

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

AGENDA

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING

March 6, 2023

4:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chamber

VIA ZOOM/IN PERSON

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Approval of February 6, 2023 Beautification Committee Minutes
5. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATION
 - A. Racheal Carter
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Stop The Drop/Second Saturday Monthly Cleanup
 - B. Kelly Triangle
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A. Newsletter BC Article
 - B. Community Outreach
 - C. Tree Grant Application
 - D. Pressure Washing
8. Next Meeting: March 20, 2023
Items for next meeting:
9. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting conducted Via ZOOM

Prepared by/
Nubia Sanchez
Executive Assistant

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MINUTES

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February 6, 2023

VIA ZOOM/IN PERSON

PRESIDING: Adam Rahmlow

MEMBERS PRESENT: Connie Krummrich, Debi Ferrer, John Nelson

ABSENT: Kelsey Alsheimer, Janet Kavanagh

Staff Liaison: Nubia Sanchez, Executive Assistant to City Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Rahmlow called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Nubia Sanchez conducted roll call; Rahmlow, Nelson, Krummrich, Ferrer present; Kavanagh, Alsheimer absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Rahmlow and seconded by Krummrich to approve the agenda. The motion carried 4 to 0; Nelson, Krummrich, Rahmlow, Ferrer, voting in favor; none opposed; Alsheimer, Kavanagh absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Nelson and seconded by Ferrer to approve the minutes of the February 6th 2023 Regular Beautification Committee Meeting as presented. The motion carried 4 to 0; Nelson, Krummrich, Ferrer, Rahmlow voting in favor; none opposed; Alsheimer, Kavanagh absent.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Outreach-Grant Application

Ferrer reported that there was no new updates since she had not had time to connect with Kavanagh to work on the application with the updates from the last meeting focusing on trees.

Ferrer said she would contact nurseries for prices and verify for decent size trees. Along with the watering bags and pipes. This could be an option for the committee to offer the supplies and have a professional the day trees are handed out to give information.

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Stop The Drop/All Together The Dalles Monthly Cleanup

Krummrich reported that two elementary classes were learning the song and will perform at assemblies. There might be a possibility of having those classes come to a committee meeting or a city council meeting.

Krummrich met with Rachel last week to create list for monthly cleanup. She also let the group know that she will be stepping down at the end of June. Krummrich will continue to be the official representative at the cleanups. She wants to make sure someone takes over once she steps down.

Sanchez suggested doing a sign-up sheet so everyone can take turns and it does not land on one single person.

Kelly Triangle

No new updates. Rahmlow will take over this project since Prince is no longer in the committee. Rahmlow will connect with Robert in hopes of having something to present at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Newsletter-BC Article

Sanchez suggested that the beautification committee write an article for the quarterly city newsletter.

The committee came up with the following topics: Stop the Drop, Monthly Cleanups, Welcome Sign, Kelly Triangle, and recruitment.

Deadline is the first week of March.

Beautification Budget Planning

Sanchez presented a spreadsheet with what has been spent, what has been allocated to be spent and the reminding of the budget to be spent by June 30.

Krummrich mentioned that the reminding funds should be used to buy more trees but that the committee should have a backup plan. Rahmlow said he would not mind spending \$2,000 more on trees if there was more applications.

Nelson said that they should buy the hardware for the trees, meaning the watering bags and PBC pipes. Those are items that the committee could buy to spend the reminding funds.

Ferrer would like to have application done by February. Have people submit application in March and award the first week in April.

Trees

Ferrer said she would work on rewriting grant application.

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Beautification committee agreed in buying trees instead of giving funds. With information on how to make a tree successful along with planting instructions.

Krummrich mentioned that there was a sub-committee for trees. The sub-committee consisted of Ferrer and Rahmlow. It was suggested that Kavanagh might be interested in joining.

Ferrer talked about Bill 3016 that would help with funding regarding trees. She will send link to the group.

Next Meeting Day

Sanchez brought it to the attention of the group that the next meeting falls on a holiday. Asked the group if they wanted to pick a date to meet in February or just meet in March.

The group decided that a work session would be best. The beautification committee will meet February 22nd at 10am in the upstairs conference room. The following meeting will be March 6th.

Next Meeting: March 6, 2023 at 4pm

Items for next meeting:

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51pm.

Prepared by/
Nubia Sanchez
Executive Assistant

SIGNED: _____

Adam Rahmlow, Chair

ATTEST: _____

Nubia Sanchez, Executive Assistant

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SECOND SATURDAY CLEAN UPS....REPORT FOR March 6th 2023 BEAUTIFICATION COMM. MEETING

MY TAKE-AWAY FROM THE FEBRUARY 6TH MEETING IS THAT THE COMMITTEE WANTS TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS CO-HOSTS AT THE CLEAN UPS FOLLOWING MY DEPARTURE FROM THE BC IN JUNE. IN ADDITION TO ATTENDING THE CLEAN UPS, I ALSO OFFERED THE FOLLOWING FORMS OF SUPPORT:

SCOUT TOWN FOR AREAS MOST IN NEED OF CLEAN UP AND KEEP TRACK OF WHICH STREETS ARE TARGETTED

REGULARLY ATTEND THE CLEAN UPS MARCH THROUGH NOVEMBER AND TRACK GUEST HOSTS AND NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE

SEND THANK YOU NOTES TO GUEST HOSTS

2 WEEKS OR SO PRIOR TO A SCHEDULED CLEAN UP, CONTACT THE UPCOMING GUEST HOST(S) TO REMIND THEM OF THE UPCOMING CLEAN UP

CONNECT WITH RACHEL CARTER...COLUMBIA GORGE TOYOTA HONDA/ANCHOR SPONSOR OF THE CLEAN UPS... TO SET UP THE CALENDAR OF GUEST HOSTS FOR THE YEAR. HELP ACQUIRE GUEST HOSTS AND PROBLEM SOLVE AS NEEDED. RACHEL HOUSES THE VESTS, BAGS, GLOVES, AND LITTER GRABBERS AT THE DEALERSHIP AND BRINGS EVERYTHING TO THE EVENTS. CONTACT FOR RACHEL: 208.757.3632

