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CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY FORESTRY EVENTS

September 27-28, 2007 **Annual League of Oregon Cities Conference, Bend**

If you or your city elected officials are attending the LOC conference, stop by and see us at the ODF booth in the exhibit hall. If you're from a Tree City community, we'll give you one of our "My City is a Tree City - Is Yours?" stickers for your nametag.

November 6-December 18, 2007 **Willamette Valley Green Industry Seminar Series, Aurora**

Every Tuesday afternoon, informative half-day seminars are being presented at the OSU North Willamette Research Center. Topics this year include post-construction soils, urban wood waste utilization, invasive species, and much more. A brochure and registration form is available at <http://www.pnwisa.org/calendar.html>

November 14 – 16, 2007 **Partners in Community Forestry National Conference, Baltimore, MD**

Presented by the National Arbor Day Foundation, this event looks at ways we can work in partnership to promote our community forestry goals. Visit www.arborday.org for details.

December 15, 2007 **Tree City USA Application and Recertification Deadline**

Is your city eligible to join 45 other Oregon cities that have won a Tree City USA Award? Contact a Community Assistance Forester for an application packet - recertifying cities will automatically receive one.

Tree City USA: 50 By 150?

The City of Echo, one of Oregon's 45 Tree City USA communities, is challenging other Oregon cities that don't currently hold Tree City USA status to become a Tree City USA community in honor of the upcoming 150th Anniversary of Oregon statehood in 2009. Oregon would need only five new Tree Cities in 2007 and 2008 to reach that goal, which would culminate with Tree City recognition programs in the Spring of 2009, during Oregon's official 150 celebration.

The Tree City USA program recognizes the efforts that cities make in managing the trees in their city. Echo City Administrator Diane Berry can testify to the contribution that trees make to the livability of her community. Echo planted a Millennium Forest in 2000 as part of their efforts to increase the number of trees in the town. When the city put in a bicycle path and sidewalk project in cooperation with ODOT, the city ended up receiving a 7500 square foot lot for a stormwater retention basin, and they planted additional trees around the perimeter. Kopacz Nursery in Hermiston has sponsored Echo's entry in the "America in Bloom" program for the last two years and have donated well over a \$1000 worth of plants and shrubs around town.

To find out more about how your city can be part of the 50 by 150 Tree City promotion, contact your Community Assistance Forester.

Urban Forestry Information Resources You Can Use

The proliferation of information available on the Internet is nothing short of staggering – it seems like the number of websites grows exponentially every year. That is certainly true of urban forestry websites – there is an incredible amount of useful urban forestry information available on-line. Here are just a few resources you may be able to use in your community:

Helping Decision-Makers Understand the Value of Trees - Quantifiable information on the value of urban and community forestry has been summarized at a variety of sites. Data that can be used in budget deliberations or at public outreach events can be found by clicking on these titles:

- [Trees Pay Us Back](#)
- [Alliance for Community Trees](#)
- [Center for Urban Forest Research](#)
- [Human Dimensions of Urban Forestry](#)

Tree Inventory Resources - Managing your urban forest is a lot easier if you know exactly what you have to manage; and that means a tree inventory and management plan. The US Forest Service has compiled a list of computer programs for collecting and managing tree inventory data:

- [Tree Inventory Software](#)

If you're looking for information on a specific urban forestry topic, give one of the ODF urban forestry staff a call and we'll be glad to assist you.

COMMUNITY FORESTRY AROUND OREGON

The **City of Redmond** is currently completing its tree inventory with the assistance of a Forestry intern from the Oregon State University – Cascades Campus.

The **City of Tigard** has hired a new urban forester, Todd Prager. Todd has worked in both the private and public urban forestry sectors, running a licensed CA tree and landscape contracting firm and working for the City of San Francisco's Bureau of Urban Forestry. Todd is a graduate of UC-Davis, where he helped conduct research on root structures of street trees.

Congratulations to **City of Corvallis** urban forester Becky Merja, who won the Volunteer of the Year Award from the PNW-ISA at their recent annual conference. Becky is a recent graduate of the Municipal Forester Institute.

ODF is currently assisting the **City of Grants Pass** in the process of hiring their first urban forester. The position announcement is available from ODF or from the city.

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In Memory of Sandra Deidrich, No Ivy League Founder

Sandra Deidrich, one of the City of Portland's most active voices for urban forestry passed away last month. Sandy was a key leader of the No Ivy League, an effort to eradicate English Ivy from Portland's 5000-acre Forest Park. The No Ivy League is a volunteer group founded in 1993 to fight the spread of English ivy in Forest Park. Since then, the group has attracted more than 35,000 volunteers who came to help fulfill Sandy's mission to eradicate this invasive species. The group also sponsors youth programs, environmental education events and promotes research to restore the park's habitat. Sandy was well known for her sense of humor, her passion for Forest Park, and her commitment to making Portland a better place to live. While she will be missed by many, she leaves behind a great legacy of citizen action for the urban environment.

Nominate A School Near You For A Tree Planting Project

Does a school near you need trees? Consider applying to be a part of the 2008 Trees for Success National Tree Planting Campaign, made possible by The Home Depot Foundation and The Arbor Day Foundation. Schools throughout the United States can apply to host a tree-planting celebration as part of a national tree planting tour in spring 2008. To nominate a school, [Click HERE](#).

Sudden Oak Death Found in the City of Brookings

Fourteen trees in the City of Brookings' Azalea Park are being removed this month in an attempt to eradicate Sudden Oak Death (SOD) from the area. Oregon law requires eradication efforts to be completed, and ODF officials have been trying to contain the spread of SOD for almost seven years. The infected trees will be injected with herbicide to kill both the tree and the disease.

SMA Announces The 2008 Municipal Forester Institute

The Society of Municipal Arborists will hold another edition of its successful Municipal Forester Institute (MFI) next year. The 2008 MFI will be held at the T-Bar-M Conference Center in New Braunfels, Texas, on February 24-29, 2008. The MFI is a leadership course that helps municipal urban foresters advance their programs. MFI focuses on helping urban foresters cultivate their skills in Leadership, Planning and Policy, Collaboration, and Communications. The all-inclusive registration fee is \$1,499, which covers all course materials, five nights in the conference hotel (Sunday through Thursday), and all meals (dinner Sunday through lunch Friday). Class size is limited to 70 people this year. Registration will close November 1 or as soon as the class is full. Register online by visiting www.urban-forestry.com. ODF has some scholarship funds available for the MFI, contact Paul Ries for details.



Urban Forestry Sustainability Publication Available

ODF is offering Oregon cities a copy of ***Urban & Community Forestry: A Practical Guide to Sustainability*** by Jim Fazio. This fully illustrated 75-page guidebook is a must read for tree board members, state and local urban & community forestry professionals, volunteer group leaders, master gardeners, and anyone who wants a quick and easy overview of urban forestry and what it can do for your community. Contact any ODF urban forestry staff member to obtain a copy.