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CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY FORESTRY EVENTS

July 28 – August 1, 2007
ISA Annual Conference,
Honolulu, Hawaii. Register online
at <http://www.isa-arbor.com>

August 23-25, 2007
Farwest Show, Portland.
One of the largest nursery trade
shows in the US, this event also
includes educational programs for
green industry professionals. Visit
<http://www.farwestshow.com> for a
registration form and more details.

September 16 – 19, 2007
Annual PNW-ISA Training
Conference, Corvallis
You're invited to attend this premier
arboriculture and urban forestry
training opportunity featuring both
an outdoor field day and indoor edu-
cational sessions. Registration forms
and more details are available at
<http://www.pnwisa.org>

October 14-17, 2007
2007 ORPA Annual Conference
and Trade Show, Eugene
The Oregon Recreation and Parks
Association conference features a
variety of speakers and events. Visit
<http://www.orpa.org> for details.

February 24-29, 2008
Municipal Forester Institute,
San Antonio, Texas.
The Society of Municipal Arborists
announces the dates for MFI, a cut-
ting edge leadership training for mu-
nicipal urban foresters. Visit
<http://www.urban-forestry.com> for
an application form.

Changes to the ODF Urban Forestry Program

Recent budget reductions in the Oregon Department of Forestry's Urban Forestry program have resulted in some changes in the services provided to Oregon cities. Effective July 1, ODF's two Community Assistance Foresters (Katie and Kristin) are only funded at half time positions in urban forestry. Though it will be challenging covering a state as large as Oregon with only two full time equivalent positions instead of three, we're committed to providing Oregon cities with the leadership and technical assistance that have characterized our program since it began in 1991. To effectively use our field time, we are looking for opportunities to meet with groups of cities. If you have a regional event coming up and you need a presenter, give us a call.

We're also making some changes to our sole remaining grant program, and have renamed it the "UCF Small Projects and Scholarship Fund". This fund will focus on helping cities and non-profit organizations with 1) small projects that can help improve their ability to manage their urban forest and 2) providing continuing education scholarships. Look for a revised grant application on the ODF website later this month.

Scholarships for the PNW-ISA Annual Conference

ODF is offering as many as five scholarships to Oregon city employees to attend the upcoming PNW-ISA Annual Training Conference this September in Corvallis. Preference will be given to first time attendees - city staff who have not attended one of these events in prior years. These are 50% matching scholarships up to a total of \$300-\$500 each. Contact an ODF staff member for an application. Deadline for applying is August 1st.

Visit Us at the Annual League of Oregon Cities Conference

If you or your city elected officials are attending the upcoming League of Oregon Cities conference on September 27-29 in Bend, plan to stop by and see us at the ODF booth in the exhibit hall. You can even call or email ahead of time and make an appointment with an ODF staff member for Friday September 28th. If you're from a Tree City USA community, we'll give you one of our "My City is a Tree City" stickers to add to your nametag. Have your Mayor or City Manager visit our booth to hear how we can help make your city healthier, safer, and more livable.

Rivers & Trails Program - Applications For Technical Assistance

The National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program assists community groups, nonprofit organizations, tribes or tribal governments, and local, state, and federal government agencies with natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects. Projects include natural area preservation, river conservation and development of recreational trails and greenways in urban, suburban and rural communities. Applications are currently being accepted for technical assistance in FY 2008. Deadline is August 1, 2007. Visit <http://www.nps.gov/archive/pwro/rtca/> for details.

COMMUNITY FORESTRY AROUND OREGON

Former **Madras** Urban Forestry Commission member Jay Binder received the Oregon Urban Forestry award for volunteerism at the state urban forestry conference in June. A retired Extension agent, Jay was one of the founding members of the city's urban forestry efforts. Sadly, Jay passed away shortly after this event. But his legacy lives on everywhere around Madras.

Congratulations to Fred Nilsen of the **Portland** Parks Bureau, who received the Oregon Urban Forestry Professional award at the state urban forestry conference in June. Fred manages Hoyt Arboretum and Forest Park, two gems in Portland's urban forest.

Employees from **McMinnville, Happy Valley, Gresham, Hillsboro, Newport, and Newberg** were joined by staff from several universities and park districts at a Hazard Tree Evaluation class in June at George Fox University. If your city would like to host a training on hazard trees, tree pruning, or other urban forestry subjects, contact an ODF staff member.

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Free Trees Received and Planted With Enthusiasm

Thanks to a donation by a Canby tree grower, nearly 30 cities and non-profit groups in Oregon and Washington were able to plant trees this spring for numerous projects and occasions that might not have happened without such generosity.

In March, Yule Tree Farm of Canby announced it would be giving away over 4000 conifers. That's when ODF's urban forestry staff stepped up to help distribute the trees to cities, agencies, and non-profit groups for planting projects in public spaces. Many trees found their way into community tree plantings and Arbor Day celebrations around the state. According to City of Sweet Home Community Development Director Carol Lewis, the trees are making a big impact in their city parks. "We (planted) trees in parks that had few, if any, trees," says Lewis, "and in parks that needed to diversify. This was an enormous benefit for our parks (especially since) we could have never afforded to do this work otherwise."

To those seeking the free trees, distance proved to be no barrier. Recipients traveled to Canby from as far away as Prineville, OR and Marysville, WA to pick up trees. Each tree contributes toward the "*Billion Tree Campaign*," a program sponsored by the United Nations, with the goal of tallying 1 billion planted trees during 2007. The ODF staff would like to thank Tom McNabb of Yule Tree Farm, who coordinated giveaway operations at the nursery.

Certified Arborist Applications Now Available Online

The ISA Certified Arborist application is now available online through the International Society of Arboriculture Web site. ISA's test committee recently reduced the number of testing domains in the certification testing process from 12 to 10. The number of questions and body of knowledge are still the same. Visit the [ISA site](http://www.isa-arb.org) for details.

Monthly Urban Forestry Webcast

The Alliance for Community Trees (ACT), a non-profit organization supporting local community tree planting efforts, has announced a Brown Bag Lunch Series webcast to be held at the lunch hour on the third Thursday of the month. ACT's goal is to provide informal training opportunities for local urban and community forestry practitioners. The trainings highlight successful programs and practices that you may want to adapt in your communities.

The series is geared for volunteer organizers, community groups, and others who work with the public. While the webcasts are open to all, the content is most likely to be of interest to those who work directly with the public, volunteers, or youth. Sessions are planned to last no more than one hour, with two presenters speaking on the same topic from slightly different perspectives, each for 10-15 minutes, followed by 10-15 minutes of questions and answers. The Brown Bag Lunch Series is made possible through support from the Home Depot Foundation. [Click HERE](#) to access a list of topics and dates for the webcasts.

Is Norway Maple A Problem?

Have you seen Norway maple seedlings and trees growing along riverbanks or in native forests in your community? If so, Kristin would like to hear from you. As you may know, Norway maple has become particularly invasive in the Eastern US. We are trying to determine the extent to which it is a problem in Western Oregon, and are particularly interested in observing areas where the trees are producing seed. Please contact Kristin via email with directions of how to find the escaped Norway maples you have seen, and please include your contact information.

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