ACQUIRE TRASH BAGS FROM ODOT-- CONTACT: DANIEL LOPEZ 541.980.2215

ACQUIRE RECYCLED GRAIN BAGS FROM FREEBRIDGE BREWERY OWNER STEVE IS AWARE OF OUR EFFORTS AND VERY SUPPORTIVE AND WILL WORK OUT A PLAN FOR DAY OF WEEK TO PICK UP THE BAGS

OCCASIONAL RADIO INTERVIEWS AND PROMOTION OF EVENTS CONTACT: RANDY HAINES/KACI 541.993.3198

PUT UP PROMOTIONAL FLYERS AROUND TOWN

SUBMITTED BY CONNIE KRUMMRICH

Nubia Sanchez

From: krumson@centurylink.net
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 3:23 PM
To: debiferrer@gmail.com; 'Adam Rahmlow'; Nubia Sanchez; 'John Nelson'
Subject: FW: use of Thompson Park

WARNING: Email from external source. Links and attachments could pose security risks. Investigate sender and think before you click.

Hey BC.....See below for confirmation that the BC can use Thompson Park.

I am thinking I don't have Janet's contact info...

From: Scott Baker <scottb@nwprd.org>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 8:56 AM
To: krumson@centurylink.net
Subject: Re: use of Thompson Park

Good morning Connie,

The beautification committee is welcome to use Thompson Park as the tree giveaway site on either April 22nd or 29th. Please let me know the approximate hours and the date once finalized.

Cheers,
Scott Baker

On Mon, Feb 27, 2023 at 8:10 AM <krumson@centurylink.net> wrote:

Good morning, Scott...

The City Beautification Committee is planning a Tree Giveaway....promoting planting of trees in residential neighborhoods.

Some people will have pre-ordered selected trees; others can get trees, first-come, first-served. We don't expect a huge crowd.

We are looking at April 29th....possibly April 22nd in the afternoon.

Is it possible for us to use Thompson Park as the site of the give-away?

We thought of the Park because of the large parking lot, easy access.

Please let me know if you have any questions and we can talk it over.

Thank you very much.

Connie Krummrich

Member, City Beau. Comm.

1. Who We Are - first project/welcome sign pitch (Debbie)
2. Beautification award (Connie)
3. Stop-the Drop (Connie)
4. wind-sculptures - (John)
 1. trevit
 2. post office
5. Kelly ave structure (Adam) Picture or rendering?
6. Welcome Signs (John)
7. Trees (Debbie)
8. Conclusion and recruitment (Debbie)

The Dalles Beautification Committee

The City of The Dalles Beautification Committee was established in 2019 by Mayor, Rich Mays. The Committee consists of seven to nine members, that are appointed by the Mayor.

The mission of the Beautification Committee is “To add to the rich cultural history of our place; share the beauty of our community; and instill a sense of pride in our public, private, and communal outdoor spaces.”

Following are some of the projects the Committee has been working on.

BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

The popular Beautification Award project resumes in April and runs through October.

Look for the Award sign at residences being honored for the beauty they bring to our community. This effort to build community spirit, a joint effort of the Beautification Committee and Columbia Gorge Real Estate, has been running since Fall of 2020. Contact Nubia Sanchez _____ if you would like to nominate a residence for the Award.



STOP THE DROP

Anti-littering education is underway at the 3 elementary schools in District 21, where selected groups of students will be performing a song and ski at a schoolwide assemblies this Spring. This Stop The Drop Campaign hopes to empower students and their families to take action, care for the Earth and our community, and build civic pride.



SECOND SATURDAY CLEAN UPS

Mark your calendars for the second Saturdays of March-November when citizens will once again gather at 10:00 at Thompson Park to disperse to designated areas of town and pick up litter. Since October 2020 there have been 20 Second Saturday Clean Ups. 455 people have turned out for the events and 21 organizations have served as Guest Hosts. The City of The Dalles Beautification Committee is a Co-Host. Special thanks goes to Anchor Sponsor Columbia Gorge Toyota and Honda. Everyone is welcome!! Contact Rachel Carter for more information: 208.757.3632

(Note: The flyer for these events may be available for inclusion in the newsletter)

Urban Tree Project

The Beautification Committee has been interested in increasing our community's tree canopy for several years, due to the many benefits that a healthy urban forest provides. Trees certainly make our neighborhoods more beautiful, but they also increase property value of our homes, and enhance economic vitality in business districts. On hot summer days, trees provide essential shade, cooling our yards and buildings, and saving energy. Trees improve soil, air, and water quality, and can also improve our quality of life: they boost our mental and physical health, and provide homes to wildlife we value.

Because of the many benefits of trees, The Beautification Committee is working with city staff to....

If you would like to get involved with the Beautification Committee, join us for one of our meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, at 5:30 pm (except for

holidays). All meetings are available to attend via Zoom. The login information is on each agenda, which can be found here - https://www.thedalles.org/government/boards_commissions_committees.php

Interested in joining the Beautification Committee, or another city committee, here is the application form - <https://thedallesor.rja.revize.com/forms/2963>

The City of The Dalles Beautification Committee has been installing Sculptural Elements in various traffic triangles in the city as part of an effort to bring art works into our everyday world for people to enjoy and take pleasure in. I went on a walk to the dock in The Dalles and on the way took pictures and videos of the wind sculptures that have recently popped up in traffic islands and down by the dock. This represents only some of the



work of the City of The Dalles Beautification Committee; whose mission in part is to help make our city a more beautiful place to live.

Top picture taken at Trevitt and West 6th St.

