



TreePAC Newsletter – Feb/Mar 2020

Hello everyone, and we hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and healthy with the coronavirus situation here in the greater Seattle area hitting us harder than most other areas of the country.

While the overall effect will of course be to slow down public meetings and SeaCC action for our chosen cause given other priorities, *we still need to pay close attention in case things try to slip past scrutiny* – keep your eyes and ears to the ground!

So in the meantime, here's how you can help:

- 1) The [Seattle Urban Forestry Commission](#) is (still) recruiting for a Wildlife Biologist for Position #1. Get a fellow tree-lover in there!
- 2) Now is not the time to let up - 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.**
- 3) 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 as always, a phone call is often worth the value of **many** emails if you have the time to make one!

- 4) Know of **exceptional** or even potentially **Heritage trees** in your neighborhood? Submit them at these links! [The Last 6,000](#) [Seattle Heritage Tree Program](#)

- 5) **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](#).

6) **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_/

7) **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](#):

[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) 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)

[Eco Lógica Magazine](#) (FB)

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

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

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

Treehugger's Podcast: [latest here.](#)

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.](#)

The Walking Podcast: [from Bainbridge Island....](#)

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.

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 **Apr 1, Apr 8, May 6 and May 13, 2020.** In the current CV situation, meetings will likely be over conference call instead of in person - please click through for the current number/login.*

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

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 work events are on Saturdays, often several each day, not all in Seattle – *please click through to check in advance given CV situation, many events are getting canceled*)

Forterra (Greater Seattle area) – [Event and local Work Parties, restoration](#) – (*again please click through to check in advance, many events getting canceled due to CV*)

Local Tree/Activist groups (cont.)

Green Seattle Partnership – [Become a Forest Steward program](#) (NOTE: *due to CV situation, all volunteer events canceled through April 13*)

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](#) (*check events due to CV cancellations*)

Sierra Club of WA – Wed 4/1; Wed 5/6 @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)
(NOTE: *all Trees for Seattle public events in March have been canceled, more TBD*)

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:

[Trading Forested Places](#) – **Columbia Land Trust, Mar 10**

[Letter to the Editor: Update on 133 trees at risk on Dayton Ave N](#) – **Shoreline Area News, Mar 8**

[Mountlake Terrace named Tree City USA](#) – **MLT News, Mar 6**

[Cafe 541: Beings of Eugene: Whitey Lueck talks University of Oregon trees, including giant sequoias](#) – **Register-Guard, Mar 5**

[Mental Health and our Forests](#) – **Register-Guard, Mar 3**

[Wake up, people](#) – **Register-Guard, Mar 2**

[Old Growth Forests and Old Growth People](#) – **Register-Guard, Mar 1**

[How this garden, with native plants and canoe planters, can help save salmon, orcas](#) – **SeaTimes, Feb 26**

[Oregon gathering spruce aphid outbreak data](#) – **Register-Guard, Feb 24**

[Ask an expert: It's not easy to root apple tree from cuttings](#) – **Oregonian, Feb 23**

[In My Opinion: Old forests, not clearcuts, are climate solutions](#) – **Register-Guard, Feb 22**

[Stump shocker: Why were the flowering trees cut down in downtown Portland's Terry Schrunk Plaza?](#) - **Oregonian, Feb 19**

[Kirkland council discusses city's tree code](#) (The current tree code allows for any sized property to remove two trees over the course of 12 months). - **Kirkland Reporter, Feb 19**

[Letter to the Editor: Background on effort to save 133 tall trees by WSDOT](#) – **Shoreline Area News, Feb 16**

[Letter to the Editor: A change of design could save 133 trees](#) – **Shoreline Area News, Feb 16**

[How to keep trees well-watered in any season: Ask an expert](#) – **Oregonian, Feb 15**

[The city is accepting public comment on the four story building proposal.](#) - **MI Reporter, Feb 14**

Local/PNW Tree News (cont.)

[Oregon timber companies, environmentalists sign 'historic' pact on forest practice regulations](#) – **Register-Guard, Feb 10**

[Protect the wildlife near McComick Woods](#) – **Kitsap Sun, Feb 10**

[Connelly: It's time for Washington to focus the mind on forest fires](#) – **SeaPI, Feb 7**

[McCormick Woods neighbors rally against 58-home plat](#) – **Kitsap Sun, Feb 7**

['What could 80 years do for a tree?' - MI Reporter, Feb 7](#)

[Dayton Street construction update: Tree impacts on north side of Dayton Street](#) – **MyEdmondsNews, Feb 5**

[Rally for the Trees this Friday and Saturday in Shoreline](#) – **Shoreline Area News, Feb 5**

[Lawmakers back timber industry to help reduce WA's carbon emissions](#) – **Bellevue Reporter, Jan 31**

[Scene in MLT: Trees cleared near MLT Transit Center for future temporary parking lot](#) – **MLT News, Jan 28**

[State lands commissioner sees forest and trees](#) – **Everett Herald, Jan 28**

[Ask an expert: Help sought for beloved redwood tree](#) – **Oregonian, Jan 25**

[Sound Transit tree planting along I-5 at NE 80th and 85th](#) - **Shoreline Area News, Jan 25**

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

[Letter to the editor: Happy tree trails to Steve Hatzenbeler](#) – **MyEdmondsNews, Jan 6**

Tree News elsewhere:

