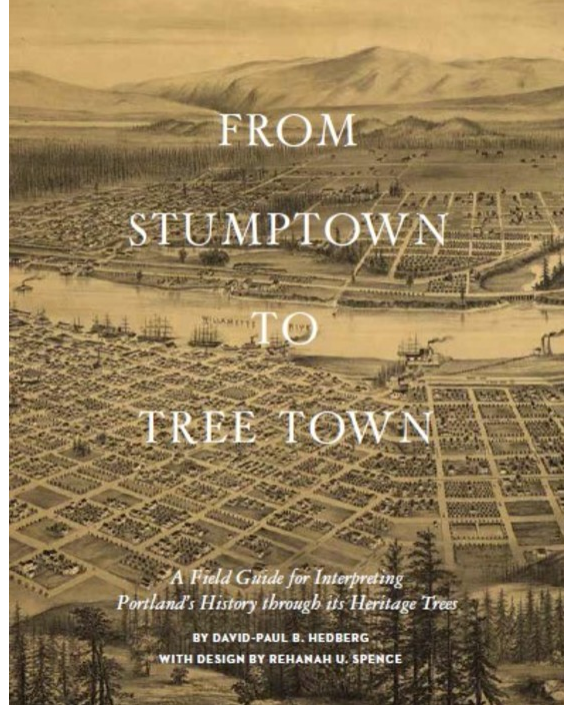
Have tree photos of your own you want to share? Tag us on social media!

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## Upcoming Events

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### Read and Meet: "From Stumptown to Tree Town"

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

10:00 am - 11:00 am

[Available Online via Zoom](#)

The award-winning book "**From Stumptown to Tree Town**" takes readers on a journey through the tree history of Downtown Portland.

Author and local historian, **David-Paul B. Hedberg**, will join us virtually to discuss Portland's legacy of tree management.

### Ready to start?

1. **Register** online.
2. **Download** and read.
3. **Visit** a Heritage Tree near you.
4. Join us virtually!



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### Tough Trees Bootcamp Hazelwood

The snow and ice melted in time for volunteers to spend a sunny Saturday pruning street trees in the Hazelwood Neighborhood.

Trained Neighborhood Tree Stewards and community members worked together to remove dead or damaged branches, clear bad branch attachments, and prune away future structural problems for young trees.

With each tree came a new conversation; how to provide the best care for the tree and promote its health and longevity. Thank you to all of our vigorous volunteers, see you at the next Tough Trees Bootcamp!

See photos from the day in our **Flickr album**.

## Black History Month Reflection: The Legacy of Charles Jordan



Charles Jordan was Portland's first Black City Commissioner, and a longtime Parks Director. He is pictured to the right of Jane Glazer, the founder of the Heritage Tree Committee, and to the left of Juanita McDermid, a former Urban Forestry staff member.

**February is Black History Month, which reminds us to continue to increase our knowledge about histories and legacies we may or may not have been taught. Close to home, we explore the not-so-distant legacy of Charles Jordan.**

Beginning in 1974 and serving until 1984, Charles Jordan was the first Black member of City Council. According to an **Oregonian article**, Jordan "...prodded the Fire Bureau to hire more people of color and pushed for more civilian oversight of the Portland Police Bureau..."

From 1989 to 2003, Charles Jordan served as Portland Parks & Recreation's Director. Under his leadership, he is credited with the establishment of 44 new parks and natural areas.

He has been quoted as saying, "What people don't understand, they won't value; what they don't value, they won't protect; and what they don't protect, they will lose."

Although he passed away in 2014, the legacy of Charles Jordan lives on.

## In Other News

**Tree Emergency Response - February 12-15 Storm Event:** The Presidents' Day weekend winter storm caused a high volume of significant tree impacts in streets and parks, and Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry is experiencing a high volume of emails and calls. We aim to address all requests as soon as possible, however we are prioritizing responding to hazardous situations and emergency needs. Learn more **here**.

**Community Scientists Needed for Western Redcedar Dieback Research:** Researchers are seeking community scientists to help map unhealthy western redcedar trees. Observations and GPS coordinates can be emailed to Christine Buhl ([christine.j.buhl@oregon.gov](mailto:christine.j.buhl@oregon.gov)) at the Oregon Department of Forestry. Or, they can be uploaded to the **Western Redcedar Dieback Map** project on **iNaturalist.org**. More information about what to look for and how to contribute are available at <https://foresthealth.org/map>.

**Completely Arborrary, a Podcast About Trees:** **Completely Arborrary** is a podcast about trees and other related topics, hosted by dendrologist Casey Clapp and his tree-skeptic friend Alex Crowson. Casey is an arborist and dendrologist based out of Portland, Oregon. Alex is a musician, songwriter, video editor, and podcast producer also based out of Portland. Let's give these locals a listen!

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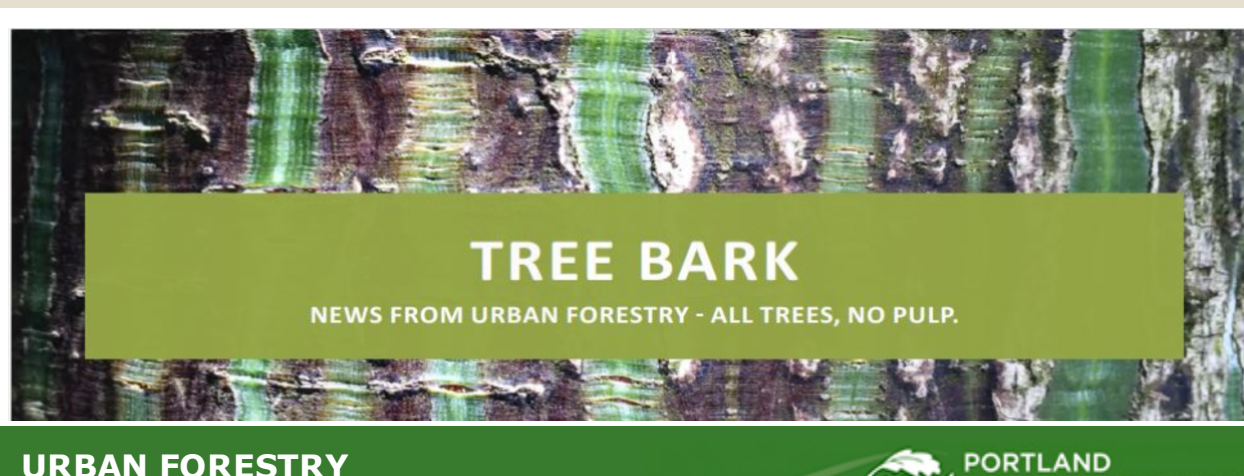
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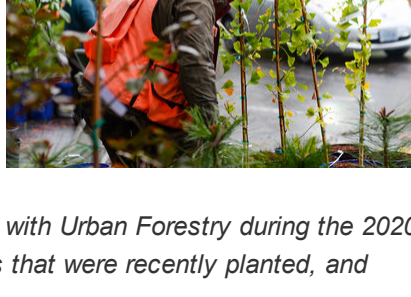
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## Urban Forestry is Hiring!



Jorge Chavez-Flores, Ritapa Neogi, and Matt McLean worked with Urban Forestry during the 2020 summer and fall seasons. They helped to monitor young trees that were recently planted, and distributed trees to new homes across Portland.

**If you love exploring your city, connecting with community, and working with trees, then spend your summer working with our team! We are hiring four people to help support our tree planting programs in 2021.**

This seasonal position is a great opportunity for anyone interested in working in an environmental field to gain experience, build skills, and meet a lot of people!

**See highlights below, or [click here](#) for a full job description.**

**Job:** 2021 Urban Forestry Planting Program Assistant (Community Service Aide II)

**Summary:** Work outside and get hands-on experience measuring the growth and health of newly planted trees. Once trees have been monitored, help us plan and run our large-scale tree give away events.

### Duties:

- Visiting and collecting information about trees all over the city
- Using mobile apps and GIS to track tree health and survival
- Connecting with community members and answering questions about tree care
- Helping to coordinate events and give out over 1,000 free trees to Portlanders
- Planting and delivering trees for Portlanders with limited mobility

### Details:

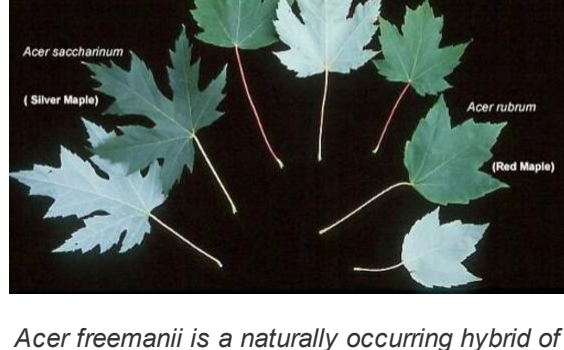
- Position start date is June 15, 2021 and runs 4 to 5 months
- Starting pay rate is \$17.50/hour
- Accepting applications until 3/22/2021

[Apply Here!](#)

## Upcoming Events

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*Acer freemanii* is a naturally occurring hybrid of *Acer rubrum* and *Acer saccharinum*; a popular choice for urban settings.

### Tree Identification for Portlanders

Friday, March 16, 2021

10:00 am - 11:00 am

[Available Online via Zoom](#)

**Learning to identify trees takes lots of practice. We all start somewhere, so do not miss this chance to finally be able to name the trees around you!**

Our online webinar will teach you some methods to identify trees, and also common tree characteristics to put you on the path to being an expert tree-identifier.

Be sure to register on the [signup page](#).



*Heritage Tree #10, an Oregon white oak, that likely sprouted over 170 years ago. Photo by Steve Terrill Photography.*

### Read and Meet: "From Stumptown to Tree Town"

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

10:00 am - 11:00 am

[Available Online via Zoom](#)

### Sunny days inspiring you to get outside?

Turn the pages of "[From Stumptown to Tree Town](#)" and walk the streets of Downtown Portland – seeing them through the eyes of those who walked the same blocks over a century ago.

How have the trees changed? How has the city changed?

Explore these questions and more online! Join us and the author of the book, **David-Paul B. Hedberg**, to explore some of Portland's most interesting trees!

### Ready to start?

1. [Register](#) online.
2. [Download](#) and read.
3. [Visit](#) a Heritage Tree near you.
4. Join us virtually!

## More Upcoming Events

**4/2/21-4/10/21, Tough Trees Bootcamp Portsmouth:** Itching to get out and get pruning? Noticing stubs and broken branches on neighborhood trees? Join us to learn how you can take care of those tree problems, and about the **Portland Pruners Program**, where we help you bring tree care to your neighborhood. Register online for one of three available roles: Pruning Preparers (low impact, 4/2 – 4/6), Tree Caregivers (moderate impact, 4/10), or Support Stewards (low impact, 4/10). Learn more about these events on our [website](#).

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### Tree Technology Tools

**At our February technology workshop, viewers plugged in for an introduction to digital tools that enhance the online urban forest experience.**

Anyone can use and explore these online tools, whether you are a nature novice, an ecological expert, or somewhere in between.

This week, practice tracking down a new tree species in your neighborhood using the **Tree Inventory Project** tools, observing and recording a tree-of-heaven sprout on **iNaturalist**, finding a local **Heritage Tree**, or helping report **western redcedar dieback** for researchers.



### Tough Trees Bootcamp Hosford-Abernethy

**Bad branch attachments were not all that challenged the volunteers pruning trees in the Hosford-Abernethy neighborhood on Saturday, March 6.**

They were also stumped by some less common tree identification, like the katsura tree pictured

here.