Next picture take at Montira's on 2nd Street

Bottom pictures taken at the Dock.





City Welcome Signs

Ever since the inception of the City's Beautification Committee four years ago, a project near and dear to us all was to design, build and find ideal places to erect new Welcome signs to the City. This year the project will be completed. Because of the diligent work of the committee members and the collaboration with the Public Works Department and many others along the way we will be installing and lighting two signs, one at either end of the city. On the east side a sign will be located just east of the traffic circle and on the west side there will be a sign located on River Road near the intersection with West Sixth St.

January 25, 2021

The Dalles Downtown Sidewalk Pressure Washing Project

Brief History: In 2019 and 2020, as a concerned citizen and member of the Beautification Committee, I have been involved in Group and individual litter pick ups, weed pulling and broom sweeping along the sidewalks and business fronts in the down town corridor. It was during those activities I began noting the appearance of the sidewalks and the need for cleaner sidewalks.

BENEFITS of the project.

- * Provide a cleaner community appearance to our town and for our community.
- * To feel and exhibit a sense of pride for locals, residences, businesses, and tourists.
- * Give the downtown a “fresh look”.
- * Help people feel good about their town.
- * The City of The Dalles has striven to beautify the downtown area over the years.
- * Make the downtown are SHINE. Help make the area for pedestrian’s “pop” and make it look cleaner.
- * Benefits our businesses. WELCOMING. First impression’s got a long ways. Let’s help our businesses.
- * Over the years there have been an increasingly number of empty buildings. Many are run down looking. COVID has lead to more closures.
- * Let’s help to inspire our businesses and community. Provide an incentive.
- * Removing debris from the sidewalks and storefronts with professional pressure washing will provide the downtown businesses a clean/polished look as well as increasing safety and enhancing the overall feeling of security in our downtown area.

2020

In June, I began studying more in depth the appearance of the sidewalks in the downtown corridor.

I began to research the idea of side walk pressure washing in different cities nation wide.

In October, I contacted and met with 2 companies in the gorge who provide pressure washing.

John Frazier, Stamp the Earth, Husum WA 541-716-1094

Levi Howden, Columbia Gorge Property Management, The Dalles OR 541-993-3482.

I met with them both separately as we walked and studied the downtown sidewalks. In addition, I’ve had several conversations to help me understand what is involved in the pressure washing process, logistics, staffing and costs. We discussed what sidewalks to include in the job as a starting point.

I’ve had ongoing conversations with Dave Anderson with public works regarding the project, the logistics, concerns, the need to work with and coordinate with the businesses and property owners if the project moves on.

The city has a 320 gallon water tank the contractors could use. In addition, the city would setup traffic safety alert boards.

He shared as for as his knowledge, the sidewalks have never been pressured washed.

Both companies have presented me with cost estimates, their strategy, summary of costs.

Time of the year to have it done: SPRING 2021.

In November, I presented my findings to the Beautification Committee in November which Julie Krueger, City Manager, attended.

She suggested I talk with Dave Anderson to discuss if the city had staff, equipment or other means to provide the pressure washing.

In addition, she asked me to speak with Main Street staff to discuss the project and if they would like to possibly partner with the city to provide the service.

In December, I spoke with Dave Anderson about Julie's request. He in turned spoke to Julie. Dave reported back to me the city does not have the staff, time, or equipment provide the DIRECT service.

In January, I spoke with both Don Warren and Sarah Wall of Main Street. We discussed the project. They both support the project, the importance and benefits to our downtown corridor and for the businesses. They are very interested in partnering with the city both financially and in other ways.

They would like to move forward with talking with Julie Krueger about possibilities. In the meantime, Sarah will begin looking at grant availability(s).

I've provided Julie a brief update per email.

I've reconnected with both contractors, John Frazier, Stamp the Earth, and Levi Howden, Columbia Gorge Property Maintenance, to provide him an update.

Current Request:

I'm introducing this spring 2021 project to the City Council as part of the Beautification Committee to see if the City of The Dalles would consider to take on this project with the possible partnering with Main Street.

I am prepared to answer any of your questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Judy Merrill
400 West 11th St. The Dalles, OR. 97058
541-980-5038

BEAUTIFICATION AWARD -- HISTORY OF RECIPIENTS

AUGUST 2020 -- - 317 W-. 12TH STEPHEN AND VANDE WEGNER

SEPTEMBER 2020 -- 902 E. 11TH JIM AND KIM SMITH

910 E. 11TH LINDA AND GARY HANSON

914 E. 11TH MIKE AND CARLEDA TINKLER

OCTOBER 2020 --- 419 E. 10TH JULIE AND HARLEY NEWLAND

DECEMBER 2020 --- ???

APRIL 2021 --- 605 LIBERTY ??

MAY/JUNE 2021 --- 2401 MT. HOOD ST. LYNN LONG

JULY 2021 --- 508 W. 12TH KEVIN AND JULIE RYAN

AUGUST 2021 --- 622 E. 13TH JEAN AND RON KIKEL

SEPTEMBER 2021 --- 513 E. 12TH MARIA MERINO

OCTOBER 2021 --- 1407 E. 11TH SHAWN AND CASEY MCCLEARY

DECEMBER 2021 --- ???

APRIL 2022 --- 1804 OAKWOOD MELVIN SPARKS

MAY 2022 --- 811 TREVITT CARMEN AND HAROLD EGBERT

JUNE 2022 --- 820 W. 12TH CAROL AND LYNN MILLER

JULY 2022 --- 1212 THOMPSON MARIA AND JOSE FLORES

AUGUST 2022 --- 909 UNION THERESA DWYER

SEPTEMBER 2022 --- 1628 W. 13TH JILL AND DAN DUROW

OCTOBER 2022 --- 1527 E. 9TH SHARON AND KEVIN CHRISMAN

***NO AWARD GIVEN THIS DECEMBER**

SUBMITTED BY CONNIE K. 3/6/2-23



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SPRING EDITION | MARCH 2022



Growing an urban forest in our imaginations

A few weeks ago, I watched a presentation by Dr. Cecil Konijnendijk (Dr. K), an urban forestry researcher and cofounder of the [Nature-Based Solutions Institute](#) (NBSI). Dr. K has long explored the connection between urban forestry and human health. Some of you may remember his keynote presentation at the 2018 Annual Oregon Urban and Community Forestry Conference.