[This tree survived the last ice age, but now its future hangs in the balance](#) – CNN, Mar 13

[Wales launches £5m national forest scheme – with pupils' help](#) – Guardian, Mar 12

[Montgomery: apple tree 'feeding is timed for early spring'](#) – SeaPI, Mar 10

[Protecting mangroves can prevent billions of dollars in global flooding damage every year](#) – SeaPI, Mar 10

[Brazil tribe faces down order to end environmental protest](#) – SeaPI, Mar 10

[Meet the Man Protecting One of the Oldest Olive Trees in the World](#) – SeaPI, Mar 9

[London's Trees Are Saving the City Billions](#) – CityLab, Mar 9

[Bill to plant 1M trees each year in Hawaii moves to Senate](#) – SeaPI, Mar 7

[Invasive hemlock woolly adelgid found in Mason County](#) – SeaPI, Mar 7

[Special branches: readers on the trees that changed their lives](#) – Guardian, Mar 4

[Tropical forests losing their ability to absorb carbon, study finds](#) – Guardian, Mar 4

[The Congo rainforest is losing its ability to absorb carbon dioxide. That's bad for climate change.](#) - SeaTimes, Mar 4

[You can't fix climate change with 'hacks' — but there are ways to make an impact](#) – SeaTimes, Mar 3

[PG&E says it can't commit to expanding tree-trimming force](#) – SeaPI, Mar 3

[Can't travel to DC? Plant a cherry blossom tree in your own backyard.](#) – SeaPI, Mar 3

[Conservation Group Purchases Massive Sequoia Grove](#) (CA) – SeaPI, Mar 2

[Ridgefield tree cutting leads to \\$43,000 settlement](#) – SeaPI, Mar 1

[The Legend of Limberlost](#) – Smithsonian, Mar 2020

[Sugar Land Parks and Recreation wins award for volunteer tree planting event](#) (TX) – SeaPI, Feb 28

Tree News Elsewhere (cont.)

[New Mexico Forestry Division to plant 1,200 trees](#) (NM) – **SeaPI, Feb 28**

[Want to help bees and butterflies? Add these plants to your garden](#) – **LA Times, Feb 28**

[Is your tree on death's door? Here's how to tell](#) – **LA Times, Feb 28**

[US forest chief: 'Tough choices' to fund wildfire prevention](#) – **SeaPI, Feb 26**

[That orange seed you just spit out? Grow a tree](#) – **SeaPI, Feb 25**

[Editorial: No, a trillion more trees and baby-step oil company reforms won't fix global warming](#) – **LA Times, Feb 24**

['Unprecedented' globally: more than 20% of Australia's forests burnt in bushfires](#) – **Guardian, Feb 24**

[German court says Tesla can fell trees at site of new plant](#) – **SeaTimes, Feb 21**

[Backing the trillion tree campaign to combat climate crisis](#) – **Guardian, Feb 21**

[Tree removal along Connecticut highways unsightly, but necessary, DOT says](#) – **SeaTimes, Feb 20**

[Germans divided over plans for Tesla electric car factory](#) – **Guardian, Feb 19**

[Remaking Appalachia green](#) – **SeaTimes, Feb 17**

[Tree project's roots holding strong](#) – **SeaPI, Feb 15**

[Work to begin on site of giant upstate NY Amazon warehouse](#) – **SeaPI, Feb 15**

[Greenwich Tree Conservancy, Stamford's Avon co-hosting 'Judi Dench: My Passion for Trees' screening](#) – **SeaPI, Feb 14**

[Plant more trees and ease climate change](#) – **SeaPI, Feb 13**

[Malta tries to protect woods, creek from development](#) – **SeaPI, Feb 12**

[What's Better Than Planting a Trillion Trees?](#) - **NYT, Feb 10**

Tree News Elsewhere (cont.)

[Quiz: Can you identify this tree from its leaf?](#) – **SeaPI, Feb 10**

[Scientists Grow Date Palms From 2,000-Year-Old Seeds](#) – **SeaPI, Feb 7**

[IEPA awards almost \\$1 million for Cahokia Creek Watershed](#) – **SeaPI, Feb 5**

[Tiny indigenous land highlights Brazil's environmental woes](#) – **SeaTimes, Feb 4**

[Most of 11m trees planted in Turkish project 'may be dead'](#) – **Guardian, Jan 30**

[Burning Trees For Heating Won't Help With Climate Change: UK Think Tank](#) – **Oilprice.com, Jan 25**

[Court rules that century-old oaks to be razed to make way for pipeline in Katy](#) - **SeaPI, Jan 24**

[Make big polluters pay for mass tree planting, officials say](#) – **Guardian, Jan 23**

[Housing Discrimination Made Summers Even Hotter](#) – **CityLab, Jan 22**

[Trump hails 1tn trees plan but ignores roots of problem](#) – **Guardian, Jan 21**

[Wollemi pines' survival shows what humans can do when determined](#) – **Guardian, Jan 16**

[Biggest food brands 'failing goals to banish palm oil deforestation'](#) – **Guardian, Jan 16**

[China's Crazy Plan to Keep Sand From Swallowing the World](#) – **Mother Jones, 9/10 2017**

Books and other media:

[Among the Trees – a knotty problem](#) – London Hayward Gallery (art exhibit review)

[A native plant guru's radical vision for the American yard and the environment](#) – **Book Review: Nature's Best Hope** by Doug Tallamy.

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.

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

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