



Tree Bark Newsletter

April 27, 2023

City of Portland is Seeking Proposals for Tree Planting and Establishment



Portland Parks & Recreation and the Bureau of Environmental Services are seeking proposals for tree planting in public rights-of-way, on city property, and on private property. The goals of this collaborative effort is to utilize a diverse pool of qualified contractors to plant and establish trees. Successful contractors will provide tree procurement, delivery, installation, and establishment services for both bureaus.

Interested? Register as a vendor in [BuySpeed](#) for details and to submit your proposal. Click 'Open Bids' or search for [Bid Number 00002058](#). Learn more at an optional pre-proposal meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 12:00 pm via Zoom. The meeting will be available in both English and Spanish. Details are available in the [Request for Proposals](#). Proposals are due May 15, 2023.

Congratulations to UF Volunteer, Gregg Everhart!



Congratulations to long-time Urban Forestry volunteer, Gregg Everhart, for receiving the State of Oregon's Heritage Tree Hero Award! The [Oregon Travel Information Council's Heritage Tree Hero Award](#) recognizes people who contribute to their local communities, raising awareness, support, and appreciation for Heritage Trees.

[Learn More about Gregg Everhart](#)

Upcoming Events



Tree Walk at Knott Park
Saturday, 04/29/2023, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Knott Park ([NE 117th Avenue and, NE Knott St, Portland, OR 97220](#))

Join us on a leisurely tree walk around Knott Park. This event is a great opportunity to practice tree identification skills and to learn some neat facts about trees of the park. Stick around afterwards for some light refreshments

and learn more about the [Heritage Tree Program](#). Be sure to bring water, a hat, and comfortable walking shoes. We will see you there! Learn more about this event and [register online](#).



Tree Walk at Columbia Park
Saturday, 05/13/2023, 10:00 am – 11:30 am
Columbia Park ([4339 N Lombard St, Portland, OR 97203](#))

Join us on a leisurely tree walk around Columbia Park. This event is a great opportunity to practice tree identification skills and to learn some neat facts about trees of the park. Be sure to bring water, a hat, and comfortable walking shoes. We will see you

there! Learn more about this event and [register online](#).



Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Webinar
Tuesday, 05/23/2023, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

The emerald ash borer (EAB) is an invasive insect pest. EAB larvae damage ash trees (*Fraxinus* spp.) through their feeding activity. EAB was detected in Forest Grove, Oregon in June of 2023. Join Urban Forestry staff at this online webinar to learn about what you can do to help minimize EAB's damage to Portland's ash tree population. [Learn more and register](#).

Photo by Leah Bauer, USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station, Bugwood.org.

Meet Some of Our Favorite Heritage Trees



Since we already discussed Heritage trees in the first headline, we thought it'd be a good idea to introduce to you a few of our favorites from around the city. The ones on this short list are in public spaces or easy to view from the sidewalk in private yards, so stop by to admire their beauty.

First Things First

Portland's First Designated Heritage Tree. Located at 1111 SW 10th Street, this beauty is an American Elm (*Ulmus americana*) with a lot of history. It was first planted by the Burrell family in 1870 when Portland only existed on the west side of the Willamette River. While the neighborhood has changed a lot, the tree remains a strong reminder of simpler time in

Portland. You can learn more about its history in the [From Stumptown to Tree Town](#) book written by local environmental Historian Dave Hedberg.

[Read More](#)

In Other News

Let's get out in nature! PP&R's City Nature East team, The Nature Conservancy, and Friends of Mt. Tabor Park are joining forces for the annual City Nature Challenge. This Bio Blitz event is an international challenge for cities to compete to catalog the most wildlife and plants as possible within a four-day period. Learn more and [register](#) to be a part of this fun challenge.

Celebrate the nation's Arbor Day by appreciating climate-forward trees. As the world heats up, trees will play a vital role in mitigating some of the effects of increased heat. But not all trees will be able to tolerate the change. Even iconic state trees might not be best suited to their environments in the next coming decades. [Read more](#) about which state trees will be vulnerable and what you can do.

A wave of funding for tree planting is coming to municipalities across the country. Through the Inflation Reduction Act, 1.5 billion dollars will be allocated to cities over the next 10 years to plant trees in underserved communities across the country. [Read more](#) to see how a couple of cities are already preparing for this historic moment.

Methuselah, the world's oldest tree is in danger of losing its crown. Researchers in Chile believe they have found the true world's oldest tree, called the Great Grandfather. Along with a regime change of the oldest living tree, this *Fitzroya cupressoides* offers a look into the region's climatic history. [Learn more](#) about the possibly 5,000-year-old tree.

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