Neighborhood Tree Stewards had canvassed the streets ahead of the event, recording how much each tree had grown online in the past year, confirming their species, and evaluating each tree. Check out the [photo album](#) online to see some of the interesting trees in the neighborhood, and our volunteers working hard to care for them!

## Celebrating Women's History Month With a Look Back at the Naito Awards



Carol Lee (in the black vest) and Phyllis Reynolds (in the yellow jacket) are both recipients of the Bill Naito Community Trees Award.

**Portland's urban forest would not be the green gem we have today without the hard work and dedication of generations of women who have called this city home.**

Since 1997, when the **Bill Naito Community Trees Award** began, eight inspirational women have received the award for their projects and programs, which will continue to impact our community for decades to come. Read more about them below.

**Sandy Diedrich** formed the "No Ivy League" in 1994 with the intent of protecting Forest Park, a 5,000-acre park on the west side of Portland.

**Jane McLean Glazer** pioneered Portland's Heritage Tree Program in 1993, which has provided protection and dedication to the City's Heritage Trees.

**Starr Hogeboom** took her expertise in tree care and her desire to create a park-like environment from neglected school grounds to establish the Rigler-Cully Peace Garden and Naturescape Trail.

**Phyllis Reynolds** brought her devotion to trees to many individuals and communities across Portland, and beyond, through her writing and willingness to share her knowledge.

**Anne Downing** and her English as a New Language students at David Douglas High School planted an international grove of trees on their campus to reflect the incredible diversity of the school and community.

**Leigh Rappaport** helped lead over 2,000 volunteers to plant 4,000 trees along the I-205 multi-use path, supporting youth from Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center's Rosemary Anderson High School job training program.

**Catherine Clark** exemplified the spirit of Neighborhood Tree Stewardship by educating, inspiring, and leading neighbors to take action; and transformed the Roseway Neighborhood's tree canopy in the process.

**Carol Lee** brought new street trees to the Jade District through effective communication with commercial, industrial, and multi-family property owners about the value of trees in their community.

**Linda Robinson** has been a life-long advocate for Portland's Parks, working tirelessly to lead the East Portland Parks Coalition and to support bringing trees and green infrastructure to neighborhoods east of 82nd Ave.

Learn more about these **incredible women** and **how to nominate** a local leader for the 2021 Bill Naito Community Trees Award online.

## In Other News

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**Apply to the Parks Levy Oversight Committee!** Portland Parks & Recreation seeks community members for its Levy Oversight Committee. Committee members will attend quarterly meetings via Zoom, serving an initial two-year term. Accessibility accommodations are available. [Learn more online.](#)

**Community Scientists Needed for Western Redcedar Dieback Research:** Researchers are seeking community scientists to help map unhealthy western redcedar trees. Observations and GPS coordinates can be emailed to Christine Buhl ([christine.j.buhl@oregon.gov](mailto:christine.j.buhl@oregon.gov)) at the Oregon Department of Forestry. Or, they can be uploaded to the **Western Redcedar Dieback Map** project on **iNaturalist.org**. More information about what to look for and how to contribute are available at <https://foresthealth.org/map>.

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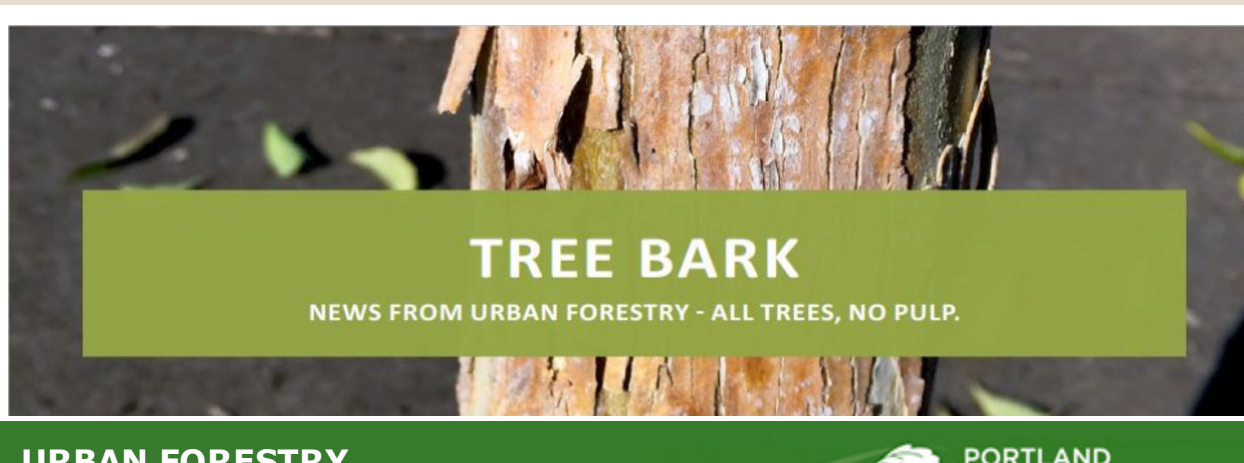
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# Did You Know You Could Be a Community Scientist?



*When you learn what to look for, and share it with others, you become an important part of keeping trees healthy!*

Have you seen brown, **dying** cedar trees around? If you have, you are not alone! Scientists are asking us to share what we see so that we can learn more about this problem.

Western redcedars around the Portland area are likely dying due to climate change. Researchers need your help to better understand what is going on with these trees.

**When you see dead or dying western redcedars in their natural range, here are some ways you can help:**

- **Sign up** to be a **Community Scientist**.
- **Share** information to the **Western Redcedar Dieback Map** through **iNaturalist**.
- **Email** location information to Christine Buhl ([christine.j.buhl@oregon.gov](mailto:christine.j.buhl@oregon.gov)) at the Oregon Department of Forestry.

There are already **229 observations** that community members like you have sent in. But we need more, especially in the Portland area.

**Want to help, but not sure what to look for? Here is a quick list:**

- Yellowing leaves
- Brown, dead tops or branches
- Leaf loss, an overall thin appearance of leaves

Visit <https://foresthealth.org/> to learn more about this western redcedar community science project. If you are interested in being more involved or setting up a forest health presentation for your community, contact Joey Hulbert ([hulbe@wsu.edu](mailto:hulbe@wsu.edu)).

## Upcoming Events

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### Tough Trees Bootcamp - Final Season Event

**4/2/21 to 4/8/21:** Pruning Preparers

**4/10/21:** Tree Caregivers and Support

Stewards

**Last call for volunteers looking to practice their tree pruning skills while taking care of neighborhood trees!**

This event will take place in the Portsmouth Neighborhood, exact location shared after registration.

Broken, damaged, or dead branches are easier to see as trees begin to put out their leaves – but what are the next steps in your pruning approach?

Learn about the next steps, and the Portland Pruners Program, where you can host a tree care stewardship event in your neighborhood.

Sign up on the [event page](#)!

## More Upcoming Events

**4/21/21, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Flowering Tree Walk:** Spring has sprung, buds are bursting, and trees throughout Portland are coating the city in fragrant flowers! Join PP&R Urban Forestry for a stroll along the waterfront, learning about the flowering trees of Portland and how to protect them for future generations to enjoy. Tom McCall Waterfront Park, meet at the north entrance of the park near the Steel Bridge and NW Glisan St. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Sign up on the [event page](#).

**5/13/21, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Trees of Peninsula Park Tree Walk:** There is more to see here than roses! Join Urban Forestry Manager, Angie DiSalvo, for a tour of 100 years of tree plantings at Peninsula Park. Meet the conifers that produce the heaviest (up to 10 pounds!) and longest (up to two feet!) cones in the world, a new Heritage Tree, and the next generation of drought tolerant evergreens. Peninsula Park, meet at the gazebo in the center of the park. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** Sign up on the [event page](#).

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### Tree Identification for Portlanders

**Can anyone learn to identify and recognize trees? Absolutely! Last week, Portlanders tuned in to watch Tree Identification for Portlanders.**

This webinar introduces viewers to the skills needed to identify trees, and highlights over 15 of the most common trees in Portland.

Once you learn more about an individual tree, and what features make them each unique, they will become familiar – just like an old friend!

Visit the **Tree Identification** web page to access the resources you need to get started – then watch the webinar recording online.

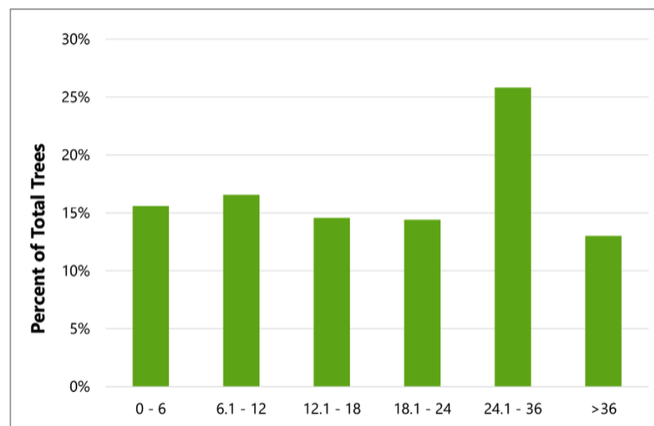


Watch Urban Forestry's Tree Identification video courtesy of Portland Parks & Recreation's **Stay and Play** Video Series.

## Park Tree Inventory Report Highlights



### Park Tree Size, by Trunk Diameter



The **Park Tree Inventory Report**, now available as an online StoryMap, is full of facts about the trees in our Portland Parks. Take a look!

From 2017 to 2019, nearly 1800 volunteers inventoried trees at 175 neighborhood parks in Portland. For each of the 25,740 trees, volunteers measured tree size and recorded its location and condition.

Their dedicated work collecting tree information helps us to understand not just what kind of trees are planted in our parks, but also, which ones are thriving.

Here is a sample of information from the report:

#### Most Common Tree Species

- Douglas-fir, 27%
- Norway maple, 6%
- Western redcedar, 4%
- Northern red oak, 3%
- Pin oak, 2%

#### Most Common Tree Genera (Genera is the plural of genus, review it [here](#)!)

- *Pseudotsuga* (Douglas-firs), 27%
- *Acer* (maples), 14%
- *Quercus* (oaks), 8%
- *Prunus* (cherries, plums), 5%
- *Pinus* (pines), 4%

Having healthy trees in our parks starts with planting the right trees for Portland. Our tree inventories and reports help us to do that.

Learn more about the **Tree Inventory Project** and the **Park Tree Inventory Report** online. Make sure to check out the **Tree Inventory Web App** for free access to all of the inventoried trees.

## In Other News

**Portland Parks & Recreation Will Host a Virtual Career Fair in April:** There are over 1,800 summer staff positions available for individuals age 14 and up. To learn more about the **jobs** and what Parks has to offer, join them for a virtual career fair on April 6, 2021 from 3:00-4:30 pm. Sign up for the fair through [Eventbrite](#).

**Invisible Incentive to Preserve Large Trees, an Opinion Article by Kyna Rubin:** On the Trees for Life Oregon website, Kyna Rubin shares her ideas about tree preservation and development in a **recent article**. If you have ideas about this topic or are interested in learning more, you can contact the organization at [treessforlifeoregon@gmail.com](mailto:treessforlifeoregon@gmail.com).

**Apply to Mill Park Advisory Committee:** Now through April 8, 2021 at 5:00 pm, you can **apply** to be a member of the **Mill Park Advisory Committee**. Located at SE 117th Avenue and Mill Court, a design for this 5.7 acre park could include a playground, splash pad, community garden, or soccer fields. Guided by the 2017 Master Plan, members of the advisory committee will be part of the process to shape the future of Mill Park!

