



TreePAC Newsletter – May-July 2020

Hello everyone - as always, we hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and healthy given the CV19 pandemic and other long-overdue civil rights activity going on. Enjoy!

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As always, we are focused first and foremost on getting the *2009 Interim Seattle Tree Ordinance* made into a full-fledged (and uniformly enforced) law across the City of Seattle. Of late, given the CV19 pandemic, civil rights-related activity across the city and most recently the employer taxation proposal, the Tree Ordinance may be taking a back seat as to City Council and Mayor priorities.

However, this doesn't make it any less important! Please [continue to submit comments to the Mayor and City Council](#) through the **Don't Clearcut Seattle** site – we **are** making a difference! If you see something in your neighborhood, i) ask, ii) document it and iii) submit it, please.

1) Apps:

(NEW!) [iSeaTree v.1](#) - COMING SOON: iSeaTree is a free, intuitive mobile app that helps you identify and record tree species anywhere!

[Trees for Seattle](#) has published the Seattle Tree Walk app [Android](#) [Apple](#)

Other PNW & Tree Apps: [Trees Pacific NW](#) [More info](#)
[USFS PNW Forests](#) (Apple only)

and of course check out our [Tree App page](#) at TreePAC.org

2) Keep the calls and letters coming to the City Council and Mayor that you want them to **Protect Seattle Trees**:

Mayor Jenny Durkan: 206-684-4000 jenny.durkan@seattle.gov

City Council (by District):

(NOTE: you can contact all 9 Councilmembers by emailing council@seattle.gov)

D1:	Lisa Herbold	206-684-8801	Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov
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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!

3) Know of exceptional or even potentially Heritage Trees in your neighborhood? Submit them to ***The Last 6,000*** (seen below) and the [Seattle Heritage Tree Program!](#)

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

5) **Get a shirt, mug, sticker, pin or banner!** Besides the Don't Clearcut Seattle yard signs (*we still have some left, just ask!*), 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. Have ideas or designs? [Please let us know](#).

6) **Tree Ordinance** – 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 feedback to the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.

***Draft UFC revision to Council D7 draft – Tree Regulations:
Tree and Urban Forest Protection and Land Use Regulations***

7) 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.

Feature: Native Trees of the PNW (New series!) [\(return to top\)](#)

We at TreePAC talk a lot about *protecting* the trees of Seattle, but for those of us who aren't arborists, what *are* the trees of Seattle?

Let's take a look, starting this issue with two of the biggest and well-known: the ***(Coast) Douglas Fir*** and the ***Western Red Cedar***.

(Coast) Douglas Fir: Second-tallest conifer in the world; Third tallest of all trees. They can grow upwards of 195–245 ft) or more in height and from 4 to almost 7 ft in diameter for old growth groves. Also commonly seen and used as Christmas Trees around the PNW generally.

Currently the biggest known one (327 feet tall!) is the [Doerner Fir in Coos County, OR:](#)



Western Red Cedar:

Not actually a 'true' cedar - commonly found with Douglas Fir and Western Hemlock in PNW forests; **Very** long-lived, some trees can live well over a thousand years, with the oldest verified being ~1,460 years old. The species (second) name *plicata* derives from the Latin word [*plicāre*](#) and means "folded in plaits" or "braided," a reference to its small braided leaves.



More reading and pictures:

[Trees of the PNW: A Geographic Guide](#)

[Wikipedia: *Pseudotsuga menziesii*](#)

(Coast Douglas Fir)

[Wikipedia: *Thuja plicata*](#)

(Western Red Cedar)

[Common Trees of the Pacific Northwest \(OSU\) – Douglas Fir](#)

[Common Trees of the Pacific Northwest \(OSU\) – Western Red Cedar](#)

Local Tree Activist Groups and Social Media: [\(return to top\)](#)

NOTE: these are tree-supporting area groups and social media feeds, including links to their event calendar(s). If you have some not seen here, please let us know so we can add them – *TreePAC*.

TreePAC: [FaceBook](#) [Twitter](#)

If you wish to become involved in working on an updated Seattle Tree Ordinance, please reach out! You can securely donate to the cause by clicking here: [DONATE](#)

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 Aug 5, Aug 12, Sept 2, Sept 9, Oct 7 & Oct 14, 2020.

