



TreePAC Newsletter – Jan 2020

Happy New Year! As we go into a new year, there are plenty of challenges and opportunities ahead of us to **Protect Seattle Trees!** - Here's just a few:

1) The [Seattle Urban Forestry Commission](#) is recruiting for a Wildlife Biologist for Position #1. Get a fellow tree-lover in there!

2) As Annie Thoe of [Seattle Treekeepers Alliance](#) aptly reminded us a few days ago – the next big event is the [Seattle City Council Neighborhood and Land Use Committee meeting](#) on Wed, Feb 12 at 930am. This is a critical meeting to attend given trees are centrally on the agenda and won't be again until a much later meeting in May. Please attend and raise the roof for trees!

3) Keep going to the **Don't Clearcut Seattle** website and click [Take Action](#) - **keep submitting comments to the Mayor and City Council!** – if you see something, say something. If you are worried about trees in your neighborhood or near a friend's house, near a park, school or business district – say something. **Every. Tree. Matters.**

4) Keep the calls and letters coming to the new and re-elected Council Members that you want them to **Protect Seattle Trees:**

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...and remember a phone call is often worth the value of **many** emails if you have the time to make one!

5) **Like** and **Share** our Facebook and Instagram pages with your friends and family:

<https://www.facebook.com/TreePAC.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/dontclearcutseattle/> (a whole slew of additional great tree and green local FB groups linked here too!)

https://www.instagram.com/dontclearcutseattle_/

6) **Get a shirt, mug, sticker, pin or banner!** Besides the Don't Clearcut Seattle yard signs, you can show your tree spirit by wearing a shirt, using a mug, posting stickers and banners! - [check them all out here](#) – all proceeds after costs support TreePAC and Don't Clearcut Seattle – if history is any guide, they typically go on sale again towards the end of each month, keep an eye on the site, typically up to 35% off. **And if you have ideas or designs to submit, [let us know](#).**

How can I help longer term? Plenty of great ways:

A) **Join a local group** – besides [TreePAC](#) and [Friends of Seattle's Urban Forest](#), some great additional groups have been making a real difference the past several months:

[Don't Clearcut Seattle](#) (site and action page – **yard signs** still available!)

[Tree Keepers Alliance](#) (FB page)

[The Last 6,000](#) – **find, record and protect** Seattle's Exceptional and Heritage trees!
<https://www.instagram.com/thelast6000/> - Instagram page

B) **Tree Ordinance** – Here's the ongoing [list of actions you can take](#) and points to include, including contact info. The first 5 pages of the current Urban Forest Commission draft ordinance linked here are an outline of its contents, followed by the actual provisions – please review and submit comments and suggestions!

Draft UFC revision to Council D7 draft - Tree Regulations:
[Tree and Urban Forest Protection and Land Use Regulations](#)

C) **Want to save a tree at risk?** David Moehring of the TreePAC Board has put together a great step by step guide on how – [click here](#).

D) If you have or know of a potential **Seattle Heritage Tree** – **Get it in the Registry!** More detail on how [here](#) and [here](#).

E) Any or all of the articles linked below in our News section(s) are fair game for supplying to the City Council and Mayor re tree protection – please remember when writing to the city that **existing** trees are usually **even more effective** than mass plantings, **if protected**. – we need BOTH.

Social Media (send us more if you have them!):

Don't Clearcut Seattle: <https://www.facebook.com/dontclearcutseattle/>

Vanishing Seattle: [Instagram feed, regularly now including tree destruction](#)

TreePAC on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TreePAC.org/>

DIRT Corps: <https://www.facebook.com/theDIRTcorps/>

[TreeKeepers Alliance](#) (FB)

Nature Consortium: <https://www.facebook.com/naturec>

The Seattle Lorax: <https://twitter.com/seattlelorax>

Seattle Nature Alliance: <https://www.facebook.com/SeattleNatureAlliance>

Trees For Seattle: [Facebook](#)

Trees and Health App: <http://map.treesandhealth.org/>

[The Last 6000](#) - Instagram

Tree Apps: Check out our [Tree Apps page](#) and identify the tree you are standing in front of! Also, the SoCoCulture crowdsourced [tree map page here](#).

Local Tree Activist Groups and Events:

NOTE: these are tree-supporting area groups, if they do not have tree-specific activities, we will simply link to their events calendar(s). If you have additional event(s) please let us know so we can add them – TreePAC.

TreePAC: If you wish to become involved in working on an updated Seattle Tree Ordinance, please watch the homepage for suggested action steps, or the mailing list for similar updates: Please check <https://www.treepac.org/> or [friends.urbanforests.org](https://www.friends.urbanforests.org).