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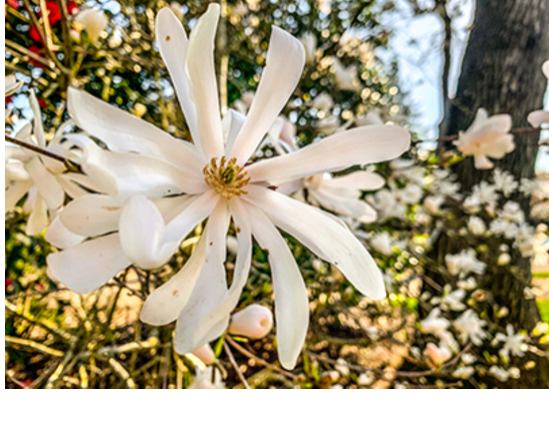
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## Pedal Through the Petals



With more than 25,000 street trees blooming across the city, spring is an ideal time of year to enjoy Portland's flower scene by bike! Visit our [Pedal Through the Petals](#) page for more information.

Imagine the feeling of a light breeze on your face and flowers flying by. Thanks to the hard work by volunteers of the Tree Inventory Project, now you can find the flowering trees in each of Portland's neighborhoods.

One of the best ways to explore Portland in the springtime may be along our streets lined by flowering trees! Here are some tips to help you find your favorite flowers:

- Visit the [Flowering Street Tree Map](#) to find which streets have the most cherries and plums.
- Visit the [Tree Inventory Project Map](#) to find other trees, like saucer magnolias, silverbells, and dogwoods.
- Visit [MyMaps](#) or [Ride with GPS](#) to plot your path and create your bike route!

Then enjoy your pedal through the petals!

For those rainy spring days, here is a [2016 article](#) with links to research the history of some of Portland's flowering trees.

## Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

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**Meet the Portland Fruit Tree Project**  
**Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm**  
**Online via Zoom**

**Are you a fan of fruit trees? Or curious to learn more about them? Then join us for an introduction to the [Portland Fruit Tree Project](#).**

It is popular to plant trees that produce fruits or nuts we can eat. But many people need help when it comes to learning about the special care these types of trees need to stay healthy and

productive.

At this workshop, we will also hear about the different ways that you can volunteer with the Portland Fruit Tree Project. Taking proper care of our city's fruit trees is part of creating a healthy urban forest.

Sign up on the [event page](#)!

## More Upcoming Events

**Waitlist Available, Spring Tree Walks:** [The Flowering Tree Walk](#) (4/21/21) and [Trees of Peninsula Park](#) (5/13/21) now have a waitlist available online. Registration was quick to fill up, but we do not want anyone to miss out! Sign up at the Registration pages to join the waitlists now, first come, first served!

**5/21/21, 8:30 am - 11:30 am, Local Tree Care Providers Workshop:** Calling all tree care professionals! If you work on trees within the city limits of Portland, then this online workshop is for you. Learn about different kinds of tree permits and how to submit applications. Urban Forestry staff will be online to answer your questions. ISA CEUs may be available. After you register, we will send out the link to participate by May 14, 2021. Register [here](#).

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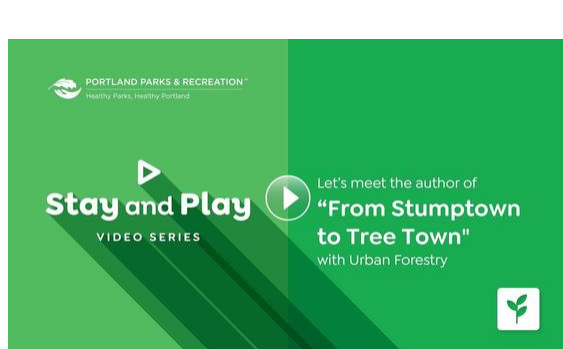
the generations of dedicated advocates who have saved many of our oldest and most treasured trees.

Watch the recording of the webinar and check out more resources [online](#).

## From Stumptown to Tree Town

Last month, many of you joined us to learn from local historian, David-Paul B. Hedberg, about Portland's long legacy of tree management.

The author of [From Stumptown to Tree Town](#) took viewers on a virtual journey through time – from the planting of Downtown's Park Blocks to



Watch Urban Forestry's *From Stumptown to Tree Town* Workshop video courtesy of Portland Parks & Recreation's [Stay and Play](#) Video Series.



## Learning Landscapes Tree Planting at Earl Boyles Park

**Students from Ron Russell Middle School were ready and excited to plant trees at the park next to their school.**

Due to COVID-19, many of the sixth graders at Ron Russell have not yet been to a class inside their school. [Photos](#) from the planting day show just how much fun they had at the park working together to plant and water these new trees.

## Recent Awards for Portland Urban Forestry



With over 7000 hours given, Portland Urban Forestry volunteers put in more hours than any other US city receiving the Tree City USA award. Great people and great trees have meant lots of awards lately!

**What goes into winning an award for an urban forestry program? So many things! How we manage trees, and how many people are willing to help along the way, are a couple of the most important factors.**

The Arbor Day Foundation recently awarded Portland Urban Forestry the following:

- 44th Tree City USA Award
- 24th Growth Award
- 2nd Tree Cities of the World Award (Portland was one of 120 cities from 63 countries to be recognized)

Read more about these awards and what it takes to earn them [here](#).

## In Other News

**Reminder, No Elm Tree Pruning April 15 through October 15:** Dutch elm disease (DED) is a deadly disease that kills elm trees. To protect Portland's elms from the spread of DED, pruning any kind of elm tree is prohibited in Portland from April 15 to October 15. Thank you for helping to protect our elm trees! Learn more [here](#).

**Goodbye to Heritage Tree #295, a Bigleaf Maple:** The Joseph Lane Bigleaf Maple located in Lone Fir Cemetery was one of only two bigleaf maple Heritage Trees. It was lost to the storm that hit Portland earlier in the year. You can remember this tree with a quick listen to the [Joseph Lane Bigleaf Maple Podcast](#) (one minute and 56 seconds in length). Listen to more Heritage Tree Podcasts [here](#).

**Magnolias Are in Bloom at Hoyt Arboretum:** According to their Seasonal Highlights, [April](#) is an ideal time to visit the Magnolia Collection at Hoyt Arboretum. Garden Time TV on YouTube also has a selection of magnolia videos you can watch [here](#).

**Apply Now! Youth Conservation Crew (YCC) Adult Crew Leader Positions:** Portland Parks & Recreation is hiring eight crew leaders to co-lead four crews in the Youth Conservation Crew (YCC) Program. Crew leaders will begin no later than June 14, 2021, and end no earlier than August 18, 2021. There are options to begin early and continue working when the summer season is over. Crew leaders work 36 to 40 hours a week, Monday through Friday. The pay is \$17 to \$19 per hour. Learn more and apply online [here](#).

**Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) Board Accepting Applications Through April 26, 2021:** If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity that can make a big difference, this may be the one for you! PP&R is responsible for over 11,000 acres of land, 600+ permanent employees, 2000+ part-time and seasonal employees, and over 6,000 volunteers. The PP&R Board provides support, advocacy, and guidance for the overall parks system. To learn more and apply, visit the Government Jobs website [here](#).

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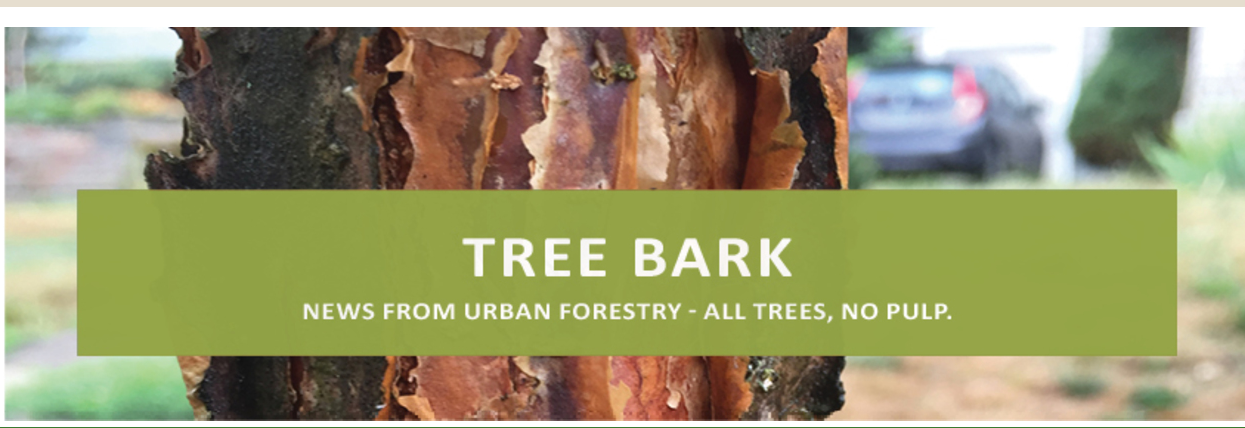
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## 2021 Park Pop-Up Arboreta



*Park Pop-Up Arboreta are back! They are free and open to the public. Visit one, or all of them, starting in May 2021.*

**Every one of Portland's parks has its own unique assortment of trees, each with a story to tell. This summer, 20 parks will be transformed into an arboretum full of educational, enjoyable, immersive experiences.**

With more than 300 different kinds of trees in our Parks, no two Pop-Ups are the same!

Here are ways to enjoy the Park Pop-Up Arboreta this summer:

- Visit one of four featured parks each month **May – September**.
- Grab an **arboretum map**, scan the QR code, or open the interactive Google Map online.
- Download or borrow a park copy of the **Tree Scavenger Hunt** (available in three levels).
- Print out or **email us** for your **Tree Journal** to record your park observations.
- Find all of the highlighted park trees with green signs.
- **Submit a photo** of your Park Pop-Up Arboreta activities!

### 2021 Park Pop-Up Arboreta Schedule

May	June	July	August	September
April Hill Park	Buckman Field	Colonel Summers Park	Albert Kelly Park	Lilis Albina Park
Chimney Park	Elizabeth Carathurs Park	Gateway Discovery Park	Brentwood City Park	Ed Benedict Park
Kenilworth Park	Glenhaven Park	Johnson Creek Park	Knott City Park	Hillside Park
Lincoln City Park	Peninsula Park	Alberta Park	Woodlawn Park	Powell Park

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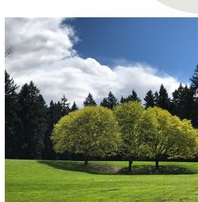
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### Permit Criteria

These things affect the type of permit needed:

- Species
- Size/DBH
- Location
- Ownership
- Health



### Local Tree Care Providers Workshop

**Friday, May 21, 2021, 8:30 am to 11:30 am**  
**Online via Zoom**

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

Learn about different kinds of tree permits and how to submit applications.

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

After you register, we will send out the link to participate by May 14, 2021. Register [here](#).

## Event Highlights

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*A flowering magnolia tree, photo by Jen Peck.*

### Flowering Tree Walk

Last week, on one of the many warm April evenings, participants went for a stroll through Old Town to take in the beauty of Portland's trees on a **Flowering Tree Walk**.

The flowering cherry trees that line our waterfront are familiar to many people, but if you step further into the streets of Downtown Portland, you will find many more charming trees with spring blooms.

