



# CommuniTreeLink

Connecting people with resources to help them improve their Community Forests

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### June 14-16, 2005 Trees, People & Towns Conference, Cheyenne, WY.

This annual event features presentations designed to help small communities manage tree issues. Visit <http://www.cheyennetrees.com/> for a registration form.

### June 17, 2005 Oregon Community Trees Board of Directors Meeting, Portland.

For more information contact Katie Kause at [kkause@odf.state.or.us](mailto:kkause@odf.state.or.us)

### August 25-27, 2005 Farwest Show, Portland.

One of the largest nursery trade shows in the US, this event also includes educational programs from a variety of green industry professionals. Visit [www.farwestshow.com](http://www.farwestshow.com) for a registration form and more details.

### September 11-14, 2005 Oregon Recreation & Park Association Conference, Seaside.

Visit <http://www.orpa.org/conference.htm> for details.

### September 25-28, 2005 PNW-ISA Annual Training Conference, Victoria, BC.

PNW-ISA's 26th Annual Conference includes many great speakers including Dr. Alex Shigo, Jim Urban, Nelda Matheny, and Dr. Jim Clark. Visit [www.pnwisa.org](http://www.pnwisa.org) for details.

### November 7, 2005 PNW Tree Failure Reporting Program Annual Meeting, Portland.

The PNW-TFRP holds its fourth annual meeting, covering a wide range of topics including tree decay, withstanding windstorm damage, and others. More information will be available on the Chapter website at [www.pnwisa.org](http://www.pnwisa.org) later this summer.

## From The Editors

Trees are often silent witnesses to our history. This spring, four new trees joined the list of Oregon's Heritage Trees. The Dorris Ranch Filberts in Springfield, the Peg Tree in Lake Oswego, the Hoover-Minthorn Pear in Newberg, and the Shrapnel Tree near Bly were recognized by the Oregon Travel Information Council's Heritage Tree Program. Do you know of a tree that has statewide historical significance? Consider nominating it to the state list; the deadline is October 1, 2005. Visit [www.oregontic.com](http://www.oregontic.com) for details or to obtain a brochure containing the more than 30 heritage trees or groves. Many Oregon cities have heritage tree programs that recognize trees of local significance. If you're interested in starting one of these programs in your city, contact your Community Assistance Forester.

## Bud Breaking News

### Congratulations to Oregon's 38 Tree Cities!

Bend is a new addition to a list of Oregon communities recertified as a "Tree City" during local "Tree City USA" ceremonies during April. Tree City USA, a program of the National Arbor Day Foundation and the Oregon Department of Forestry, recognizes cities that have developed programs that plant and care for trees. Oregon communities being recertified as a Tree City USA for 2004 include: Albany, Ashland, Baker City, Beaverton, Coburg, Coos Bay, Corvallis, Cottage Grove, Eagle Point, Echo, Eugene, Forest Grove, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, La Grande, Lake Oswego, Lebanon, Madras, McMinnville, Medford, Philomath, Portland, Reedsport, Rogue River, Salem, Scio, Seaside, Sunriver, Sweet Home, Talent, Tigard, Tillamook, Toledo, Troutdale, Tualatin, West Linn, and Wilsonville. Congratulations to these cities. To find out how your city can join this list, contact your Community Assistance Forester.

### Oregon Board of Forestry Tours the Urban Forest

On April 28, the Oregon Board of Forestry conducted a tour of urban forestry projects and issues in Portland and Wilsonville. The Board consists of seven Oregonians appointed by the Governor to set policy for the Oregon Department of Forestry. Each year, the Board conducts one or more tours in different areas of the state in conjunction with its regular business meetings. This was the first time that the Board had ever conducted an urban forestry tour. A news story on this event is available online at: [http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/opb/news.newsmain?action=article&ARTICLE\\_ID=766687](http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/opb/news.newsmain?action=article&ARTICLE_ID=766687)

### Portland's South Park Blocks Trees Worth \$3.4 Million

The trees in Portland's South Parks Blocks have an appraised value of more than \$3.4 million, according to a new study from Portland State University (PSU), Portland Parks Bureau, and the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). The study was conducted by PSU students as part of a grant funded by ODF's Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service. The \$3.4 million figure was developed using the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers evaluation method, a nationally recognized formula that considers tree health, size, and location. The Park Blocks were first planted in the late 1870s. A copy of the brochure describing the results of this study, the identities and location of the trees and their benefits can be downloaded from [www.oregoncommunitytrees.org](http://www.oregoncommunitytrees.org).

## Quotable Quotes

"Our message is to our fellow citizens: plant trees - it's good for the economy and it's good for the environment."

— President Bush, at an Arbor Day ceremony on April 29, 2005

## Urban Forestry by the Numbers:

**63%**

*The percentage of people living in Oregon's cities who live in a city that has a tree planting and care program.*

From: Urban and Community Forestry in Oregon: Results of the 2004 City Survey, by the Oregon Department of Forestry.

*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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## Resources You Can Use

### WoodNotes Quarterly

If you are looking for interesting articles about urban forestry, check out WoodNotes Quarterly. This online magazine contains a wide variety of tree and urban forestry information. The Spring 2005 issue contains articles such as: *Power Struggle: Trees in Utility Lines (a definitive study)*, *The Proper Way to Plant a Tree*, *How Well Do We Assess Tree Risk Due to Decay?*, and much more. Visit WoodNotes Quarterly at <http://www.treelink.org>.

### Urban Forest Research Newsletter

The Winter 2005 issue of the USFS Center for Urban Forest Research in Davis, CA, is now available online. The Center provides urban forestry practitioners with the latest science based information about costs & benefits of urban trees, and ideas on how to properly manage the urban forest. To sign up for the Urban Forest Research newsletter, visit <http://cufr.ucdavis.edu/newsletter.asp>.

### Forestry Education Resources Available

"Forestry for the Classroom," is an online newsletter for K-12 teachers, available from the Oregon Forest Resources Institute. This periodic newsletter provides information on publications, videos, classroom activities, field programs and other forestry education resources. To access the latest copy, visit [http://www.oregonforests.org/media/pdf/school\\_May\\_05.htm](http://www.oregonforests.org/media/pdf/school_May_05.htm).

## Did You Know....?

### Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence Initiative

Bank of America Charitable Investments has commenced the second year of its Neighborhood Excellence Initiative, designating an additional \$17 million to recognize, nurture, and reward organizations, local heroes, and student leaders helping to rebuild and revitalize their communities in thirty-eight of the bank's major markets across the United States. The program provides grant funding and leadership training to non-profit organizations working to promote vibrant neighborhoods. In Oregon, communities in the Portland area are eligible. Additional materials are available at the Bank of America Web site. The link is: <http://fconline.fdncenter.org/pnd/1246/BoA>. Deadline: June 30, 2005.

### National Tree Trust Turns Out the Lights

On April 11, 2005, the National Tree Trust announced that its final grant will go to the National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF). The last \$5 million will assure that its mission is kept alive through the continuing work of NADF. These funds will be used to support organizational development of community based non-profit groups so that they can continue to inspire people to plant, protect and maintain community trees. The transition will be complete by the end of August, but existing contracts will run into 2006. For further information please visit the National Tree Trust website at [www.nationaltreetrust.org](http://www.nationaltreetrust.org) or the Arbor Day Foundation site at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org).

### ODF UCF Small Projects Fund Provides Scholarships

Scholarships to urban forestry related continuing education programs are just one of the uses of the UCF Small Projects Fund. Contact your Community Assistance Forester for details.

### 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.