Seattle Urban Forestry Commission:

Meetings are posted at the link immediately below, usually 1st and 2nd Wed each month from 3-5pm. *Next meetings are **Feb 5, Feb 12, Mar 4 and Mar 11, 2020.*** [Meetings are held in Room 2750 of the Seattle Municipal Tower, 27th floor, 700 Fifth Avenue.](#)

Plant Amnesty (Seattle area): Event pages: [Upcoming Events](#) [Classes and Workshops](#) [Adopt-a-Plant](#) [Get Involved](#)

Prune-A-Thon 2020!

When: Saturday, February 15 9am – 4pm

Where: Sky Nursery 18528 Aurora Ave N Shoreline, WA 98133

Friends of Seattle's Urban Forest – [Home](#) [Coalition](#) [News](#) [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#)

Bloedel Reserve (Bainbridge Island) – [Events listing](#)

Don't Clearcut Seattle (yard signs and more!) - dontclearcutseattle.org [Events](#)

DIRT Corps (Duwamish Infrastructure Restoration Training) – [more info](#)

E3 Washington (Environment, Equity, Economy) – [Western WA Events Calendar](#)

Earth Corps (events across Greater Seattle) – [Volunteer Calendar](#) (most env. restoration work events are on Saturdays, often several each day, not all in Seattle)

Forterra (Greater Seattle area) – [Event and local Work Parties, restoration](#)

Local Tree/Activist groups (cont.)

Green Seattle Partnership – [Become a Forest Steward program](#)

Friends of Seward Park – Monthly Meeting and activities - [2nd Sat of most months](#)

King County: [We're Planting 1 Million Trees by 2020](#)
[Drop in Saturdays, Tree Planting at KC Parks 1 Million Tree Effort](#)

Nature Consortium – West Duwamish [Urban Forest Restoration volunteer work parties](#), Tuesdays and Saturdays throughout the month, 10am-2pm.

Seattle Audubon – click here for their [Events Calendar](#).
Volunteer Open House: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 8050 35th Ave NE in Seattle, 6-7pm.

Seattle Green Spaces Coalition ([Facebook](#))

SER Northwest – click here for their [Events Calendar](#)

Seward Park Audubon Center – [Events Page](#)

Sierra Club of WA – Wed 2/5; Wed 3/4 @7pm: [National Forest Committee Meeting](#)

The Last 6,000 – [find them, record them!](#) [Latest Newsletter](#)

Thornton Creek Alliance – [Events](#)

Trees for Seattle:

[Events](#) [Tree Work Parties](#) [Tree Walks](#) [Report Illegal Tree Removal](#) (scroll down)

WA Native Plant Society – [Central Puget Sound Chapter Programs](#) (Seattle 1st Tues @7pm; Bellevue 2nd Tues @7pm) - Plant ID workshop before Seattle meetings, at 6pm

Local/PNW Tree News:

Downtown Park Tree Tour – Fri Feb 21 – **Bellevue Reporter (Event)**

Current Forest and Tree Health Issues in Western Washington – Bellevue Botanical Garden, Wed Feb 12 – **The Stranger (Event)**

Robinswood Park Tree Tour, Fri Feb 7 – **Bellevue Reporter (Event)**

Seattle Parks: Queen Anne embankment slide to remain – **Queen Anne News, Jan 28**
- Original plans to restore 12th West & West Howe Park as natural area scrapped

Planting away on MLK Day of Service – **Bellevue Reporter, Jan 24**

Puyallup eases laws, fees on tiny homes, backyard cottages, basement apartments – **Tacoma News Tribune, Jan 20**

Plant trees, restore trails, or march this MLK Jr. Day – **SeattlePI, Jan 20**

Oregon versus Australia wildfires: There's no comparison - **Eugene Register-Guard, Jan 19**

In My Opinion: The value of young forests - **Eugene Register-Guard, Jan 18**

For the love of orchards: How to grow fruit trees in your yard – **Everett Herald, Jan 18**

Photo: Hawthorne tree in snow – **Shoreline Area News, Jan 17**

Guest View: Innovation must drive Elliott State Research Forest - **Eugene Register-Guard, Jan 16**

Bozievich wrong choice for forests – **Eugene Register-Guard, Jan 16**

Mayor outlines BIG changes to Mukilteo in coming years – **Mukilteo Beacon, Jan 15**

Salmon restoration group opens office in Old Town – **Mukilteo Beacon, Jan 15**

Help us understand logging and timber practices across Oregon – **Oregonian, Jan 15**

LFP cited as good example for new Seattle City Councilmembers – **Shoreline Area News, Jan 14**

Seattle Parks removes vandalized tree in Magnolia – **Queen Anne News, Jan 13**
- Someone drilled holes in two Douglas firs, filled them with herbicide

Local/PNW Tree News (cont.)