Here are the flowering trees we saw on our walk:

- Japanese flowering cherry (*Prunus serrulata*)
- Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*)
- Freeman maple (*Acer x freemanii*)
- Yoshino cherry (*Prunus x yedoensis*) – **Heritage Tree #217** at Fire Station 1
- Chinese photinia (*Photinia serratifolia*)
- Hawthorn (*Crataegus* spp.)
- Dogwood (*Cornus* spp.)
- Southern magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*)
- Kwanzan cherry (*Prunus serrulata* 'Kwanzan')
- Deciduous magnolia (likely *Magnolia x soulangeana* or *Magnolia liliiflora*)
- Chinese Pistache (*Pistacia chinensis*)

The flowering trees are not done yet. If you missed the walk, you can still find any street or park tree in your neighborhood using the **Tree Inventory Project webmap**.

## Warm Weather is Here, Water Young Trees!



*A bucket with 1/4 inch holes drilled in the sides is an inexpensive way to make sure your young tree gets the water it needs. Never pile mulch up around a tree in a "mulch volcano" as this can cause problems for your tree. Visit our [Establishment Care](#) web page for more information.*

**We are starting to move into longer, warmer, drier days in Portland. That may mean more fun for many of us, but we need to remember our new and recently planted trees too! Until the rains return in the fall, trees that have been in the ground for about 3 years or less will need water each week.**

Urban Forestry is here to help you help your trees. Check out our tree care tips, and feel free to reach out to us for more information!

### Watering:

- Young trees need 15 to 20 gallons of water per week.
- A deep, slow soak directly on the root zone close to the trunk is the best way to ensure the young roots will be able to use the water.
- Using a 5-gallon bucket is a good way to water young trees. Pour out water slowly or use a bucket with 2 or 3 holes to release the water. Refill the bucket 3 or 4 times in a week.
- When using a hose, leave it running on low for about an hour, or however long it takes to soak down 6 to 8 inches deep.
- Overwatering can be a problem for trees too. The soil should feel dry or mostly dry about 2 to 4 inches down between waterings.

### Mulching:

- Put down a layer of mulch about 3 inches deep, 3 feet around the tree, and at least 3 inches away from the trunk of the tree. Mulch will help a tree retain moisture longer and keep weeds down.
- Make sure the mulch is not touching the tree trunk. You should be able to see the base of the tree.

Planting trees is an important first step in growing our urban forest. Caring for these trees until their roots can get water on their own is just as important! So, why not make a calendar reminder to check your trees once a week? Happy watering!

## In Other News

**Reminder, No Elm Tree Pruning April 15 through October 15:** Dutch elm disease (DED) is a deadly disease that kills elm trees. To protect Portland's elms from the spread of DED, pruning any kind of elm tree is prohibited in Portland from April 15 to October 15. Thank you for helping to protect our elm trees!

Learn more [here](#).

**Urban Forestry and Portland Parks & Recreation Employment Opportunities:** Urban Forestry is hiring! We have positions **posted now**, with more coming in the future. Portland Parks & Recreation is also ramping up their hiring after Portland passed a five-year Operations Levy to fund our parks. The Environmental Education program has many summer jobs available that are starting in June, check some of them out [here](#). Can you help us spread the word? Or have you thought about applying yourself? We encourage you to sign up for City of Portland job notices [here](#)!

**Upcoming Webinar on May 4, 2021 from 8:30 am to 10:00 am PST:** Portland Building and Urban Development Council, together with Trees for Life Oregon present a **joint webinar** titled: Exploring Portland's Transfer of Development Rights in the Multi-Dwelling Zones. This webinar will explore tree preservation and the development of needed housing, particularly around revised development and design standards in multi-dwelling residential zones. Register [here](#).

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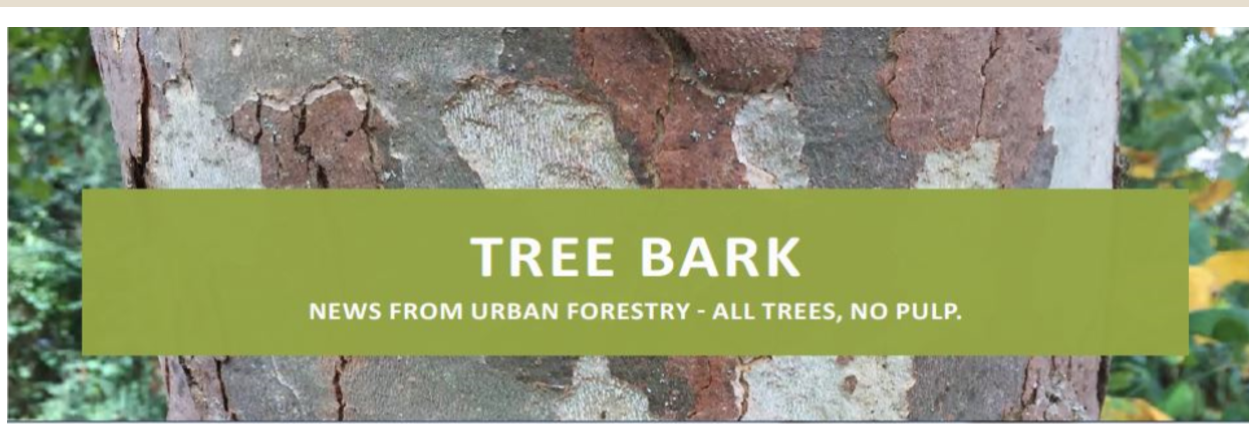
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## Prevent Dutch Elm Disease!

Wait until after October 15 to prune elms



*Browning of leaves along one branch is an indicator of Dutch elm disease (left). A healthy elm in the South Park Block (right).*

**Did you know that Portland has one of the largest populations of mature American elm trees remaining in the US? Dutch elm disease (DED) is a destructive plant pathogen caused by a parasitic fungus which affects elms trees. To protect our elm trees from DED, pruning of any elm is prohibited from April 15 to October 15 in the City of Portland.**

One of the ways in which DED spreads is by the elm bark beetle which breeds, feeds and overwinters in elm wood. In infected trees, the spores of the DED causing fungus stick to the beetles and are transported to healthy elms when beetles emerge to feed. Pruning cuts and open wounds in elm trees attract the elm beetle, so elm pruning should not occur when the beetles are most active.

Portland keeps DED in check by adhering to a strict management plan which includes:

- **Monitoring** - Each summer, Urban Forestry monitors elms for visual signs of DED. Suspected trees are tested.
- **Removal** - Infected elms are quickly removed and stumps are ground to reduce spread of the fungus through root grafting (the second way in which DED is spread).
- **Sanitation** - After removal, wood is disposed by chipping, debarking or burying at approved wood disposal facilities. All tools used in removal are sanitized to remove spores of the fungus (human activity is the third way in which DED is spread).
- **Inoculation** - Elms in City parks are inoculated with a fungicide to protect against DED. Some neighborhoods also organize inoculations for their street tree elms. A **Chemical Treatment Tree Permit** is required before applying chemicals to City-owned trees.
- **Education** – Urban Forestry serves as a resource for the public about DED, providing education and information.

**Learn more about DED here.** If you suspect DED, contact [trees@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:trees@portlandoregon.gov) or call 503-823-TREE.

## Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

[www.portland.gov/trees/workshops](http://www.portland.gov/trees/workshops)



### Madrones on a Monday Morning

**Monday, 6/14/21, 9:00 am – 10:00 am**

Kelley Point Park (N Kelly Point Park Rd, Portland, OR 97203)

The Pacific madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*) is native to the west coast from British Columbia to California. An elusive find in urban environments like Portland, this tree is notoriously difficult to transplant and is typically found in natural areas. Join us to explore the magnificent madrones and other native trees that call

Kelley Point Park home. Registration is required for attendance. [REGISTER HERE](#).



### Nature Patch Invasive Tree Removal

**Thursday, 6/17/21, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm**

Alberta Park Nature Patch (1905 NE Killingsworth St, Portland, OR 97211)

PP&R's [Nature Patch](#) program brings native species and natural materials to underused park areas, creating habitat and spaces for people to experience nature. Learn about the native trees and plants in the patch, and the fight to keep out encroaching invasive plants.

Together we'll remove seedlings from nearby invasive and non-native trees, such as Norway maples, horschestnut, and oaks that are keen to take over! All tools are provided. [REGISTER HERE](#).

## More Upcoming Events

**June Pop-Up Arboreta, 6/1/21-6/30/21:** Did you check out all four May Pop-Up Arboreta and are ready to explore further? Starting June 1, Glenhaven Park, Elizabeth Caruthers Park, Buckman Field, and Peninsula Park will be transformed into arboreta for the month. New trees to see in June include Allegheny serviceberry, canyon live oak, Japanese hombeam, and more! [Check out the maps and learn more online.](#)

**Kenilworth Park Tree Walk, 5/30/21, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm:** Join Portlander and Neighborhood Tree Steward Lisa Wilcke for a tree tour of Kenilworth Park in SE Portland. During this lunchtime tour, Lisa will introduce you to the exceptional trees of Kenilworth. [Register here.](#)

## Event Highlights

See photos from recent events

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### Meet the Portland Fruit Tree Project

Are you interested in fruit trees, food access, and harvesting fruit for use? Participants learned from Portland Fruit Tree Project (PFTP) Harvest Coordinator Liliana about their summer program, volunteer opportunities, and how to get involved with the PFTP. Ready to get involved? Check out these links to get started: [volunteer](#), [learn about](#)

[fruit tree care](#), or [sign up](#) to spread the word to your community – don't let the fruit fall this year!



### Trees of Peninsula Park Walk

Peninsula is known for its one hundred year old silver lindens (*Tilia tomentosa*), one of which is now a new Heritage Tree. Walk participants met many newly planted trees, including drought tolerant grey pines (*Pinus sabiniana*), cork oak (*Quercus suber*), and canyon live oak (*Q. chrysolepis*) – look for them on your next visit! If you missed it, [take a self-tour online here.](#)

## Explore Metro's Oregon White Oak Map



*Heritage tree #4 in SE Portland is known as the Picnic Oak. There are 24 Oregon White oaks in Portland's Heritage Tree program, more than any other species. Photo by Steve Terrill.*

Learn about Metro's amazing, painstaking effort to map 100,000 Oregon white oak trees. The only oak native our region, *Quercus garryana* cover less than 10 percent of its former range. This map will help focus restoration efforts, which is especially important because these trees form the foundation of multiple types of habitat, including woodlands and savannas, and more than 300 plant and animal species rely on these oaks. If you know of an oak not on the map, you can submit it for inclusion! [Learn more about this amazing project here.](#)

## In Other News

**Download and Use City GIS Data:** Did you know that you can download data on parks, trees, and trails from the City's Open Data Initiative? 'Open Data' is publicly available and is permitted to be used, reused, built on, and shared with others. Urban Forestry's street and park tree inventory, as well as Heritage Tree datasets are included! Check out the [Open Data Handbook](#) for info on the program, and [download your data here.](#)

**30+ School Tree Walk Guides Available:** Urban Forestry's library of resources includes school tree walk maps. The Learning Landscapes program plants unique and interesting trees at schools throughout the city, and many have their own walking map. Use the maps to learn about the trees planted and practice tree identification. [Check out the maps here.](#)

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# Thirsty Trees? Water Please!



The **heat wave** was hard for everyone, trees included! Please, give your young trees water.

When temperatures rise, **trees use water** to keep cool. With the record-breaking heat Portland had, trees need water to recover. A deep soak may save their life. Will you help?

What to look for when trees need our help:

- Leaves that look limp and dull
- Leaf curling or wilting
- Browning along the leaf edge
- Unseasonal leaf drop
- Conifer needles turning red, yellow, or brown

You can also check the soil around your tree. If there is mulch, brush it aside. With a small tool, like a screwdriver, gently loosen the soil 2 inches down, avoiding any tree roots. If the soil is dry or only slightly damp, it is time to water.

