

#### **URBAN FORESTRY**

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# Spring has Sprung! Flowering Tree Map Back by **Popular Demand**





March and April are a great time of year to view Portland's plum and cherry trees in bloom. We have made a handy map so that you can easily find them, wherever you are in town. Pictured here are plums at East Delta Park, and Heritage Tree # 217, a Yoshino cherry, photo by Steve Terrill.

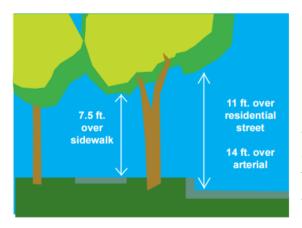
Spring took its time this year, arriving about two weeks later than usual! (Check out the Status of Spring maps here.) If the warmer days and brighter evenings have you wanting to go for a walk, Urban Forestry has got you covered.

Did you know that there are 25,000 plum and cherry trees along Portland's streets? Wherever you live, there is likely a tree in bloom right now near your own front door. Plum and cherry trees are less popular now than they used to be, since they are relatively short-lived and prone to disease. However, from March to April, they come alive with beautiful blooms.

Check out the popular blog post from last year to see a Flowering Tree Map of the locations of the flowering trees in your neighborhood. Be sure to zoom in on the map for details, then go put a little spring in your step!

## **Upcoming Events**

Opportunities to learn and volunteer! www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/workshops



Local Tree Care Provider Workshop
Friday, May 17, 2019, 8:30 am - 11:30 am
Location: Mt. Scott Community Center,

upstairs classroom, 5530 SE 72nd Ave. (map)

This workshop is for professionals in the arborist community to learn about or review Portland's tree code, **Title 11 Trees**.

There is no cost to attend, but registration is recommended to secure your seat and to receive

workshop materials.

Attendance at one workshop each year is one of the requirements to be included on the City's **Local Tree Care Provider List**.

Register here!

### **More Upcoming Events**

**5/1/19:** Heritage Tree Nominations are due by May 1, 2019! Do you have a tree or trees that you have been admiring? Anyone can nominate a Heritage Tree, learn how **here**. Then download a Heritage Tree Nomination form **here**.

**Ongoing**: Hoyt Arboretum has lots of tree-related events coming up! See their Upcoming Events & Classes **here**.

# **Arbor Day Moved to October!**





Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry has moved the annual Arbor Day celebration to

October. Since Arbor Day is all about trees, we want to celebrate by planting!

Portland's climate is better suited for planting trees in the fall than in late spring. Our hot dry summers have made it more difficult for trees planted in April to succeed. By moving Arbor Day to October, we can plant new trees and take advantage of the wet winter months to help them get established. Stay tuned for Arbor Day in October!

### In Other News

Who Needs to Know More About Trees? OSU Offers Online Arboriculture Class: Oregon State University's College of Forestry is offering a course on the principles and practices of arboriculture, the art and science of selecting, planting, establishing and maintaining trees in urban, suburban, commercial and residential landscapes. This course is open to non-degree students, which means that you can sign up for just this class without enrolling in a degree program. Learn more here.

New Email Address to Contact Urban Forestry About Outreach and Volunteer Opportunities: You have comments and questions, and we want to hear them! Use Urban Forestry's new email address created just for you. UFVolunteers@PortlandOregon.gov was made so that our volunteers could easily get in touch with us. We look forward to hearing from you!

Time for Trees - Video from the Arbor Day Foundation: The Arbor Day Foundation has launched a new Time For Trees Initiative. Their goals are to plant 100 million trees all around the world with the help of 5 million tree planters by 2022, the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day. Learn more here.

#### What is Phenology?

Phenology is the study of the timing of the biological events in plants and animals such as flowering, leafing, hibernation, reproduction, and migration. When you see flowers and buds emerging in the spring, you are witnessing phenology in action. Read more about it at budburst, a project of the Chicago Botanic Garden.

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