[Monocrops are not forests](#) – **Eugene Register-Guard, Jan 12**

[Scene in MLT: Street trees being installed as part of Main Street project](#) – **MLT News, Jan 11**

[County invites ideas for heritage park in South Kitsap](#) – **Kitsap Sun, Jan 10**

[UPDATE: Wondering about those half-cut trees along Admiral Way?](#) - **West Seattle Blog, Jan 8**

[Guest View: Real cause of division in communities](#) - **Eugene Register-Guard, Jan 7**

[Letter to the editor: Happy tree trails to Steve Hatzenbeler](#) - **MyEdmonds News, Jan 6**

[What's appropriate about clearcuts?](#) – **Eugene Register-Guard, Jan 4**

[Protect local forests](#) – **Eugene Register-Guard, Jan 2**

[Pacific Northwest forests fit trifecta for curbing climate change — if we stop logging them](#) – **Crosscut, Jan 1**

[Oregon has 3 'Outstanding Natural Areas,' in the desert, forest and on the coast](#) – **Oregonian, Jan 2020**

[New tree planted at Portland's Mill Ends Park hours after old one chopped down by thieves](#) – **Oregonian, Dec 27**

[Who owns King County forestlands?](#) - **MI Reporter, Dec 26**

[Poulsbo to get new park preserve off Highway 305](#) – **Kitsap Sun, Dec 26**

[Someone chopped down the lone tree in 'world's smallest park,' Portland's Mill Ends Park](#) – **Oregonian, Dec 26**

[Runoff into Lake Emelia from construction site alarms neighbors](#) – **Kitsap Sun, Dec 20**

[Bainbridge Island Land Trust announces purchase of 23-acre forested preserve](#) – **Kitsap Sun, Dec 19**

[Guest View: A longview of timber's impact](#) – **Eugene Register-Guard, Dec 17**

Local/PNW Tree News (cont.)

[Guest View: Nature's climate solution](#) – **Eugene Register-Guard, Dec 14**

[Why yes, you can grow citrus trees in the Pacific Northwest](#) – **Everett Herald, Dec 14**

[City Council Dec. 16 consider MLT tree ordinance, tree policy](#) – **MLT News, Dec 14**

[Letters to the editor: Warming shelters, the timber industry, Christmas trees](#) – **Salem Statesman-Journal, Dec 13**

[Shoreline neighbors opposed to cutting trees for a sidewalk](#) – **Everett Herald, Dec 12**

[Illahee Preserve to gain long-sought property that serves as wildlife habitat](#) – **Kitsap Sun, Dec 10**

[Draft tree ordinance, labor agreements among items on Dec. 12 council agenda](#) – **MLT News, Dec 10**

[Commentary: NW must speak for trees, salmon in Alaska](#) – **Everett Herald, Dec 8**

[Hazardous trees to be removed in Bainbridge's Waterfront Park](#) – **Kitsap Sun, Dec 8**

[Activists resist aerial pesticide spraying](#) – **Eugene Register-Guard, Dec 6**

[Bacteria in plants might reduce commercial fertilizer use](#) – **UWDaily, Dec 5**

[1,000 donated giant sequoias will call Bellevue their new home](#) – **Bellevue Reporter, Nov 30**

[Can Rainier Beach's Kubota Garden remain a refuge for all?](#) - **Crosscut, Nov 29**

[Big Timber should foot the bill](#) – **Eugene Register-Guard, Nov 26**

[Conservation groups protect Hood Canal shoreline at Big Beef Creek](#) – **Kitsap Sun, Nov 24**

[Edmonds Citizens' Tree Board seeking new members](#) – **MyEdmonds News, Nov 23**

[A 230-year-old Mount Vernon tree, a witness to history, is no more](#) – **Seattle Times, Nov 22**

[Good way to see the world? Get your hands dirty](#) – **Edmonds Beacon, Nov 21**

Local/PNW Tree News (cont.)