Tips for watering trees:

- Young trees need 10 to 30 gallons of water once a week from May to October
- Water slowly, the soil around the tree should become fully saturated
- A five-gallon bucket with holes in the bottom is great for watering, refill it as needed
- Manage weeds and other plants around your trees that can quickly take up water
- Use Mulch! Mulching around your trees helps keep roots from drying out

Visit our **Establishment Care** web page for more information on how to care for young trees. You can also learn more about why many mature trees in Portland are struggling through the hot, dry summers, and how they too benefit from extra watering from **Trees For Life Oregon**.

## Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

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### Tree Thursday Volunteer at Free Lunch + Play

Thursdays, July 8 - August 26, 2021

Thursdays are for Trees! Urban Forestry will be sharing tree activities at **Lunch + Play** events in parks this summer. Each Thursday from July 8 until August 26, volunteers can sign up for one or more of these roles:

- Activity Assistant
- Engagement Lead
- Tree Walk Guide

Visit the **Tree Thursday** web page to learn more about each volunteer role. You can also check out the schedule to see when we will be in a park near you!



### Elementree Care

Friday, July 9, 2021, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Ventura Park Elementary School (145 SE 117th Avenue, Portland, OR 97216)

Practice your pruning skills and help care for young trees!

The trees at Ventura Park Elementary could really use some love.

Growing adjacent to the East Burnside MAX Light Rail route is not an easy life for a tree. Heat from the road, pollution from vehicles, and other conditions make this a tough spot to survive. Will you lend a hand? [Register here](#).

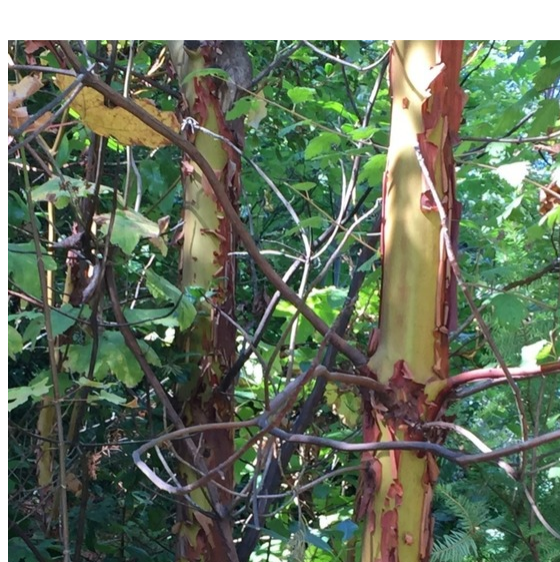
## More Upcoming Events

**7/24/21 and 8/7/21, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Delta Park Orchard Care:** Did you know Urban Forestry has an educational fruit tree orchard? The orchard is filled with diverse fruit and nut trees, but it did not receive its regular pruning last year. Now, there is a lot to do! Join us to learn how to care for these unique trees. [Register here](#).

## Event Highlights

See photos from recent events

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### Madrones on a Monday Morning

On a rainy Monday morning, enthusiasts of our native madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*) strolled through **Kelley Point Park** to find the many native trees that call this park home.

Beyond the beaches and black cottonwood (*Populus trichocarpa*) trees are beautiful thickets of madrone and strikingly tall pacific dogwood (*Cornus nuttallii*) trees.

If you missed this special tree walk on June 14, you can still learn more about **madrones** and plan a visit of your own today!



### Tree Weeding at Alberta Nature Patch

Portland has many natural plant installations in some of our parks. These spaces, called **Nature Patches**, can be found at Alberta, Columbia, Fernhill, Gabriel, Hazeltine, Irving, Lents, Midland, and Wilshire Parks.

On June 17, volunteers helped care for the Alberta Park Nature Patch by learning to identify and remove unwanted tree saplings and other weeds. Check out our **photos** from the event

online.

## Discover the Rigler School Arboretum



Can you believe it has been over 15 years since trees were planted at Rigler School? Come by to see how much they have grown. Then, follow along on the free printed maps available at the NE 52nd and NE 55th Avenue entrances.

The **Rigler School Arboretum**, located on the grounds around Rigler School, once again has many informational tree signs posted near various trees.

Most of the **more than 80 trees** here were planted in 2005 by students and neighbors with Urban Forestry's **Learning Landscapes** Program.

Discover the trees of the arboretum and learn about the community that cares for them from the signs prepared by neighborhood community members.

Remember to grab a brochure with the location and names of all the trees at the arboretum. Located on the grounds of Rigler School (5400 NE Prescott Street), brochures are available at all entrances on both NE 52nd Avenue and NE 55th Avenue.

## In Other News

**Urban Forestry is Hiring:** Join our team! Two positions are now open at Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry. Learn about the **Urban Forestry Planting Program Supervisor** position and apply by 7/26/2021. Also available is a **GIS Technician II** position, apply by 7/19/2021. These positions, in addition to many others **now available** at PP&R, are the result of Portland voters approving an operating levy to fund the City's parks system and green infrastructure assests. We hope to hear from you soon!

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# Plan to Improve Tree Code Approved by City Council



A view of Portland looking east. Urban Forestry is working to update and improve the rules that protect Portland's trees.

**You asked, and we listened! Changes to Portland's Tree Code are coming soon.**

On May 26, 2021, City Council approved a plan for improvements to Portland's Tree Code, **Title 11 Trees**. Portland's **Urban Forest Management Plan** will also be updated. The changes you have been asking for will help protect the trees that do so much for us.

**Here is a brief overview of the plan:**

- [Phase 1](#) (2021-2022): Technical and minor Title 11 amendments
- [Phase 2](#) (2022-2024): Urban Forest Management Plan update
- [Phase 3](#) (2024-2025): Title 11 improvements based on updated Urban Forest Management Plan

Phase 1 of the plan will take place in the first year. It will make much-needed technical fixes and minor policy updates.

After that, more complex updates will follow. These updates will need more funding and analysis to complete properly. In the meantime, the Urban Forest Management Plan will be updated.

The updated Urban Forest Management Plan will continue to provide guidance for Title 11 and overall urban forest management. The update will focus attention on:

- Climate change
- Tree protection and preservation
- Increased access to the **services that trees provide**

For more information, email: [trees@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:trees@portlandoregon.gov).

## Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

[www.portland.gov/trees/workshops](http://www.portland.gov/trees/workshops)



**Delta Park Orchard Care**  
**Saturday July 24 and August 7, 2021, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
**10910 N Denver Ave. at Urban Forestry**

Are you a fruit tree fanatic? Did you know Urban Forestry has an educational fruit tree orchard?

Join us on a Saturday in July or August to learn different types of fruit tree pruning. You will also discover new species that thrive in Portland and take a taste of a few early ripening fruit!

With over 50 trees planted, the orchard needs special care to maintain the trees and support fruit production and harvesting. Volunteers will practice their pruning skills with guidance specializing in fruit trees.

Learn more about the orchard trees and register for one of **two opportunities online**.



*Photo courtesy of Ken Rumbaugh and PP&R.*

**Tree Thursday Volunteer at Free Lunch + Play**

**Multiple dates and locations**

During the school year, 57% of young Portlanders qualify for free or reduced-price lunch. Without school lunches, summer becomes the time when nearly 50,000 Portland children face hunger daily.

Portland Parks & Recreation will serve over 100,000 meals in Parks this summer through the **Free Lunch + Play** program.

Join Urban Forestry at Free Lunch + Play events to share tree activities at a different park each

week on Thursdays through the end of summer.

Visit the **Tree Thursday Volunteer** webpage to check out when we will be in a park near you, and learn about the three volunteer roles available.

## More Upcoming Events

**8/25/21, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Keeping Cool Under the Canopy:** Take a walk with us beneath the leafy canopy of Columbia Park during the heat of summer. You will learn how these great green giants are working hard to keep you cool. Discover more about the trees of Columbia Park, and about urban heat islands, on our [registration page](#).

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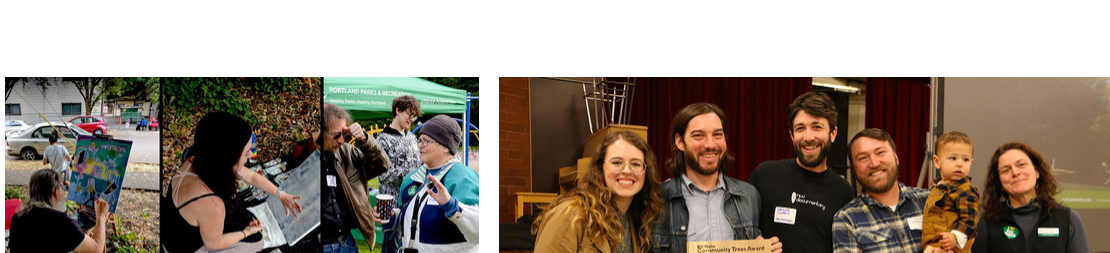
They gave much needed pruning maintenance to the trees along the north side of the school.

Removing low-growing branches and increasing visibility for pedestrian safety was a priority for the group.

These awesome folks even realized there were some overhanging branches blocking the sign for drivers to know there was a crosswalk ahead!

Thank you to these great volunteers for keeping our streets and students safe!

## Nominate a Tree-mendous Volunteer in Portland



The **Bill Naito Community Trees Award** recognizes the hard work of individual community members and groups who care for, protect, and advocate for Portland's trees.

**Give thanks to an individual or a group this year who has shown dedication and passion for the trees in our community.**

Each year, Portland's **Urban Forestry Commission** honors an outstanding group and individual who have created an ongoing legacy of appreciation for our community's trees.

Learn about **past award recipients** who have recognized the possibilities for trees in our community, and have acted to instill greater value for trees.

Projects over the years that have received this recognition include **Save Our Elms**, **Canopy Stories**, the **Tree Emergency Response Team**, and many more of our community's most passionate tree people.

**Nominations** are due September 1, 2021. Learn more about **eligibility** criteria online, and how to submit your nomination today!

## In Other News

**Update to Street Tree Ornamental Lighting Permit:** The **Street Tree Ornamental Lighting Permit** timeline and application process will be updated beginning August 1, 2021. Non-Seasonal lighting permits are now valid for 3 years. Existing permits will be extended to the new 3-year timeline from permit issuance. New permits and permit renewals should be applied for in September. What is the difference between Non-Seasonal and Seasonal Ornamental Lighting? What is the application fee for a Street Tree Ornamental Lighting Permit? For answers to these questions and more, please visit the **Ornamental Lights for Street Trees – FAQ**.

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**Willamette Week Article Describes Hottest Place in Portland:** Dr. Vivek Shandas, a professor at Portland State University, and chair of the Urban Forestry Commission, explains how fewer trees and more concrete lead to hot spots in our cities. Read the article [here](#).

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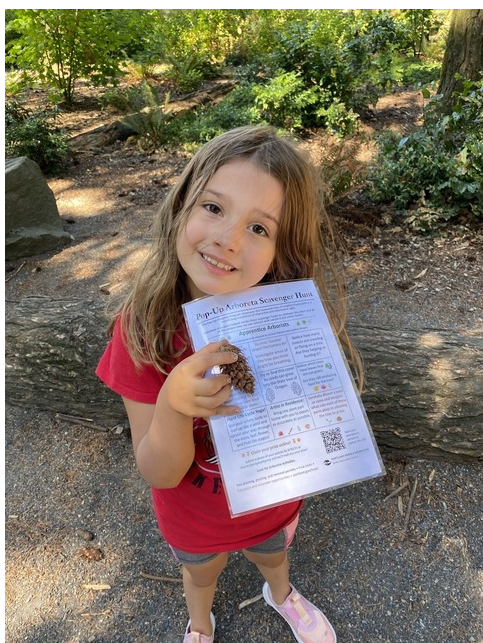
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## See Who Popped Into a Pop-Up Arboretum



*You are never too young, or old, to love trees!*

Some of Portland's youngest tree-lovers have been exploring their parks this summer through the Pop-Up Arboreta program.