Many of you may also be aware of the urban tree species target goals proposed over 30 years ago and revised over the years since. There have also been proposed – and modified – canopy cover goals for cities. Recently Dr. K and his colleagues at NBSI have proposed the “3-30-300” rule – three target goals aimed at improving tree canopy **and** human well-being in cities. Here’s how it works: Every person, when looking out the window(s) of their homes, should be able to view **three** mature trees. **Thirty** percent is an aspirational *neighborhood* canopy cover goal that many cities and residents, especially in temperate climates, can work towards. In the future, every urban resident should be within **300** meters (328 yards) of a park or greenspace. From the NBSI website: *“This rule focuses on the crucial contributions of urban forests and other urban nature to our health and wellbeing, as well as climate change adaptation. It also recognizes that we have to consider many different aspects of the urban forest to be successful. It also addresses the need for urban forests to percolate into our living, working, and living environments. At the same time, it is straightforward to implement and monitor – and easy to remember.”* As your city continues to develop in its management of its urban trees, this seems like great guidance to keep in mind.

Another concept described by Dr. K is the need to “grow” urban forests in people’s minds. I am frequently amazed by how few people notice individual trees. Many people may be aware of the feel of a treed street and appreciate a shady park on a summer day, but relatively few know the names of trees or notice the condition of the trees around them. Many city residents may need help to picture, embrace, and advocate for the benefits that healthy urban forests will bring to their lives, especially in marginalized city communities – a great argument for strengthening and empowering tree and urban forestry promotional efforts by your city’s tree board or advisory committee. Easy access to a healthy urban canopy should be available for all city residents. But first, people need to imagine how to creatively incorporate, conserve, and care for trees in cities in innovative ways – to improve their lives and to respond to and combat the assaults of climate change.

In this issue of *Community Tree Connections*, we are celebrating Oregon cities’ efforts to manage their city trees. We know it is not always easy. We know there are trade-offs. Kudos to all of Oregon’s Tree City USAs, Tree Campuses Higher Education, and our lone Tree Line USA – and all the cities, campuses, and utilities that will soon be applying for these recognitions – in all you do to keep our urban forests healthy. April is Oregon’s Arbor Month – we hope all of you will “grow” urban forests in your imaginations (and help others to do so), count the number of trees out your window, and take a walk in a nearby leafy park. And, if you can, plant and care for at least one tree.

– Kristin Ramstad
Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program Manager

OREGON ARBOR MONTH



Calendar

March 9, 10 a.m. PDT

Building Workforce Equity and Community Capacity through Pre-Apprenticeship Programs. Free.

[Urban Forest Connections](#)

March 18, 8:30 a.m. PDT

ANSI A300 Part I: Pruning (the industry standards for tree care practices)

PNW-ISA Arbor Chat. Free, PNW-ISA Chapter members. \$20-25, non-members.

Live broadcast, [register](#).

Recorded webinar, [register](#).

March 29, 2:30 p.m. PDT

Oregon TreePlotter™ Inventory (TPI) Monthly Discussion Group ODF UCF Assistance Program

[Register](#)

April 1-30

Oregon Arbor Month

See article in this newsletter.

April 15, 8:30 a.m. PDT

ANSI A300 Part 6: Planting & Transplanting (the industry standards for tree care practices)

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April 15

Partners in Community Forestry Conference presentation proposal deadline

[More information](#)

April 19, noon CT

Enhancing the performance of urban stormwater management schemes with tree selection:

developing a new approach to accessing waterlogging tolerance of temperate trees TREE Fund Webinars. Free.

Registration becomes available on [website](#) one month before webinar.

April 26, 2:30 p.m. PDT

Oregon TreePlotter™ Inventory (TPI) Monthly Discussion Group ODF UCF Assistance Program

[Register](#)

April 29

National Arbor Day –

[Celebrating 150th anniversary](#).

April 30

Deadline for small Oregon cities to contact us on their interest to participate in an Invasive species preparedness project. See the article in this newsletter.

April 30

Deadline to contact us on your interest to attend a regional training session on tree

Governor proclaims Oregon Arbor Month

For the second year in a row, Governor Kate Brown has proclaimed April as Oregon Arbor Month. The recognition and Governor's proclamation of Oregon Arbor Month is relatively new. Given the growing interest of cities in becoming designated as Tree City USAs, which requires the observance of a local Arbor Day, and the recognition of the different optimal planting times in western and eastern Oregon, it makes sense to designate a whole month to appreciating, caring for, and planting trees. [View the Governor's proclamation of Oregon Arbor Month.](#)

Ways to celebrate Arbor Day locally

Did you know that 2022 marks the 150th anniversary of national Arbor Day? National Arbor Day is designated on the last Friday of April, but your town can celebrate it at any time. Arbor Day - or Month - can be observed in as many ways as there are reasons why to celebrate our trees! Are you looking for inspiration? Look no more! Here are suggestions and resources (all from the Arbor Day Foundation) to make your celebration fun, memorable, and successful.