[The Cascades tilted, and population slid to the west side | History Files](#) – **Edmonds Beacon, Nov 21**

[Fall hikes: At Kirkland's O.O. Denny Park, visit majestic old-growth trees, including Sylvia — once biggest in King County](#) – **Seattle Times, Nov 20**

[Jury in Oregon sides with counties in timber revenue lawsuit](#) – **Seattle Times, Nov 20**

[Botanists scour old Northwest homesteads for long-lost apple varieties](#) - **Seattle Times, Nov 20**

[The Brockman tree tour continues](#) – **UWDaily, Nov 18**

[Crowd honors tree as Havana celebrates 500th anniversary](#) - **Seattle Times, Nov 16**

[Trees in LFP - winter prep, removal for power lines and new construction](#) – **Shoreline Area News, Nov 13**

[Trees talk: How plants communicate to survive environmental threats](#) – **Everett Herald, Nov 10**

Tree News elsewhere:

[Donated Christmas trees serve purpose in New Canaan](#) – **SeattlePI, Jan 21**

[Fires set stage for irreversible forest losses in Australia](#) – **Seattle Times, Jan 19**

[Clones help famous elm tree named Herbie live on, for now](#) – **Seattle Times, Jan 19**

['This is not how sequoias die. It's supposed to stand for another 500 years'](#) – **Guardian, Jan 18**

[Australia firefighters save world's only rare dinosaur trees](#) – **SeattlePI, Jan 18**

[Learn how to ID all the trees in your 'hood](#) – **LA Times, Jan 17**

[Guardian and Observer appeal raises £1m for tree charities](#) – **Guardian, Jan 17**

[Can trees and clouds really be happy?](#) – **SeattlePI, Jan 17**

Tree News Elsewhere (cont.)

[Australians love a home among gum trees. But can eucalyptus forests recover from the fires?](#) – **SeattlePI, Jan 17**

[Judge threatens to force PG&E to hire more tree trimmers](#) – **Seattle Times, Jan 16**

[Study: Spotted lanternfly costing Pennsylvania \\$50M annually](#) – **SeattlePI, Jan 16**

[Rhode Island town baffled by tree cutting mystery](#) – **SeattlePI, Jan 15**

[New Mexico universities share \\$5M for forest research center](#) – **SeattlePI, Jan 13**

[10 amazing Texas tree house hotels that will make you feel like a kid again](#) – **SeattlePI, Jan 11**

[Nicholls State growing coast-adapted plants for restoration](#) – **SeattlePI, Jan 11**

[Ali Shokri Is a Photographer. He Speaks for the Trees.](#) – **SeattlePI, Jan 10**

[Largest private giant sequoia grove saved from development](#) – **SeattlePI, Jan 9**

[National Trust to plant 20 million trees in UK over next decade](#) – **Guardian, Jan 9**

[Conservation organization raised \\$16 million to buy giant sequoia grove](#) – **SeattlePI, Jan 8**

[Tree thinning in northern New Mexico causes uproar](#) – **SeattlePI, Jan 7**

[Over 2,000 Christmas trees donated to repair sand dunes](#) – **SeattlePI, Jan 7**

[Sassafras-killing fungal disease spreading in Tennessee](#) – **SeattlePI, Jan 7**

[Families plant an urban forest to fight effects of pollution](#) – **Guardian, Jan 5**

[New high school puts focus on environment, climate change](#) – **Seattle Times, Jan 5**

[Where do SF's 500 tons of Christmas trees go?](#) – **SeattlePI, Jan 4**

[You could see your favorite tree in the Times Union](#) – **SeattlePI, Jan 3**

[California eases way for land clearing to prevent wildfires](#) – **Seattle Times, Dec 31**

[Invasive plants exterminated at Magoon Creek Park](#) – **SeattlePI, Dec 29**

Tree News Elsewhere (cont.)

[Trees for Trout wants your Christmas trees](#) – **SeattlePI, Dec 28**

[Lemurs Are the World's Most Endangered Mammals, but Planting Trees Can Help Save Them](#) – **Ecowatch, Dec 27**

[Michael Potter: Why prune fruit trees that are dormant?](#) – **SeattlePI, Dec 27**

[Statistic Of The Decade: The Massive Deforestation Of The Amazon](#) – **Honolulu Civil Beat, Dec 26**

[NSW poised to privatise state forests to raise \\$1bn for infrastructure projects](#) – **Guardian, Dec 26**

[Christmas Tree Farms Are Going Extinct](#) – **SeattlePI, Dec 24**

[Top scientists warn of an Amazon 'tipping point'](#) – **SeattlePI, Dec 20**

[He seeks, and speaks, for the trees \(the big ones\)](#) – **SeattlePI, Dec 20**