Using volunteer-created scavenger hunts, visitors completed short challenges, activities, and trivia to interact with our park trees. Check out [photos](#) from some of these adventuring young arborists online!

If you haven't taken a trip to visit a park arboretum yet this year, don't worry! In August, you can visit one of four installations at:

- Albert Kelly Park
- Brentwood Park
- Knott Park
- Woodlawn Park

Four new parks are scheduled for Pop-Up Arboreta in September. Visit the [webpage](#) to learn more about Pop-Up Arboreta and find one near you.

## Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

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**Keeping Cool Under the Canopy**  
**Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 2 pm – 3 pm**  
**Columbia Park (7701 N Chautauqua Blvd.)**

Temperatures in cities are often higher than in rural area. Roads, sidewalks, and buildings can contribute to the increased air temperature.

If you take a walk beneath the tall trees in a park or tree-lined street, you can feel the relief the trees provide as they cool the surrounding area.

Learn more about the trees of Columbia Park and how hard urban trees work every day to make our community a more comfortable place to live.

Register [here](#).



**Seedling Weeding at Irving Park Nature Patch**  
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### Fruit Tree Orchard Care

The learning orchard at Delta Park is looking amazing and healthy! Thanks to the many incredible volunteers that spent two Saturdays this summer helping to get it into shape.

Home to more than 50 fruiting tree species, participants learned about different methods of training and pruning orchard trees – and took a taste of some of the ripe fruit.

Check out photos from both workdays [here!](#)

## In Other News

**Save the Date - Arbor Day 2021:** Did you know Portland celebrates Arbor Day in the fall? Each year in October, Urban Forestry kicks off the beginning of tree planting season by planting trees with the community. We also share current opportunities for Portlanders to plant trees at home. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 30, 2021 and join us to plant new trees at Lents Park for **Arbor Day 2021**.

**Video: Where Are Portland's Heat Islands?** Get an inside view into where Portland's heat islands are with Dr. Vivek Shandas, with a walk through the Lents neighborhood. Watch the video [here](#). Urban Forestry is excited to plant hundreds of free street trees in Lents this fall to combat heat and bring more trees to neighborhoods in need of cooling and greenery. Learn more about free street trees [here](#).

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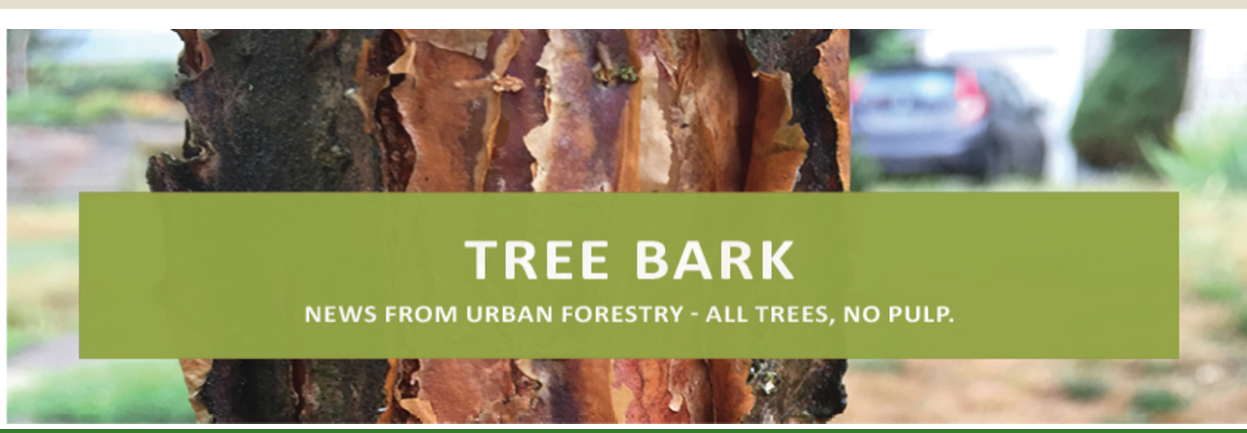
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## Get Free Trees for Your Yard!



*Getting your free trees is easy. Delivery and planting are available for people who need assistance. Let us know if we can help!*

**Urban Forestry is giving away 1,800 trees to Portlanders this fall! After a summer with record heat, the need for trees is clear. Trees help cool us, our homes, and our city. Planting shade trees now will help cool our city for future generations.**

[Get Your Free Trees](#)

Take action this fall by planting trees at your home and encouraging others to do the same! Sign up now for up to two free trees for your private property.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Limit two trees per address
- Tree/s must be planted on private property within Portland city limits
- Trees may not be used to fulfill requirements for a permit

After you sign up, you can pick up your trees at one of our five drive-through events:

Date	Location/Neighborhood
Saturday, September 25, 2021	Mt. Tabor
Saturday, October 9, 2021	St. Johns
Saturday, October 23, 2021	Powellhurst-Gilbert
Saturday, November 6, 2021	Cully
Saturday, November 20, 2021	Mt. Tabor

This year, we are offering free delivery for people who live in the Centennial, Glenfair and Sumner neighborhoods.

Visit the [Free Yard Trees](#) web page to view the **16 high-quality tree species** available this year.

*By planting more trees in Portland, you are helping provide cleaner air, cooler temperatures, and better physical and mental health for all of us!*

## Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

[www.portland.gov/trees/workshops](http://www.portland.gov/trees/workshops)



### Roseway Parkway Tree Walk

**Saturday, October 9, 2021, 9am–11am**  
**Roseway Parkway (Meet at NE Sandy Blvd. and NE 72nd Ave.)**

Come explore one of Portland's gorgeous greenways! Two dedicated Roseway volunteers, Catherine Clark and Jim Gersbach, have teamed up to bring you a fun and informative tree walk.

Roseway Parkway stretches for five blocks along NE 72nd Avenue, between NE Sandy Boulevard and NE Prescott Street. Over 150 trees have

been planted here over the last five years!

Neighbors along the Roseway Parkway continue to care for these trees year-round, knowing how important the trees will be to the whole community. Take a close look for yourself at all they have done, and learn more about this growing greenway.

Register [here](#).



### Find Your Flare!

**Saturday, September 18, 2021, 9am–12pm**  
**Mt. Tabor Park**

Help the Fifth Annual Yard Tree Giveaway prepare trees for their forever homes this fall!

Every tree has a root flare. This is the area where the first main roots flare out from the trunk.

Planting trees too deep is a major cause of tree failure. But you can help!

This workshop will provide hands-on training in finding the root flare, while also preparing trees for their upcoming planting day.

Register [here](#).

## More Upcoming Events

**9/14/21-9/15/21, 2021 Oregon Urban & Community Forestry Conference:** This virtual conference is brought to you by Oregon Community Trees and the Oregon Department of Forestry. Day one will focus on drought, tree selection and adaptability, and soil moisture. Day two will focus on storm preparedness, ice storm lessons, tree survival in green infrastructure, and using Tree Plotter Inventory to plan for climate fluctuations. For more information and to register, visit their **2021 Conference page**.

**10/30/21, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, Portland Arbor Day:** Save the date! Join Urban Forestry at Lents Park on Saturday, October 30, 2021. We will kick off the tree planting season with an opportunity to plant trees, meet neighbors, and sign up for free yard trees. Visit our **Portland Arbor Day page** for more information.

## Event Highlights

See photos from recent events

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### 2021 Youth Conservation Crew (YCC) - Tree Crew

This summer, the YCC Tree Crew was able to get some great work done at 8 different park and school sites in Portland.

With the hard year we had due to ice storms, extreme heat, and flooding, young trees at these sites were in need of some serious attention.

Over the course of 8 weeks, two adult crew leaders and ten teens worked on building new

skills in tree pruning and tree care, as well as leadership development. They managed to prune, weed and water approximately 870 trees. We thank them for all of their hard work, as well as the volunteers at our work sites that helped make it happen!

Check out photos from their work season on our Flickr album [here](#).

## In Other News

**Portland Parks & Recreation Now Hiring a Botanic Technician I:** The City Nature Soft Surface Trails Team is currently looking for a candidate who can specialize in trail project work. This recruitment may also be used to fill current vacancies in City Nature Natural Areas with a natural area maintenance focus. Read the full position description [here](#) and apply by 9/27/2021.

**Nature Patches:** Have you visited or volunteered at a **Nature Patch around Portland**? These natural spaces provide valued habitat for many pollinators and wildlife, while expanding access to nature for many Portlanders. Help out the folks who make Nature Patches possible by completing a **Community Feedback Survey**.

**Drought Impacts on Forests:** The Oregon Department of Forestry is working with the National Drought Mitigation Center and the National Integrated Drought Information System on a survey. This survey wants to know what effects of drought you can see on the forest and trees around you. No special training or knowledge is required. Take the survey [here](#).

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# Portland Arbor Day 2021



*Fall is a great time to plant trees in Portland. Celebrate Arbor Day in October with Urban Forestry, where we will have a family-friendly event for all ages to enjoy.*

**Let's plant trees at Lents!**

**When was the last time you planted a tree? Whether it was years ago, yesterday, or not yet, celebrate **Arbor Day** by planting new trees at Lents Park.**

On Saturday, October 30, 2021 at 10:00 am, join friends and neighbors for all things trees. Learn about a new tree species you can take home, enjoy fun activities for all ages, discover more of your urban forest, and of course, help plant eight new trees!

Trees work hard for our community - they clean our air, keep neighborhoods cool, green our parks, improve our mental and physical well-being, and so much more!

Are you an experienced volunteer interested in helping at this event? We need tree planting crew leaders and event support, learn more and [sign up online](#).

## Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

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**Local Tree Care Providers Workshop**  
**Friday, November 12, 2021, 8:30 am - 11:30 am, Online via Zoom**

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

Learn about different kinds of tree permits and how to submit applications. Urban Forestry staff will be online to answer your questions. ISA

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### Find Your Flare!

On the wettest day Portland had seen since last winter, some of our brave volunteers came out to help us prepare trees for the Yard Tree Giveaway.

With hands covered in soil, smiles and chatter broke through the rain showers as the group uncovered the root flares on containerized trees.

Check out the [album online!](#)

## In Other News

**Urban Forestry Now Hiring a Park Tree Maintenance Coordinator:** This position will create and manage a proactive maintenance schedule for park trees based on technical arboriculture knowledge and current industry standards. Read the full position description [here](#) and apply by 10/4/2021.

**Portland Parks & Recreation Now Hiring a Botanic Technician I - Extended Due Date:** The City Nature Soft Surface Trails Team is currently looking for a candidate who can specialize in trail project work. This recruitment may also be used to fill current vacancies in City Nature Natural Areas with a natural area maintenance focus. Read the full position description [here](#) and apply by 10/4/2021.

**Current Vacancy in Turf Maintenance for Parks Maintenance Crew Leader:** The City of Portland is looking for a qualified applicant to lead a team of 14 turf maintenance technicians who mow and maintain turf in the City's established Parks. This application may also be used to fill future crew leader vacancies in Regional Trails, Heavy Equipment and Amenities (fencing/playgrounds). If you are interested in any of these areas, read the full position description [here](#), and apply by 10/11/2021.