- Hold an Arbor Day ceremony and honor the good stewards in your community.
- Organize a Big Tree or Oldest Tree search within your community.
- Plant a tree.
- Host a reception to honor the Tree Board members in your community.
- Write a story, produce a play, or present a skit about trees.
- Choose a public park or downtown area to clean up.
- Read a book about trees.
- Hold an Arbor Day Birthday Party (150th in 2022!) for the community.
- Sponsor a craft show featuring exhibitors who engage in crafts with natural materials.
- Schedule classes on tree pruning, tree selection, tree identification, and tree planting.
- Hold a Read-In at the library.
- Host a concert where songs about trees or song titles that have tree names are played.
- Sponsor a poster contest, poetry contest or tree trivia contest.
- Organize a tree identification hike.
- Volunteer with a local tree-planting organization.
- Encourage neighborhood organizations to hold Arbor Day block parties.

identification or using TreePlotter™ software. See the article in this newsletter.

April 30

Application portals close until Sept. 2022 - Arbor Day Foundation recognition programs (Tree City/Campus/Utility)

May 5, 8:30 am PDT

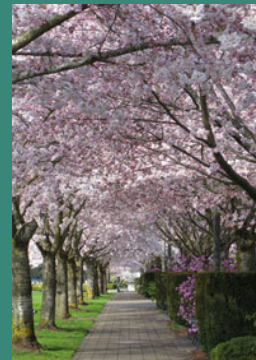
ANSI A300 Part 9: Tree Risk Assessment (the industry standards for tree care practices)
PNW-ISA Arbor Chat. Free, PNW-ISA Chapter members. \$20-25, non-members.
Live broadcast, [register](#).
Recorded webinar, [register](#).

May 24, 2:30 p.m. PDT

Oregon TreePlotter™ Inventory (TPI) Monthly Discussion Group ODF UCF Assistance Program
[Register](#)

Nov. 16-17

Partners in Community Forestry Conference
[Register](#)



You will find an official proclamation, coloring pages, music, customizable yard signs and banners, and more on [Celebration Materials at arborday.org](#).

Tree-related activities for K-12 and the young at heart are found on [Educational Resources at arborday.org](#).

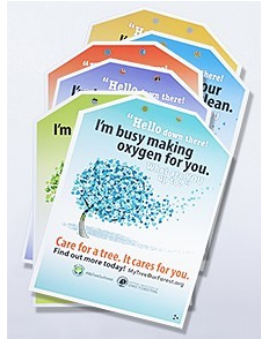
Discover tools to organize the planning of an event on [Event Planning Materials at arborday.org](#).

Share your Arbor Day Plans

The Arbor Day Foundation is compiling a list of Arbor Day events across the nation, and they want to include yours! Arbor Day celebrations will be highlighted on the virtual map at [arborday.org/celebrate](#). To submit your event, go to [arborday.org/celebrate](#) and select the "ADD YOUR EVENT" button directly below the map of events. Complete and submit your event details for your celebration to be included on the interactive map. Please make sure you have all the information necessary to complete your submission, as core details are required to submit the form.

Storymaps to be refreshed in time for Oregon Arbor Month

The ODF storymaps, [Celebrating Oregon's Tree City USA Communities](#) and the [Hiroshima Peace Trees in Oregon](#) are being revised, thanks to many of you who answered our call for updated information. Our goal is to have our work completed to help Oregonians celebrate Oregon Arbor Month, April 1-30, 2022!



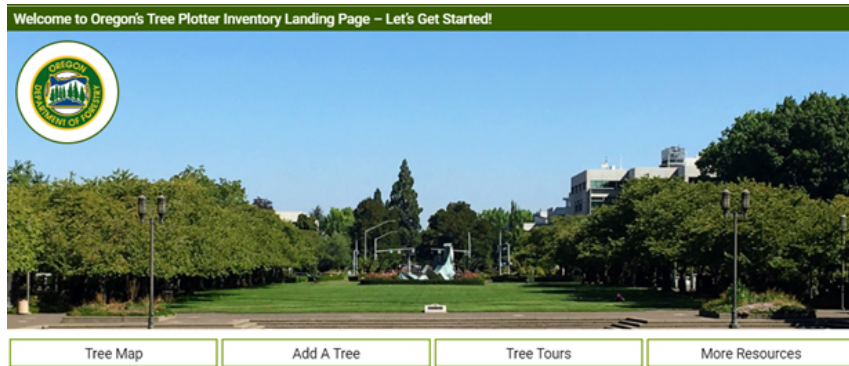
Spread the word about the benefits your city's trees provide

Free to Oregon cities, schools, and non-profit organizations! Contact us to receive THREE tree care tags from our limited supply. Each tag educates people on the ways that trees make oxygen, keep drinking

water clean, save money, make city life fun, and keep streets safe. Tags will be chosen randomly. Perfect for school and local community campaigns! The 10"x14" tags are drilled with two holes for easy hanging, printed on weatherproof material, and recyclable.

[Email us today to receive three FREE tree tags!](#) Please include in your email, the Oregon city, school, or non-profit that will be receiving the tags, how the tags will be used, and the mailing address (with a C/O).

OREGON TREEPLOTTER™ INVENTORY



As our state and country "open up" again after two long years, why not get started on an inventory of your city's trees? If you have questions about your town getting started accessing free tree inventory software, TreePlotter™ Inventory, through ODF-UCF please [contact us](#) directly. We also appreciate the willingness of cities that already have tree inventories to share their tree inventory data with us to build the statewide urban forestry database. Please get in touch if you would like to share yours with us.

Attention small Oregon cities near Oregon borders or coastal ports

Are you interested in your city participating in an invasive species preparedness project? At no or low cost to the city, the project will involve the hiring of tree data collectors to gather data on specific tree species and genera in public areas. Selected cities will receive at the end of the project the mapped tree inventory and an invasive species preparedness plan. [Contact us](#) before April 30 to let us know of your interest to participate in this project.

Are you interested in a regional training session?

Some cities have told us that they haven't started a tree inventory because they don't have good enough tree identification skills. As pandemic restrictions ease, we are considering offering REGIONAL training sessions on how to identify trees and use the TreePlotter™ software. To help us plan, we need to know what the level of interest is across the state. [Contact us](#) before April 30 to let us know of your interest to attend or have someone attend a training. ODF UCF staff are anxious to get out into the field and work with you in person again.