Due to CV19, meetings will be held over Skype [conference call instead of in person - please click through for the current number/login.](#) NOTE: If you are interested in being considered for this commission, submit your request to [Sandra Pinto de Bader](#).

Plant Amnesty (Seattle area): [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#)
[Urban Forest Gateway](#) [Events](#) [Classes-Workshops](#) [Adopt-a-Plant](#)

Friends of Seattle's Urban Forest: [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#)
[Coalition](#) [News](#) [Other Tree Ordinances](#)

Don't Clearcut Seattle (yard signs and more!) [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [Events](#)

Bloedel Reserve (Bainbridge Is.) [Now re-opened w/limited onsite visits] [Events](#)
[Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

DIRT Corps (Duwamish Infrastructure Restoration Training) [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

E3 WA (Environment, Equity, Economy): [Events](#) [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#)

Earth Corps (events across Greater Seattle): [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#)
[Volunteer Calendar](#) (all events canceled for immediate future due to CV19 situation)

Eco Lógica magazine: [Articles](#)

Local Tree Activist Groups (cont.)

Forterra (Greater Seattle area): [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#)
[Events and local Work Parties, restoration](#) – (many events getting canceled due to CV)

Friends of Seward Park: [Facebook](#) Monthly Meeting/activities - 2nd Sat of most months (NOTE: due to CV19 situation, email ahead to confirm event not canceled)

Green Seattle Partnership: [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)
(NOTE: *due to CV19 situation, all volunteer events canceled until further notice*)

Keep Ballard Trees Standing: [Facebook](#)

King County: [We're Planting 1 Million Trees by 2020](#) [Events](#)

Nature Conservancy WA: [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#)

Nature Consortium: [Facebook](#)

Save Shoreline Trees: [Facebook](#)

Seattle Audubon: [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [Events](#)

Seattle Green Spaces Coalition [Facebook](#)

Seattle Nature Alliance: [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

Seattle Neighborhood Greenways [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Events](#)

SER Northwest: [Facebook](#) - click here for their [Events Calendar](#)

Local Tree Activist Groups (cont.)

Seward Park Audubon Center: [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [Events](#)

Sierra Club of WA: [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#)
– Wed 9/2; 10/7; 11/4; 12/2 @7pm: [National Forest Committee Meeting](#)

Sustainable Seattle: [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [Twitter](#) [Pinterest](#) - [Events](#)

The Last 6,000: [Instagram](#) - [Latest Newsletter](#)

The Seattle Lorax: [Twitter](#)

Thornton Creek Alliance: [Facebook](#) [Events Calendar](#) [YouTube](#)

Tree Keepers Alliance: [Facebook](#)

Trees for Seattle: [Facebook](#) [Events](#)

Vanishing Seattle: [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

WA Native Plant Society [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

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Free webinar: Bradley Method for Managing Forest Weeds - July 15 – Shoreline Area News, Jul 12

Forests aren't good source for public revenue – Everett Herald, Jul 10

Local/PNW Tree News (cont.)

[How COVID-19 hurt Seattle's plan to strengthen its tree laws](#) – **Crosscut, Jul 9**

[Naturalist's Eye: Resilience at Blue Lake](#) – **Statesman-Journal, Jul 8**

[ELLSWORTH HEADWATERS PROTECTED](#) – **Nature Conservancy WA, Jul 8**

[RESTORING BALLINGER OPEN SPACE](#) – **Nature Conservancy WA, Jul 7**

[Edmonds again earns national Tree City USA designation](#) – **MyEdmonds News, Jul 5**

[Op-Ed: It is not in Shoreline's best interests to relinquish oversight of 6,000 trees to a golf club](#) – **Shoreline Area News, Jul 4**

[Vancouver's Old Apple Tree finally succumbs after nearly two centuries](#) – **Oregonian, June 28**

[New survey gauges what climate change means to residents of Mercer Island, other Seattle-area cities](#) – **Mercer Island Reporter, June 25**

[Big money bought Oregon's forests, but small timber towns are paying the price](#) – **Statesman-Journal, June 24**

[These 10 hikes explore Oregon's unique, bizarre and giant old-growth forests and trees](#) – **Statesman-Journal, June 24**

[Parks, Recreation, Cultural Services/Tree Board virtual meeting Thursday](#) – **Shoreline Area News, June 21**