**\$60 Million in Funding Available for Climate/Equity Projects in Portland:** The Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund (PCEF) is excited to announce its second request for proposals. Funding is available for projects that address climate change while advancing racial and social justice. Among other things, the program expects to fund projects that "Plant trees across Portland, especially where heat islands are most prevalent, to provide much-needed cooling shade and help mitigate flooding, while storing greater carbon in trees and soil." Learn more and apply [here](#).

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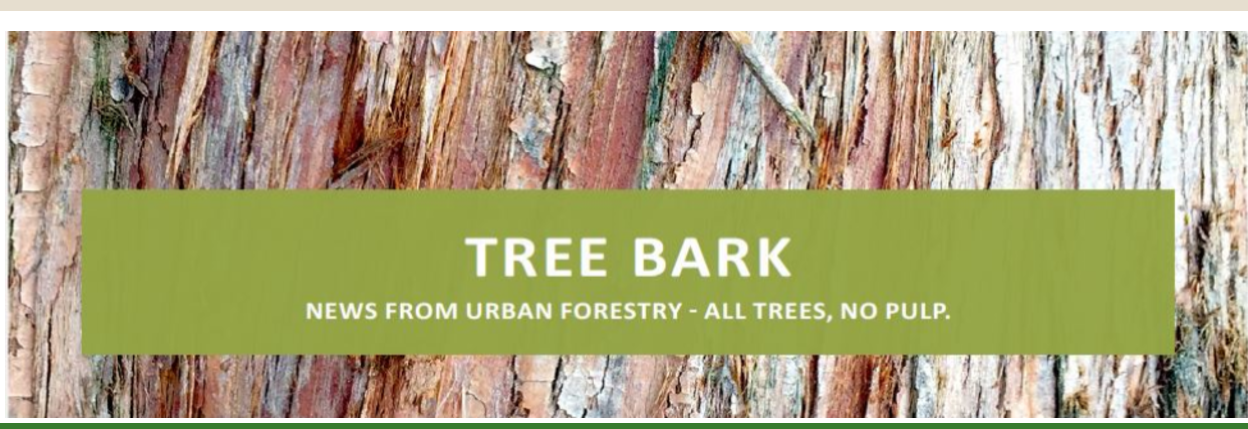
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# Apply to Join the Urban Forestry Commission!



*Do you enjoy being active in the community in support of trees? If you do, the Urban Forestry Commission may be a good fit for you!*

Joining the Urban Forestry Commission (UFC) is one of the most effective ways community members can help care for our city's urban forest. Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry is excited to announce we are seeking **THREE** new members to join this important advisory body.

[Apply Here!](#)

The UFC is made up of 11 volunteers who have shown an interest in preserving and expanding Portland's urban forest. The Commission primarily advises the City Forester, the Portland Parks & Recreation Director, and City Council in the development of policies, plans, regulations, and budgets pertaining to trees in the city.

Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council. They are asked to serve up to two 4-year terms. Commissioners attend a monthly **UFC meeting** on the third Thursday morning of each month, and serve on at least one UFC committee.

Anyone interested in serving on the UFC is encouraged to apply by completing and submitting an application form on the **UFC webpage**.

For more information, please visit: [www.portland.gov/trees/ufc](http://www.portland.gov/trees/ufc) or contact Brian Landoe at: [Brian.Landoe@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Brian.Landoe@portlandoregon.gov).

## Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

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Portland (PP&R, Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry) mientras exploramos los hermosos cambios estacionales de nuestros árboles.

In autumn, city streets and parks are filled with trees of sensational colors and smells. Join PP&R Urban Forestry on this bilingual tree walk as we explore the beautiful seasonal changes on our trees.

Regístrese aquí / Register here: <https://www.portland.gov/trees/get-involved/events/2021/10/16/de-colores-una-camiata-entre-los-arboles>.

### De Colores—Una Caminata Entre los Árboles

**Saturday, October 16, 10:00am-11:00am**  
**Knott Park—Reunión en el estacionamiento de NE 117th Street. Meet at the parking lot off of NE 117th Street.**

En otoño, las calles y parques de la ciudad se llenan con los sensacionales colores y olores de los árboles. Únase a las actividades de Silvicultura Urbana de Parques y Recreación de

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### Portland Arbor Day 2021

**Saturday, October 30, 9:00am-12:00pm**  
**Lents Park, SE 92nd Avenue and Holgate Blvd.**

What would Arbor Day be without planting a tree?

Join us to kick off the tree planting season at Lents Park. Bring friends and family to plant trees, meet neighbors, and enjoy fun family activities. This event is free, and all are welcome.

Learn more about [Arbor Day](#) online.

**Are you an experienced volunteer interested in helping at this Arbor Day? We need tree planting crew leaders and event support, learn more and [sign up online!](#)**

## More Upcoming Events

**10/22-10/28/21, Friends & Allies Summit:** The **Portland Parks Foundation**, in Partnership with Portland Parks & Recreation, is holding its annual Friends & Allies Summit. The theme of this year's summit is Parks: Where Communities Build Connections. Volunteers and members of groups that steward and develop programs for parks, natural areas, community gardens and community centers are invited to attend. Learn more and register [here](#).

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## Event Highlights

See photos from recent events

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### Yard Tree Giveaway Events are Underway—Volunteers Needed!

Portlanders took home more than 500 trees at the first two drive-thru events!

The events at Mt. Tabor Yard and St. Johns Community Center had a steady stream of recipients in their cars, on their bikes, and with their wheelbarrows.

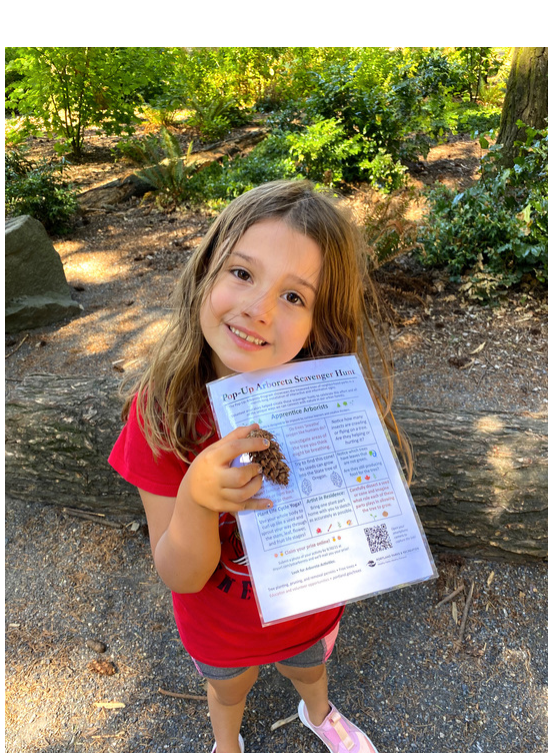
Everyone received planting instructions specific to their tree species, and all were encouraged to plant the trees as soon as possible so the roots do not dry out. Many recipients emailed, or even came back by the event, to tell us they had already planted!

**Interested in getting a free yard tree?** All trees have been reserved this year; however, we have a waitlist. Fill out the interest form on the **Free Yard Trees** page and we will email you if more trees become available.

### We need help to make the next event just as successful!

If you would enjoy a day outside loading mulch and trees, we are looking for volunteers at the Powellhurst-Gilbert event on Saturday, October 23. You can sign up [here](#).

## Pop-up Arboreta - Wrap Up/Thank You



*Pop-up Arboreta Scavenger Hunt activities included finding a cone whose seeds can grow into the state tree of Oregon, and finding a tree too big to wrap your arms around.*

Another summer has come and gone, and with it another season full of Pop-up Arboreta in our parks. These installations would not have been possible without the incredible Adopt-a-Pop-up Volunteers who helped monitor, care for, and maintain the Pop-ups for all our park visitors. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Arboreta explorers used the tree scavenger hunts ([download here](#)) to complete short challenges, activities, and learn trivia about the trees of each park. Throughout 20 Portland parks this season, many trees were hugged, senses were stimulated, and new knowledge was discovered.

You can [check out photos](#) from the summer's arboreta and the many early leafers, apprentice arborists, and dedicated dendrologists that explored Portland's park trees.

## In Other News

**Reminder! Elm Pruning Season Begins on October 15:** With cooler weather, the beetles which spread **Dutch elm disease** (DED), become less active. The pruning moratorium on elms in the City of Portland is lifted from October 15 to April 15 each year. Careful pruning and deadwood removal on elms may occur during this time. Remember, pruning City-owned trees requires a permit first. Questions? Email [trees@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:trees@portlandoregon.gov) or call 503-823-TREE (8733).

**Portland Fruit Tree Project Is Hiring a Coordinator for Their Fruit Tree Care Program:** This role will coordinate the fruit tree care program including coaching tree owners on care, completing fruit tree care including pruning, thinning, some pest control, and collaborating on the launch of a new workforce development program. This position is benefits eligible. **Apply now**—position closes November 1!

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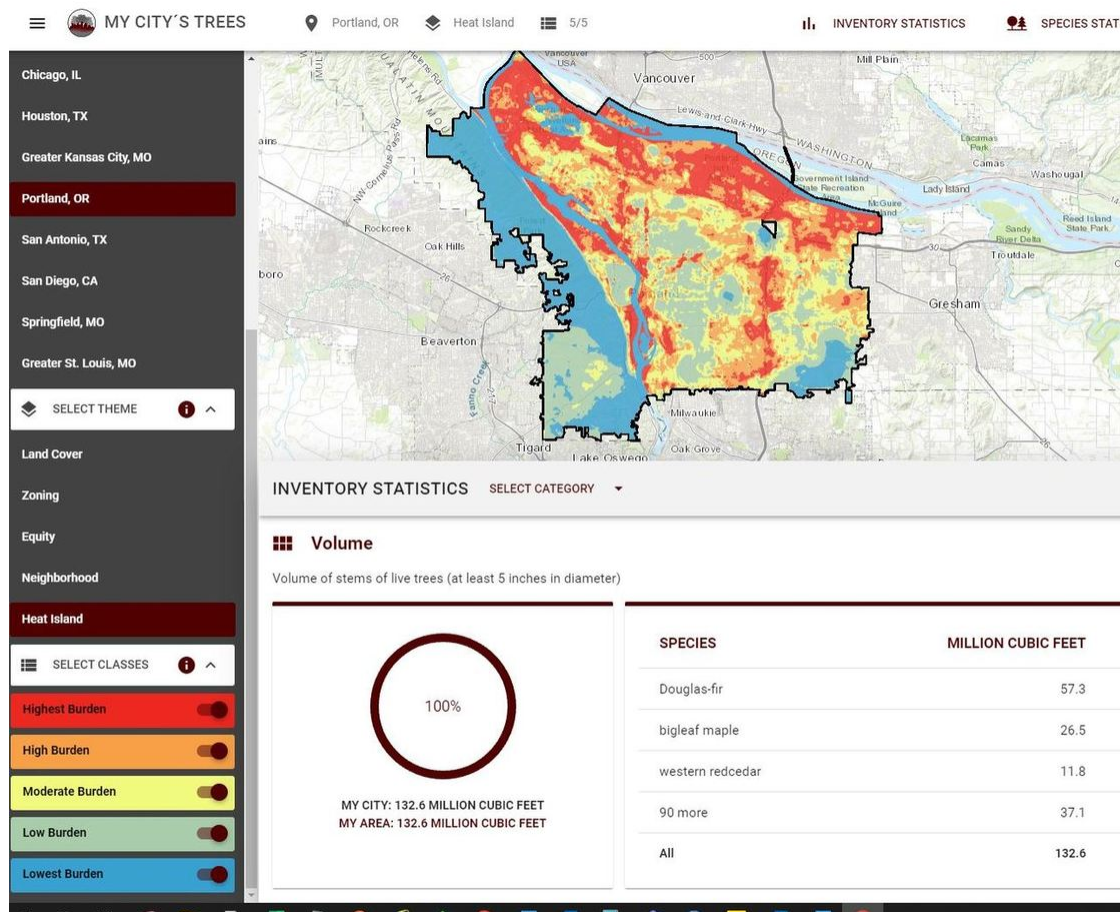


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# A New Tool for Exploring our Urban Forest

In 2018, the City of Portland began a partnership with the US Forest Service (USFS) to collect baseline data for an ongoing study called the **Urban Forest Inventory and Analysis (UFIA)**. Through the UFIA, the USFS is working with cities across the US to collect canopy and land use data according to standardized protocols, for better urban forest management.