FOCUS ON TREE CITY USA – TREE LINE USA – TREE CAMPUS HIGHER EDUCATION



Important news from the Arbor Day Foundation regarding 2022 applications

As Covid restrictions are lifted nationwide, the Arbor Day Foundation is returning to its usual requirements for proclaiming and celebrating Arbor Day. In the calendar year 2022, an Arbor Day observance and proclamation (Standard 4) **is required** to earn or maintain recognition status in the Tree City USA Program. Tree Campuses-Higher Education are required to hold, and Tree Line USAs are required to sponsor or participate in

observances. Local proclamations and celebrations can occur anytime during 2022, but Oregon Arbor Month is a great time to consider holding a tree-related event!

There are many ways to meet the celebration requirement of Standard 4, including

- An in-person Arbor Day gathering (e.g., community tree planting or festival)
- A virtual Arbor Day event (e.g., webinar or livestreamed tree planting)
- An Arbor Day social media post or campaign
- An Arbor Day mail outreach (e.g., A Right Tree, Right Place educational flier)
- An Arbor Day containerized tree distribution
- Direct, in-person Arbor Day outreach or training (e.g., workshops educating community members about their community trees)

Drum roll please!

It is official! We are *thrilled* to announce that **69** Oregon communities have achieved 2021 [Tree City USA](#) recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation (see table below). Does your city participate? A special shout-out to the **City of Reedsport!** It is a Tree City USA once again after a long hiatus. Welcome back!

Cheers to the **20** Tree City USA communities that achieved a [Tree City USA Growth Award!](#) These cities accomplished tree care and community engagement activities that help build sustainable urban & community forestry programs. Hip-Hip Hooray! for the City of La Grande for for being one of a tiny handful of cities in the USA recognized as a "Triple Sterling" Community -- having received Growth Awards for 30 out of the 31 years of the Growth Award Program. We applaud the **Cities of Aumsville, Bandon, Central Point, Hillsboro, and Newport** for receiving their 1st Growth Award! Cities that achieve at least 10 Growth Awards over the years gain *Sterling* Tree City USA status. Highlighted in silver-grey in the table below are Oregon's **12 Sterling** Tree Cities.

Eight Oregon colleges and universities achieved [Tree Campus Higher Education](#) status in 2021. A special shout-out to **Central Oregon Community College** for its first year being recognized! It joins Corban University, Eastern Oregon University, Oregon State University, Portland Community College, Portland State University, Southern Oregon University, and Western Oregon University as Oregon's Higher Education Tree Campuses! Does your college or university campus participate?

We send a special congratulations to PacifiCorp – aka Pacific Power – for reaching their 20th year of participation in the [Tree Line USA](#) Program! Does your utility participate?

To all the staff and volunteers of Oregon's Tree City USAs, Tree Campuses, and Tree Line USAs - We applaud all the work you do to support healthy Oregon urban and community forests. On behalf of all Oregonians, thank you!

CITY	2021	Growth Award	CITY	2021	Growth Award	CITY	2021	Growth Award
Sterling TCUSA highlighted in GREY	Tree City USA # Years Recvd Special Achievement Year in BOLD	# Years Recvd 2021 Recipients in BOLD	Sterling TCUSA highlighted in GREY	Tree City USA # Years Recvd Special Achievement Year in BOLD	# Years Recvd 2021 Recipients in BOLD	Sterling TCUSA highlighted in GREY	Tree City USA # Years Recvd Special Achievement Year in BOLD	# Years Recvd 2021 Recipients in BOLD
Albany	28	4	Forest Grove	32	8	Reedsport	18	
Ashland	37	3	Gervais	15		Rivergrove	5	
Aumsville	5	1	Grants Pass	34	11	Rogue River	39	3
Baker City	37	4	Gresham	14	1	Roseburg	6	
Bandon	13	1	Happy Valley	18		Salem	46	16
Banks	16	1	Hillsboro	4	1	Sandy	17	
Beaverton	28	18	Independence	10		Seaside	24	2
Bend	19		Klamath Falls	19	1	Sherwood	17	2
Brownsville	16		La Grande	32	30	Silverton	3	
Cannon Beach	14	1	Lake Oswego	33	5	Sisters	15	7
Central Point	9	1	Lebanon	20	11	Stanfield	8	
Coburg	24		Lincoln City	14	1	Sunriver Owners Assc.	42	4
Coos Bay	28		Madras	29	6	Sweet Home	35	9
Corvallis	21	13	McMinnville	25		Talent	22	3
Cottage Grove	28	5	Medford	26	20	Tigard	21	5
Creswell	12		Milwaukie	6	3	Tillamook	35	
Dallas	14		Monmouth	20	1	Toledo	28	
Donald	2		Newport	10	1	Troutdale	22	
Eagle Point	30	5	Oregon City	10	3	Tuolumne	35	13
Echo	33	19	Pendleton	5		Umatilla	4	
Eugene	43	17	Philomath	28	2	Veneta	13	
Falls City	6		Portland	45	25	West Linn	29	3
Florence	3		Redmond	17	2	Wilsonville	24	12

Oregon's 69 Tree City USA communities for 2021.

Congratulations to the City of Cottage Grove! 2022 Oregon Tree City of the Year



City of Cottage Grove leaders, staff, and volunteers planting a tree for Arbor Day and celebrating being a Tree City USA.

Each year, to celebrate the state's urban & community forests and the cities that manage them, the staff from the ODF Urban & Community Forestry Assistance Program and the Oregon Community Trees board of directors select a Tree City USA community to receive the Oregon Tree City of the Year award. Recipient cities of this annual award have shown leadership in the continued development of urban forestry management. This year's recipient is the City of Cottage Grove, pop. of 10,792.

