



# CommuniTreeLink

Connecting people with resources to help them improve their Community Forests

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**March 25-27, 2004**

**Tree Care Industry Spring Expo, Sacramento, CA.** TCIA hosts a trade show and educational sessions in a west-coast mini-version of the fall's TCI Expo. Details are at [www.treecareindustry.org](http://www.treecareindustry.org)

**April 5-11, 2004. Oregon Arbor Week, Statewide.** For ideas on celebrating Arbor Week, or to list your local events, visit the 2004 Oregon Arbor Week website at [www.arborday.org/oregon](http://www.arborday.org/oregon)

**April 28, 2004**

**Introduction to Hazard Tree Evaluation, Silverton.** PNW-ISA and ODF team up to offer this basic course in evaluating trees for hazard. Download a registration form from [www.pnwis.org](http://www.pnwis.org)

**May 4-5, 2004**

**Hazard Trees (4th) and Trees, People, and the Law (5th), Spokane, WA.** This seminar series features nationally known experts Bruce Fraedrich and Victor Merullo. Visit [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org) for details.

**May 19, 2004**

**Assessing Tree Hazards and Failures, Silverton.** This PNW-ISA course is an intermediate level look at techniques for assessing tree hazards and failures. Details will be posted at [www.pnwis.org](http://www.pnwis.org)

**June 4-5, 2004**

**PNW Community Trees Conference, Portland.** "Developing Community Canopy: Visions of Greener Cities" is the theme for this event, featuring dynamic speakers, educational tours, and an idea center. Nationally known natural resource planner Steve Clark is among the keynote speakers. The program is available at [www.oregoncommunitytrees.org](http://www.oregoncommunitytrees.org)

**August 25-28, 2004**

**PNW Tree Symposium & Farwest Show, Portland.** The Farwest Show is one of the largest nursery trade shows in the US. This year, the show will be preceded by a daylong symposium on tree selection which will include nursery tours. Visit [www.farwestshow.com](http://www.farwestshow.com) for details.

## From The Editors

*By March you're probably filling up a lot of pages in your planner or day-timer. The calendar of events on this page has a number of great opportunities you won't want to miss. The UCF staff is committed to helping communities properly plant, care, and manage their urban forest resource. By organizing educational events, we are able to bring together the wisdom and experience of experts from the state, region, and nation. This year, Oregon is host to the multi-state Community Trees Conference, where you will find a variety of information to help you make your community forest healthier. Plan now to attend this event; it won't be back in Oregon for several years. And with Arbor Week just around the corner, happy planting!*

## Bud Breaking News

### You Can Now Plan for CTMI 2005

The Oregon Department of Forestry and the Washington DNR will again offer our Community Tree Management (CTMI) training next year. For those of you needing to make budget plans for next fiscal year already, we are providing this information early. CTMI is a crash-course in urban forest management for municipal employees who have tree related responsibilities. CTMI 2005 will consist of 9 instructional days spread out across 4 sessions from March to November. Tuition costs are expected to be about \$475, which covers meals and lodging for two multi-day retreats, lunches at the other two sessions, and course materials. Registration forms for CTMI 2005 will be available this summer.

### "Our Urban Forest - It's Where We Live" T-Shirts

Oregon Community Trees has a stock of "Our Urban Forest - It's Where We Live" t-shirts, but they're going fast. Now is the time to purchase those thank-you gifts for those folks who are planning Arbor Week activities for your community/organization! To order, send an email to [gail@oregoncommunitytrees.org](mailto:gail@oregoncommunitytrees.org) with quantity and sizes needed. Sizes available: Sm, Md, Lg, XL, 2XL. Cost is \$15.00/each plus shipping. T-shirts are white, 100% preshrunk cotton (Port and Company). A 4-color print is found on the back of the shirt. A smaller, green-colored print is found on the front left chest area.