Now anyone can explore the data using **My City's Trees**, a web tool that visualizes the data on a map. Use themes such as land cover, zoning, equity, neighborhood coalitions, and urban heat island to produce maps and reports. Summary reports describe species-specific counts of trees, carbon storage and sequestration, associated energy savings, runoff and pollution prevention, and more! Questions? Contact [nik.desai@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:nik.desai@portlandoregon.gov).



*My City's Trees is a user friendly tool for exploring and comparing urban forests in the US.*

## Upcoming Events

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When was the last time you planted a tree? Whether it was years ago, yesterday, or not yet, **celebrate Arbor Day** by planting new trees at Lents Park.

Join us for a free community celebration of trees this Saturday with a family-friendly gathering to plant trees, meet neighbors, enjoy fun activities, and get a free tree from **Yard Tree Giveaway!** Let's kick off the tree planting season and create a greener, healthier City for all Portlanders.

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## In Other News

**Urban Forestry is hiring a Tree Inspection & Permitting Supervisor:** This Supervisor is a key leadership position overseeing the City of Portland's Tree Code to implement the *Portland Urban Forest Management Plan* and manage the City's urban canopy. **Apply now**—position closes November 1!

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## Unbe-leaf-able Fall Foliage Photos



Fall is a great time to visit [Heritage Trees](#) and see them in all of their autumn glory! Enjoy these lovely photos of #66 Northern red oak (*Quercus rubra*), # 286 ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*), and # 214 American sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*). Photos by Steve Terrill.

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# Naito Award Winner Highlight: Kyna Rubin



*Kyna Rubin planting trees at Arbor Day (left) and exploring sugar pine forests in Yosemite (right).*

Each year, the **Bill Naito Community Trees Award** is presented on Arbor Day to an individual and a group that has exemplified the spirit of Bill Naito, founder of the Urban Forestry Commission and lifelong tree advocate. Award winners are recognized for their tireless work to care for, protect, and advocate for our community's trees.

This year, the individual winner is Kyna Rubin. Kyna is a writer and naturalist and a years-long volunteer for trees. She is a founder of **Trees for Life Oregon**, a volunteer organization that advocates for large, long-lived trees and space for them in every part of the city. She founded the Irvington Tree Team and has been the Friends of Trees Irvington Neighborhood Coordinator.

As Trees for Life Oregon's primary writer and editor, she translates for the public sometimes complex subjects such as trees and equity, tree preservation, the history and origin of Portland's tree code, and tree code amendments. Her work convenes developers, planners, and tree lovers to discuss the nitty-gritty of how zoning and development impact the urban canopy.

Thank you, Kyna, for your advocacy and commitment to a better urban canopy!



*Kyna's passion and hard work are evident in a recent Trees for Life Oregon project, producing a video highlighting why large trees and space for them matters. In her words, "preserving existing large-form trees and space for them in new development has never been as important as it is right now for meeting Portland's climate and equity goals."*

## Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

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### Get Involved with Portland Pruners Wednesday, 11/17/21

**7:00 - 8:00 pm, Online via Zoom**

Are you interested in pruning street trees in your neighborhood? If you are an experienced pruner, learn how to take a leadership role in organizing and leading a small group to prune young neighborhood street trees. Join PP&R Urban Forestry virtually to learn about the Portland Pruners Program, how it works, and how you can participate. [Register here.](#)



### Final Fall Yard Tree Giveaway Saturday, 11/20/21

The last of 1,800 yard trees head to their forever homes November 20th. Didn't get a yard tree this year, but interested in one? Go to the **Yard Tree Giveaway** webpage to sign up on our interest form and we will alert you if more trees are available at the end of the season.

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**Glenhaven Park Tree Planting. 12/1/21, 10 am - 1 pm.** Join friends and neighbors to plant trees at Glenhaven Park, located along 82nd Ave in the Roseway and Madison South Neighborhoods. No prior planting experience required. [Register online](#)

**Sharp Tools, Clean Cuts. 1/22/22, 9 am – 12 pm, Urban Forestry Headquarters:** Learn how to properly care for your pruning tools and keep them in shape for tree pruning season. Hand pruners and loppers take on a lot of tough cuts that can leave blades dull or chipped; bring your own or practice on some of our tools. [Register online.](#)

## In Other News

**Apply for a Partners in Conservation Grant by December 15:** East Multnomah Soil and Conservation District is offering grants from \$5,000 to \$100,000 to non-profits, local governments, educational institutions, and Native American tribes. [Learn more here.](#)

**Leave the Leaves!** Instead of removing leaves this fall, put them to work in your yard. Use your mower to mulch them for use on the lawn or rake them into your garden beds to provide winter cover for pollinators, weed suppression, and nutrients. [More from the Oregonian here.](#)

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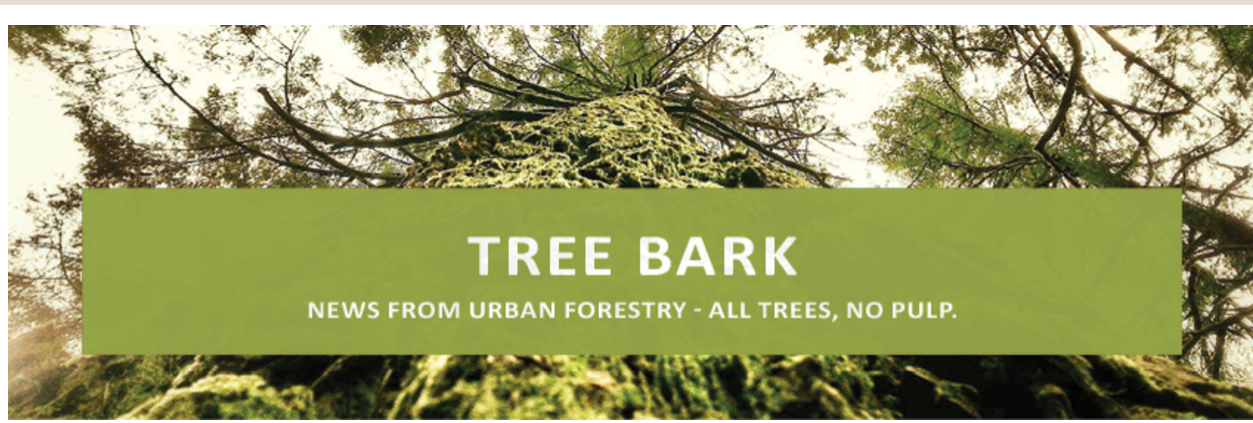
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## Naito Award Winner Highlight: Wisdom of the Elders



*Wisdom of the Elders staff and interns received a bird's eye view of canopy while participating in a field day to learn about Urban Forestry's tree care work.*

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This year, the group winner is **Wisdom of the Elders'** Wisdom Workforce Development Internship Program. Wisdom's unique training program provides a paid internship experience for Native American community members to learn job skills critical for work in the environmental sector. The program includes hands-on experiences with partner organizations, including Portland Parks & Recreation, to learn habitat restoration, tree planting and care, and more. Interns learn and apply Traditional Ecological Knowledge to their work. This holistic and specialized training program is the start of a meaningful environmental career pathway for participants. Thank you, Wisdom of the Elders!

## Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

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### Glenhaven Park Tree Planting

Saturday 12/18/21 10 AM - 1 PM

Glenhaven Park (7900 NE Siskiyou St., Portland, OR 97213)

Plant trees this December! Volunteers are needed to help plant holly oak, Oregon white oak, ponderosa pine, and more at Glenhaven Park. Planting season is the rainy season, so be sure to wear boots, raingear, and warm layers. No experience necessary. [Register](#)

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### Sharp Tools, Clean Cuts

Saturday, 1/22/22, 9 AM - Noon

East Delta Park (10910 N Denver Ave, Portland, OR 97217)

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to properly care for your pruning tools and keep them in shape for tree pruning season. Bring your own or practice on some of our tools. [Register online.](#)

## More Upcoming Events

**Tree Planting Site Prep. 1/8/22, 9 AM - Noon.** Help the [Learning Landscapes](#) program prepare a new planting site at Whitman Elementary School. Following the removal of 2,500 sq ft of asphalt by [Depave](#), the school will welcome 11 new trees in a student planting the following week. Volunteers are needed to mulch and prepare the site for planting. [Register online.](#)

**Winter Fruit Tree Pruning. 2/5/22, 10 AM - 2 PM:** Wintertime fruit tree pruning brings an entirely different set of goals and objectives than summer fruit tree pruning. Learn more about which trees need care this time of year and practice with neighbors at the Delta Park Orchard. [Register online.](#)

## Urban Forestry is Hiring!

### Applications Due December 20



*Seeking candidates with outreach, urban tree, communication, and customer service skills. Pay ranges from \$31 - \$40 hourly. Positions are full-time with great benefits!*

#### Urban Forestry Specialists (3 Positions)

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) is recruiting for three **Urban Forestry Specialists** (job class: Botanic Specialist I: Forestry). Join a growing team dedicated to supporting the planting and care of Portland's trees, with a focus on reaching Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) communities, low-income residents, and East Portland neighborhoods. These positions support the planting of thousands of trees annually in yards, parks, and along streets. They conduct outreach to communities most in need of trees, promote planting opportunities, and support continued care of trees through stewardship and education. There are three positions open, each with a specific focus area. [Learn more and apply online.](#)

#### Development Services Technician II (2 Positions)

Could you or someone you know be the next PP&R Urban Forestry Tree Technician? We're looking for someone with great skills in customer service, who thrives working as part of a team in a busy, fast-paced environment. We perform intake of tree permit applications as the Single Point of Contact for all tree-related inquiries and requests in the City of Portland, working with neighbors, development professionals, and internal customers in this office-based position. Come put to use your customer service, teamwork, and office administrative skills in service of equitably managing Portland's urban forest canopy. [Learn more and apply online.](#)

[Sign up here](#) to receive City of Portland job opening announcements. We anticipate additional Urban Forestry opportunities over the coming months.

## In Other News

**Researchers are compiling and studying effects from this summer's unprecedented heat dome.** Read more from the [Oregonian](#) and [Oregon Public Broadcasting](#). The Oregon Department of Forestry is also seeking help reporting heat and drought damage to trees, which can be reported via this [online survey](#).

**Tree Equity is in the Build Back Better Act.** \$30 billion in federal funding is proposed for forestry funding in the Build Back Better Act, including \$2.5 billion specifically for tree equity. Learn more about [tree equity in the act here](#), and how additional funds could [help cities prepare for climate change](#).

**Climate Change May Cause Leaves to Fall Earlier.** Research is finding that global warming and hotter temperatures lead to an earlier spring, and subsequently, an [earlier fall leaf drop](#).

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