



# CommuniTreeLink

Connecting people with resources to help them improve their Community Forests



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**September 26-29, 2004**

**PNW-ISA Annual Training Conference, Coeur d'Alene, ID.** "Trees: Connecting the Past, Present and Future" will be the theme of PNW-ISA's 25th Annual Conference. More information and a registration form is on the Chapter website at [www.pnwisa.org](http://www.pnwisa.org)

**October 19-20, 2004**

**PNW Utility Vegetation Management Conference, Welches, OR.** The topic of this year's event is Earth, Wind, Fire, and Power, focusing on how utilities deal with disasters. More information and a registration form is at [www.pnwisa.org](http://www.pnwisa.org)

**November 1, 2004**

Deadline for 2005 ODF Community Forestry Assistance Grants.

**November 1, 2004**

Deadline for submitting applications for the 2005 Community Tree Management Institute.

**November 1-2, 2004**

**Plant Health Care and Building With Trees Workshops, Portland.** Cosponsored with National Arbor Day Foundation. Register online at [www.arborday.org/phcbwt](http://www.arborday.org/phcbwt)

**November 2 - Dec. 14, 2004**

**Willamette Valley Green Industry Seminar Series, Silverton**  
Every Tuesday in November and December, informative half-day seminars are being presented at Oregon Garden. Topics include Pruning Shrubs, Pruning Trees, Willamette Valley Soils, Advanced Plant Disease, and more. A brochure and registration form is available at [www.pnwisa.org](http://www.pnwisa.org)

**December 10, 2004**

**Oregon Community Trees Board of Directors Meeting and Annual Members Meeting, Silverton.** For more information contact Katie Kause at 541-447-5658 or [kkause@odf.state.or.us](mailto:kkause@odf.state.or.us)

## From The Editors

*Fall is in the air, bringing with it the annual "Back to School" activities. We all know learning is a lifelong process, and this newsletter is full of continuing education opportunities for you. Take advantage of these offerings that can help you improve the health of your community forest. And enjoy the Fall colors while you're at it.*

## Bud Breaking News

### Deadline Approaching for 2005 CFA Grant Program

The ODF Urban Forestry program, in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service, is offering up to \$50,000 in Community Forestry Assistance Grants. These are 50% matching grants, and volunteer time is an eligible form of match. Grant amounts range from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Eligible projects include UCF program development, education, demonstration projects, and more. The deadline for Community Forestry Assistance Grant Program 2005 grant applications is November 1, 2004. ONE (1) original and THREE (3) copies of the completed grant application package must be submitted to the Oregon Department of Forestry by 5:00 pm on that date. For an application form, call your Community Assistance Forester, or visit [www.odf.state.or.us/UF](http://www.odf.state.or.us/UF)

### Training Available for Community Tree Managers

The Oregon Department of Forestry and the Washington DNR will again offer our Community Tree Management Institute (CTMI) training next year. CTMI is a year-long 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 \$495, which covers meals and lodging for two multi-day retreats, lunches at the other two sessions, and course materials. Registration forms for CTMI 2005 are now available from Paul Ries at [pries@odf.state.or.us](mailto:pries@odf.state.or.us)

### New Web Page on Hazard Tree Prevention Available

Hazardous trees are often created when people lack the knowledge it takes to keep trees healthy; their actions can unintentionally lead to the decline, and eventual death or failure of a tree. The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture and the Oregon Department of Forestry have created a new web page on hazard tree prevention. The site contains a number of educational modules intended to help you learn what it takes to keep trees healthy, safe, beautiful, and prevent them from becoming hazardous. Look for the site online at: <http://www.pnwisa.org/http/index.html>

### City Tree Survey – Have you Responded Yet...??

The Oregon Department of Forestry is conducting a survey of all 240 Oregon cities to gather information that will be used to help us improve our delivery of urban forestry services. The data collection method for this information is an on-line survey. Your participation in this survey is critical for ODF to develop technical, financial, and educational efforts that can help you deal with tree issues in your city. Every city has been emailed a request to respond to this survey. If your city hasn't responded yet, please do so soon!

## Quotable Quotes

"I think that I shall never see  
A billboard lovely as a tree.  
Perhaps, unless the billboards fall,  
I'll never see a tree at all."  
-- **Ogden Nash (1902 - 1971)**

## Urban Forestry by the Numbers:

Just **3** well-placed trees  
around a home can lower air  
conditioning bills by up to **50**  
percent, and windbreak trees  
can reduce winter heating  
bills by up to **30** percent.

**From:** Louisiana Public Broadcast-  
ing, [http://www.lpb.org/programs/  
forest/benefits.html](http://www.lpb.org/programs/forest/benefits.html)

*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

### Get the Latest Urban Forestry Research News

If you are concerned that small-stature trees are replacing the large-stature trees in your community a new research summary from the USFS Center for Urban Forestry Research will give you some new arguments to change thinking. To view the research summary go to the Center's website at: [http://cufr.ucdavis.edu/products/cufr\\_511\\_large\\_tree\\_arguement.pdf](http://cufr.ucdavis.edu/products/cufr_511_large_tree_arguement.pdf). The Center also has Powerpoint presentations about marketing the concept of urban forestry. They can be viewed at <http://wcufr.ucdavis.edu/powerpoint.asp>

### Trees to Know in Oregon

A book produced by the Oregon State University Extension Service provides tips for identifying native tree species that grow in Oregon's forests plus other "forest facts." To obtain a copy (there is a charge), contact Publications Orders, Extension & Station Communications, Oregon State University, 422 Kerr Administration, Corvallis, Oregon 97331-2119, Telephone (503) 737-2513, or e-mail: [puborders@oregonstate.edu](mailto:puborders@oregonstate.edu)

### Tree Pruning Guide Available

A multimedia tree pruning guide has been developed by the National Arbor Day Foundation. You can find it online at <http://www.arborday.org/trees/pruning/>

### Did You Know....?

#### "City Trees" Magazine Offers Valuable Tips for City Foresters

The magazine "City Trees" is available from the Journal of the Society of Municipal Arborists. This bi-monthly publication has a variety of valuable articles of interest to city foresters and arborists. See [www.urban-forestry.com](http://www.urban-forestry.com) for more information.

### Downloadable Urban Forestry Publications Are Available

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 urban forestry. These materials can help you make the case for trees with community decision makers.

### 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) for a membership form and join today. OCT also has "The Forest Where We Live" T-shirts available for purchase. Contact [gail@oregoncommunitytrees.org](mailto:gail@oregoncommunitytrees.org) for more information. Have you joined yet? Make your voice heard!

### 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.