## Resources You Can Use

### Storm Recovery Information

Many communities in Oregon are still cleaning up after the January snow and ice storms. The ODF UCF program has produced a series of Storm Recovery bulletins in cooperation with the National Arbor Day Foundation, the ISA, and the USDA Forest Service. Titles in the series include Tree First Aid, Can these Trees Be Saved, and Reducing Damage from Future Storms. Copies can be downloaded from the program website at [www.odf.state.or.us/UF](http://www.odf.state.or.us/UF)

### Tree Emergency Planning

Now on-line is a tool for communities that outlines the many things that need to be in order and available in the event of a disaster. In the aftermath of recent storms, community decision makers may be more in tune with the need to plan ahead for the next big one. This valuable resource can be accessed at <http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/urbanforestry/ucfdisasters/ucfdisasters.htm>

## Quotable Quotes

"Other holidays repose on the past. Arbor Day proposes the future."

- J. Sterling Morton

## Urban Forestry By the Numbers:

**4,000**

The number of gallons of stormwater one large shade tree can intercept per year.

**From: *Is All Your Rain Going Down the Drain?*** Published by USFS Center for Urban Forest Research, Davis, California. Visit their website at <http://wcufr.ucdavis.edu/>

*Do you have an interesting number to share that reflects the value of trees to our cities? Send it to the editors and you might see it in a future issue.*

## COMMUNITREELINK

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## Management Planning Tool

Now available on-line: A basic "Guide to Completing a Street and Park Tree Management Plan," summarizing useful materials from the Forest Service and the NADF. See <http://www.umass.edu/urbantree/mgtplanwithguide.shtml> for complete details.

## Downloadable Urban Forestry Publications

The ODF urban forestry webpages ([www.odf.state.or.us/UF](http://www.odf.state.or.us/UF)) include a variety of downloadable urban forestry publications suitable for use in educating city councilors, the public, or people new to the concept of urban forestry. These materials can help you make the case for trees with your community decision makers.

## Why America Needs More City Parks and Open Space

The Trust for Public Land has launched its Parks for People initiative in the belief that every American child should enjoy convenient access to a nearby park or playground. This white paper outlines how desperate the need is for city parks -- especially in inner-city neighborhoods -- and describes the social, environmental, economic, and health benefits parks bring to a city and its people. Download the white paper (caution - large file: 1.9 M) from the TPL website: [http://ga0.org/ct/m7anUIF1MB4x/download\\_parks\\_white\\_paper](http://ga0.org/ct/m7anUIF1MB4x/download_parks_white_paper)

## Trees and Parking Lots

Parking lots occupy about 10 percent overall of the land in U.S. cities, and can be as much as 20 to 30 percent of downtown core areas. Large areas of asphalt and other impervious surfaces contribute to environmental concerns such as heat island effects, reduced air quality, and stormwater flows. Dr. Kathy Wolf of the University of Washington has just published a report that summarizes the municipal "green law" of numerous cities and towns (with a focus on the SE United States), with regard to landscaping and trees in parking lots. Multiple examples of regulatory tools are provided, demonstrating how communities can improve sustainability of urban areas. You can access this report on-line at: <http://www.cfr.washington.edu/research.envmind/transportation.html>

## Did You Know....?

### Oregon Community Trees Needs You

Oregon has a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting urban and community forestry. Oregon Community Trees (OCT) is a member organization representing all facets of the green industry, community organizations, and interested agencies and individuals. Membership is only \$30 for individuals, and group rates are also available at \$100 for 4 or more people. Visit the OCT website at [www.oregoncommunitytrees.org](http://www.oregoncommunitytrees.org) and join today. Make your voice heard!

### Now is the Time to Plan for Tree City

Is your community considering applying for a Tree City USA award in 2004? While applications aren't due until December, there are things you need to do now in order to qualify. One of the requirements for a TCUSA award is to hold an Arbor Day observance and have the mayor issue an Arbor Day proclamation. Ideas are available at [www.arborday.org/oregon](http://www.arborday.org/oregon) or by contacting your Community Assistance Forester.

### Your Story Is Waiting to Be Told!

The UCF staff is always looking to highlight successful urban and community stories or projects. We are often asked for success stories and feedback about our program for regional and national reports. If you have something interesting to share, send it to one of the staff and we might use it in an upcoming news release, newsletter story, or report.