[Do you have a favourite tree? Share your pictures and stories](#) – **Guardian, Dec 19**

[Parallel efforts are close to reviving the American chestnut tree](#) – **SeattlePI, Dec 18**

[The art of Laura Miller to be featured on 2020 Tree City poster](#) – **SeattlePI, Dec 16**

[Manistee County's biggest tree identified in ReLeaf Michigan Big Tree Hunt](#) – **SeattlePI, Dec 16**

[Converting coal plants to biomass could fuel climate crisis, scientists warn](#) – **Guardian, Dec 16**

[ReLeaf Michigan announces Big Tree Hunt winner](#) – **SeattlePI, Dec 14**

[Tasmania's flowering giants: 'We will never see such trees again'](#) – **Guardian, Dec 14**

[Rewilding: How Trees for Life are renewing the Highlands](#) – **Guardian, Dec 14**

[Warner Music Aims to Plant 100,000 Trees in the Amazon as Holiday Gift to Staff](#) – **SeattlePI, Dec 13**

[As California thins forests to limit fire risk, some resist](#) – **Eugene Register-Guard, Dec 13**

Tree News Elsewhere (cont.)

[NASA supports Wesleyan professor's wildfire research](#) – **SeattlePI, Dec 12**

[Scientists studying to improve Christmas trees discover water mold affecting Fraser firs](#) – **SeattlePI, Dec 11**

[Close Scottish grouse moors to help climate, report urges](#) – **Guardian, Dec 9**

['Felling this forest would be like knocking down a cathedral'](#) – **Guardian, Dec 7**

[The world needs trees more than ever. Here's how to plant some on your travels.](#) – **SeattlePI, Dec 5**

[Long-term damage from logging hits ability of Canada's forests to regenerate](#) – **Guardian, Dec 4**

[Europe Is Burning U.S. Wood As Climate-Friendly Fuel, But Green Groups Protest](#) – **KNKX, Dec 4**

[Restoring forests 1 tree at a time, to help repair climate](#) – **Seattle Times, Dec 3**

[To save Everglades, guardians fight time — and climate](#) – **Seattle Times, Dec 3**

[Letter: Save the insects](#) – **SeattlePI, Dec 2**

[Making seeds to withstand climate change is getting harder](#) – **SeattlePI, Nov 30**

[Report: Tongass among forests crucial for climate regulation](#) – **Seattle Times, Nov 28**

[One city's plan to combat climate change: Bulldoze homes, rebuild paradise](#) – **SeattlePI, Nov 26**

[Spring ISD elementary school receives historic tree](#) – **SeattlePI, Nov 26**

[Hamden announces fall trees of the month](#) – **SeattlePI, Nov 25**

[Jerry Walls: Trees are the rivers of life](#) – **SeattlePI, Nov 25**

[Robert Miller: This chestnut tree could grow one again](#) – **SeattlePI, Nov 23**

[Ikea acquires 42,000 acres of forestland in East Texas](#) – **SeattlePI, Nov 22**

[White oaks planted in every town in state](#) – **SeattlePI, Nov 19**

Tree News Elsewhere (cont.)

[Spending on trees in UK falls despite pledges to plant more](#) – Guardian, Nov 19

[Man who destroyed Hamden's 'door tree' avoids prison](#) – SeattlePI, Nov 12

[Which trees are best for combating carbon emissions?](#) – Guardian, Nov 12

['Scariest tree pathogen in the world' spreading rapidly in California](#) – SeattlePI, Nov 11

[Large-scale tree removals for Laurel Heights development site spark neighborhood concerns](#) – SeattlePI, Nov 11

[Green streets: which city has the most trees?](#) – Guardian, Nov 5

[High-tech chestnuts: US to consider genetically altered tree](#) – Seattle Times, Nov 5

[Meet Los Angeles's First-Ever Forest Officer](#) – CityLab, Oct 9

Books and other media:

[Seattle's park system is a green jewel by design](#) – Crosscut, Dec 10

Two new books chronicle the history of local parks, the 'breathing lungs and beating hearts' of our city.

TreePAC organization info:

“Are you tired of pleading, asking, arguing and proving that trees have public value? Join TreePAC and make change happen. Together we will be a lobby as powerful as the sports lobby.” Cass Turnbull, TreePAC founder.

Mission: The TreePAC mission is to influence local government to protect, maintain and increase the Seattle-area urban forest.

Website: <https://www.treepac.org/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TreePAC.org/>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/TreepacO>

How to join (or donate) to TreePAC: <https://treepac.org/join/>
Who we are: <https://treepac.org/board/>

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