The City is receiving this award because in the 28 years that it has been recognized nationally as a Tree City USA, it has demonstrated a desire to grow a healthy urban forest, improving the livability and quality of life for its citizens and future

generations. Eric Mongan, City Planner puts it this way, "Being a Tree City USA recognized community has changed our way of thinking about our urban forest. From adopting an approved street tree list to holding annual Arbor Day celebrations, Tree City USA status has raised local awareness of proper care and management practices of public and private trees. The urban forestry committee, City staff, and residents alike take pride in our efforts to grow and maintain our urban forest. Being a Tree City USA city is a huge part of that pride."

The City has received five Tree City USA Growth Awards (2015 and 2018-2021). The Arbor Day Foundation presents Growth Awards annually to Tree City USA communities demonstrating advancement in urban forest management and community engagement. Examples of the City's Growth Award accomplishments are the creation of a special fund to purchase trees, support new tree maintenance practices, and fund community education and Arbor Day activities; the acquisition of 4.87 acres of riparian land for parks and open space; the completion of a tree canopy survey using i-Tree Canopy; the recycling and reuse of woody debris from branch and leaf pickup programs and tree maintenance operations; and the addition of two new urban forest committee members.

Chris Senters, the City's arborist, is an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist. He provides his technical expertise and guidance to City staff and the urban forestry committee and leads the City's tree pruning and removal crew. The City is exploring other ways to utilize Chris' knowledge and skills in a way that will benefit the community.

The city's urban forestry committee was created in 1994 to advise the city council on tree-related issues. The group is currently working on a community tree giveaway project that will focus on areas in need of tree canopy and is studying the feasibility of a city legacy or heritage tree program. Also in the works is the City's Arbor Day celebration and revision of the approved street tree list. This summer they plan to begin work on the development of the City's first inventory-based urban forest management plan. Reilly Newman, the chair of the City's urban forestry committee has said, "our mission is to grow awareness of what trees do for our community and to build a lasting tree legacy for future generations." Reilly, we see your successes and celebrate them with you!

We thank the City's mayor and councilors, staff, and volunteers for their work and dedication to grow a healthy urban and community forest in Cottage Grove. Congratulations!



Reilly Newman and her son, Roman, checking out a very large tree cookie!

OREGON COMMUNITY TREES CORNER



Welcome Tony Mecum & Stephen Baker to the Oregon Community Trees!

Tony Mecum, Oregon Urban Forestry Award winner for his work as the Grants Pass City Forester, has joined the OCT board! Tony brings with him years of experience working as a city forester both in southern Oregon and in New York City, and a commitment to improving Oregon's urban and community forests. On March 17, Tony will begin work with the City of Portland's Urban Forestry Department, working as a Tree Technician with permits and tree inspections.

Stephen Baker is the new Region 6 and 10 Urban and Community Forestry Program manager with the USDA Forest Service! Stephen detailed into the R6/R10 urban and community forestry program manager position in 2021, so he has already attended an OCT quarterly meeting, but this time he will be the permanent Forest Service member on the OCT Board. He's been with the Forest Service Pacific Northwest Region for six years, serving as the regional media officer in the Office of Communication and Community Engagement. Previously, he worked in public affairs with the Bureau of Land Management in Oregon and New Mexico. He lives in Portland and enjoys exploring the great outdoors with his wife Sarah and two daughters Maddie (4) and Jane (2).

As happy as we are to welcome new OCT board members, we must also say goodbye to a few too. Thank you so very much, **Mark Brindle, Rob Emanuel, Don Gunther, and Shane Tennison** for your service to Oregon Community Trees. Should any of you ever want to rejoin OCT, we'd be glad to have you back. In the meantime, keep up your great work on behalf of trees.

Our favorite trees

We all have a favorite tree, or two, or three! Continue reading to learn about the trees favored by the members of the OCT board of directors. You may decide to add another tree species to your list of beloved trees!



The bur oak in Madison, Wisconsin, where Jennifer started her urban forestry career.

Jennifer's – Bur oak, [Quercus macrocarpa](#)

There was a stunning bur oak tree outside the office of my first job at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture. I used to sit in awe under its magnificent branches during my lunch. I would ponder on what that tree had "seen" in the time since it had been planted. Bur oaks have thick bark that is adapted for fire resiliency. I admire its ability to be so resilient and adapt to an ever-changing landscape.



Brian and Django, sitting under an old growth ponderosa pine near the Imnaha River.

Brian's – Ponderosa pine, [Pinus ponderosa](#)

I have so many favorite trees, but today I will sing the praises of ponderosa pine. An iconic tree of eastern Oregon, old growth ponderosa pines live hundreds of years, developing a majestic form and beautiful orange and yellow bark. They are adapted to survive drought and wildfire. Ponderosa bark has a sweet vanilla fragrance. What a great tree!



A western hemlock located in Portland.



One of many sugar pine cones Lauren has collected.

Morgan's – Western hemlock, [Tsuga heterophylla](#)

I am fascinated by western hemlock. Hemlock seedlings and saplings can remain viable in deep shade, growing very, very slowly for hundreds of years. It's unforgettable to see a tiny little hundred-year-old hemlock in the understory. Hemlocks are very sensitive to heat stress and do best in part-shade among other trees. It's been interesting, albeit disheartening, to see how individual, open-grown hemlocks in the urban environment suffered during the June 2021 heat wave. Although they're attractive landscape trees, I won't be recommending open-grown hemlock plantings knowing now how devastating a bout of hot weather can be to them.

Lauren's – Sugar pine, [Pinus lambertiana](#)

It was the first tree I studied in forestry. I completed my senior thesis in college on White pine blister rust incidence in sugar pine. Despite its vulnerability to the disease, it is a tree well adapted to many harsh conditions, is commercially strong, and has the longest cones of any other tree growing to be up to 2 feet long.

