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Now Hiring: Tree Planting Specialist



*Are you a tree professional who is ready to advance tree planting efforts in Portland? If you are, then do not let this job posting pass you by! Apply by **September 7, 2020**.*

Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry is hiring! Are you skilled at managing urban tree plantings? Do you want to increase tree canopy for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) community members and underserved neighborhoods in Portland? If so, you may be the team member we are looking for!

Position: Tree Planting Specialist (Botanic Specialist II - Forestry)

Salary: \$65,582.00 - \$83,678.00 Annually

Apply by: 9/7/2020 11:59 PM Pacific

We are hiring a Tree Planting Specialist to plan and manage urban tree planting projects. Portland is committed to growing a more equitable urban forest by planting trees where they are needed most: in low canopy, low income neighborhoods according to the City's [tree planting strategy](#).

The ideal candidate:

- Skilled at surveying neighborhoods to find the best locations for high-impact tree planting, on both public and private property
- Conducts site inventories, selects tree species, and creates site plans
- Works with property owners to provide notification or secure permissions

This position also manages contractors who purchase, plant, and establish trees, and ensures that contract specifications are followed to ensure healthy trees that survive. Additionally, this position may manage seasonal staff to assist with planting program activities.

Excellent communication, outreach, and organizational skills are required. The ability to successfully work with diverse communities, property owners, businesses, and agencies to plant trees is essential.

Learn more and apply [here](#)!

Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/workshops



A young cork oak, human for scale.

Species Selection Tree Walk

Saturday, September 5, 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Offered Online via Zoom

Planting a new tree is exciting. Often, we choose a tree based on what it will be like in 10 to 20 years. But what if you do not already know what it will look like?

Join Urban Forestry staff to go on a virtual walk together to see what a new tree will look like in your yard. We will also have some shared locations for you to check out on your own.

Please pre-register, Zoom details to participate will be sent by email.

Register [here](#).



Ask an Arborist - Tree Planting

Wednesday, September 16, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Offered online via Zoom

September's Ask an Arborist workshop will be joined by our Community Tree Planting Coordinator, Molly Wilson.

As Portlanders get ready to kick off tree planting season here in the Pacific Northwest, Urban Forestry wants to answer your tree planting questions!

We will talk about tree planning and planting, what to look for to select a great tree, and any other tree planting questions you might have.

Please **pre-register**, Zoom details to participate will be sent by email.

Register [here](#).

More Upcoming Events

8/29/2020, Free Watering Buckets: Are your trees looking thirsty? Trees for Life Oregon will be distributing free buckets so you can water your trees this summer, and many summers to come! Stop by Fernhill Park between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm on Saturday, August 29 to get your free bucket. Learn more about it [here](#).

Ongoing:

August Pop-Up Arboreta: Have you visited a [Pop-Up Arboretum](#) in a Portland park yet? Well, there are many new trees to discover! Going on now, Argay Park, Cherry Park, Farragut Park, and Sellwood Riverfront Park have interactive and informational signs installed on trees! If one of these is your local park, be sure to visit before the signs are gone. While you are out there, tag [@portlandparks](#) on Instagram or [@Urban Forestry - Portland Parks & Recreation](#) on Facebook and let us know which tree is your favorite park tree. To see the summer Pop-Up Arboreta schedule, click [here](#).

Remember – do not go into parks or onto trails if you cannot stay at least 6 feet away from other people. Respect park facility closures, such as playgrounds and athletic fields. Current information is posted at [PortlandParks.org](#).

Portland Parks & Recreation has monitored the COVID-19 situation since it began. We continue to be in communication with and to follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Oregon Health Authority, Multnomah County Health Department, and the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management regarding the situation.

Event Highlights

See photos from recent events!

www.flickr.com/photos/urbanforestry



Recorded Workshops Now Available

Tired of Netflix and Hulu? Check out our new digital collection of **recorded workshops!** They are available without a subscription (except maybe to Tree Bark).

This spring, we shifted our usual workshop format online to be available as live

presentations.

Many of our workshops had limited capacity in the past, but now, anyone can access recordings of these presentations from our website.

Current offerings include:

- **Introduction to Tree Pruning**
- **Advanced Tree Pruning**
- **Heritage Trees of Portland**
- **Threats to Urban Trees - Pests, Pathogens, and Drought**
- **Your Tree, Right Place**

Take yourself on an online adventure and explore Portland's urban forest how and where you feel most comfortable. Happy viewing!

In Other News

Due Date 8/31/2020 for Urban Forestry Commission Applications: The Urban Forestry Commission is a group of volunteers that hears about plans affecting trees in Portland. They make informed recommendations to the City Forester, Parks Director, and City Council, and they are currently seeking new members. All ages and levels of experience are welcome. Community members that can represent **low income and low canopy** neighborhoods are encouraged to apply. Learn more and apply [here](#).

Tree Code Amendments - More Opportunities for Public Comment: A final staff report with proposed tree code amendments for City Council to consider in October has been released. The proposed amendments work to increase tree preservation requirements in certain development situations. Read the staff report [here](#). The amendments are an important step, but there is more work to do. Visit the Tree Code Amendment website for upcoming opportunities to be heard [here](#).

Willamette Week Article Says What Many of Us Already Know, East Portland Needs Trees: Earlier this month, Willamette Week published an article that draws upon many familiar names and organizations in Portland's tree community. The information may not be surprising for many of our loyal Tree Bark readers, but it is nice to know that many new readers will see the message. Read the article [here](#).

Sparrowhawk Native Plants - Online Ordering Starts September 1: Shop 70+ species of native plants, from the comfort of your physically-distanced home. A percent of the proceeds from each Sparrowhawk plant purchase will support inspiring community partners. View their colorful and informative website [here](#). Worried about staying physically-distanced during plant pick up? Read their COVID-19 protocols [here](#).

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