[Read more](#)

SPOTLIGHT ON BMPs

Spring is the time to pull out a shovel and sharpen your pruners!

The links below are not only great for training city employees, but also for posting on your city website for city residents:

[Steps to planting a tree](#) – Dr. Ed Gilman's webpage on how to plant a tree

[Pruning landscape trees](#) – Dr. Ed Gilman's great resources for pruning trees

Over Presidents' Day weekend 2021, the City of Salem and many other north Willamette Valley cities and rural property owners suffered tremendous losses from a terrible ice storm. Among the lessons arborists learned from the ice storm damage was from observing the number of trees that failed due to poor pruning practices or lack of pruning. We are sharing links to proper tree planting and pruning in this newsletter to remind our readers that a well-pruned tree is a safer tree.

The City of Salem has put together a very informative storymap of its 2021 Presidents' Day weekend ice storm response efforts. [View the storymap.](#)

Additional and excellent online resources for your city crews and urban forestry advisory committees

Oregon State University Extension Service created 11 free, short videos in 2021 to show a variety of structural issues commonly found in mature trees and how to remedy them using corrective pruning. [Pruning With the Pros](#) was filmed onsite at the Oregon Institute of Technology Arboretum in Klamath Falls with John Bellon, Urban Forester, City of Klamath Falls and Tom Ford, Owner, Shasta View Tree Care.

The Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry Department has two recorded webinars to sharpen your pruning skills that you can view for free, [Introduction to Tree Pruning](#) and [Advanced Tree Pruning](#). Download a presentation worksheet before watching, [Intro worksheet](#) and [Advanced worksheet](#).

NEWS FROM ODF



Oregon Department of Forestry names Kyle Abraham as the new deputy state forester

We're pleased to introduce our new deputy state forester, Kyle Abraham! Kyle has served in a variety of technical and leadership roles at ODF, from performing electrofishing surveys to Forest Practices Act monitoring to leading one of our three operations divisions. A born-and-raised Oregonian who enjoys all things outdoors, Kyle is excited to step into this new leadership role and continue to support ODF's important work on behalf of Oregonians and their forests.



Reducing tree damage in future storms

Downed trees in wind and ice storms can cause costly havoc. Careful pruning in a tree's early years can lower the risk of future failures.

[Read more](#)



ODF is working to save the genes of Oregon ash before arrival of destructive pest

Working with the help of a federal grant from the USDA Forest Service, the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) has been gathering seed of Oregon ash from throughout the state. The goal is to preserve its gene pool before a destructive pest arrives which may wipe out the tree.

[Read more](#)

Oregon Community Trees helps fund Arbor Month tree celebrations in five Oregon cities

Celebrations of Oregon Arbor Month will be more colorful and engaging this year thanks to grants from the non-profit Oregon Community Trees organization. Five Tree City USA communities across Oregon are receiving grants ranging from \$350 to \$500 this spring to boost tree-related activities in April.

[Read more](#)

Corvallis Urban Forester Jennifer Killian honored with President's Award by Oregon Community Trees for urban forestry achievements

Jennifer Killian, Urban Forester for the City of Corvallis, has been honored with the President's Award by Oregon Community Trees (OCT) for her many contributions to urban forestry in Corvallis and Oregon. Mike Oxendine is OCT president. He bestowed this year's OCT President's Award on Killian at the March meeting of the non-profit organization's board.

[Read more](#)

NOTEWORTHY ONLINE

Tree Stewardship online certificate course gives you the tools in proper tree care

The Washington State University Extension offers the Urban & Community Tree Stewardship online certificate course, teaching the fundamental principles of tree biology, tree site evaluation and selection, nursery production and tree installation, pruning, and tree care practices. OSU Master Gardeners can receive up to 5.5 CEUs for this course. This is self-paced training. \$150.00. For More Information Contact: [Tim Kohlhauff](#). [View the course overview](#).

The Tree Thinking Podcast

Hosted by PNW arborists, [The Tree Thinking Podcast](#) features interviews with industry experts, equipment tests and reviews, stories from the field of tree work, and deep dives on tree care subjects like how to define safety on your crew. Join Andrew, Jamie, Becca, Cory, and Rob as they try to understand the tree world around them. Free.



BEING RESOURCEFUL

Expand the breadth and depth of your tree knowledge!

Clackamas Community College offers an Associate of Applied Science Degree in its Landscape Management, Arboriculture Option program. In two years, you can learn the skills needed to perform aerial tree work, plant health care and tree diagnosis, as well as have the knowledge base to take the ISA Certified Arborist exam. [Learn more about the program.](#)



Local Government Grant Program 2022

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) administers this State lottery funded grant program. Eligible projects are public outdoor park and recreation areas and facilities and can involve land acquisition, development, and major rehab. [Read more about the program.](#)

Urban Forest Connections webinars series

Monthly, Second Wednesdays, 1:00-2:15 p.m. (ET)
USDA Forest Service

Free webinars offering continuing education credits. Discussions on the latest science, practice, and policy on urban forestry and the environment. Past webinars are recorded and available on their [website](#).



TREE Fund webinar series

TREE Fund and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Free, 1-hour webinars offering continuing education credits. Discussions on the latest in tree research. Past webinars are recorded and available on their [website](#).

CLICK OF TREES*

April Fools' Day is just around the corner!

Here are a couple of links guaranteed to bring on spontaneous chuckles!

A 3-minute hoax report, broadcast on April Fools' Day 1957 by the BBC. It told a tale of a family in southern Switzerland harvesting spaghetti from the fictitious spaghetti tree. View this short video [Spaghetti-Harvest in Ticino](#).

Did you know there are many names for the space between the street and the sidewalk? Read this short article [The 8 Best Regional Terms for the Strip Between the Road and Sidewalk, Ranked](#).

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ODF's Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program celebrated 30 years of service in 2021!

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