[Trapping for gypsy moths in Shoreline](#) – **Shoreline Area News, June 19**

[Thousands of trees coming down along I-5 for light rail line](#) – **Seattle Weekly, June 17**

[For the Birds: Number 1 bird killer is habitat loss](#) – **Shoreline Area News, June 13**

[DELRIIDGE RAPIDRIDE PROJECT: Tree work, side-street staging, and other updates](#) – **West Seattle Blog, June 11**

[COLLABORATIVE FOREST PROJECTS MOVE FORWARD](#) – **Nature Conservancy WA, June 11**

[Central Kitsap neighbors concerned about 500-home development off Eldorado Boulevard](#) – **Kitsap Sun, June 10**

Local/PNW Tree News (cont.)

[Volunteers crucial to maintaining greenbelts in Seattle](#) – **Madison Park Times, June 1**

[A cascade of green dogwood](#) – **Shoreline Area News, May 31**

[Journey to the top of Oregon's largest wilderness area on Eagle Cap's Matterhorn](#) – **Statesman-Journal, May 28**

[Updated guide for Horizon View tree walk](#) – **Shoreline Area News, May 28**

[Ravenna Park: Solace in the shade](#) – **UW Daily, May 27**

[Tree infection depletes NW cherry harvest, report says](#) – **Oregonian, May 25**

[Valley of the Giants, saved by Salem barber, features Oregon's largest and oldest trees](#) – **Statesman-Journal, May 22**

[FOLLOWUP: Demolition planned at Orchard Street Ravine expansion site](#) – **West Seattle Blog, May 22**

[You could be the citizen scientist the world needs right now](#) – **Crosscut, May 18**

[Parks matter more than ever to public health](#) – **Kitsap Sun, May 18**

[Logging near Clear Creek Trail allowed on conservation easement](#) – **Kitsap Sun, May 12**

[Union Bay Natural Area: A wild reminder of togetherness](#) – **UW Daily, Apr 27**

[Our forests are in trouble, says Portland author, and the coronavirus pandemic won't help](#) – **Oregonian, Apr 13**

[A DECADE OLD, BEACON FOOD FOREST EVOLVES INTO ITS SECOND PHASE](#) - **South Seattle Emerald, Feb 3**

Tree News elsewhere:

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Arbor Day Foundation – [Blog \(regularly updated with Tree News everywhere\)](#)

[Agencies, group take 'step forward' with Mexican owl talks](#) – **SeaPI, July 9**

[Northern Michigan seeing outbreak of gypsy moth in oak forests](#) – **SeaPI, July 9**

['Playing the hand of God': scientists' experiment aims to help trees survive climate change](#) – **Guardian, July 8**

[Robert Miller: Lady beetles spell doom for woolly adelgids that destroy hemlocks](#) – **SeaPI, July 6**

[Brazil Burns Billions of Carbon Credits in Amazon Rout, CEO Says](#) – **Bloomberg Green, July 3**

[Tree troubles usually start at the trunk](#) – **SeaPI, July 3**

[Europe losing forest to harvesting at alarming rate, data suggests](#) – **Guardian, July 1**

[Land-clearing in NSW rises nearly 60% since laws were relaxed](#) – **Guardian, July 1**

[Land trust opens GreenLink Trail on Oenoke Lane](#) – **SeaPI, July 1**

[I Was in Love With a Tree That Swallowed the Sky](#) – **NYT, June 27**

[Greenwich Tree Conservancy spreads green across town \(CT\)](#) – **SeaPI, June 26**

[Environment groups urge Nippon Paper to scrap Victorian timber from supply chain](#) – **Guardian, June 25**

[Why Planting Trees Won't Save Us](#) – **SeaPI, June 25**

[How deforestation helps bad viruses jump from animals to humans](#) – **SeaPI, June 25**

[NSW scraps plan that could open protected forests to logging](#) – **Guardian, June 24**

[Working at home means softer TP – and a climate toll](#) – **Bloomberg Green, June 24**

[Timber from unsustainable logging allegedly being sold in EU as ethical](#) – **Guardian, June 23**

Tree News Elsewhere (cont.)

Sequoia, Kings Canyon to erase Robert E. Lee's name from trees – **SeaPI, June 23**

Forestry Giant Discovers Downside of Planting Millions of Trees – **Bloomberg Green, June 22**

'A shame for the world': Uganda's fragile forest ecosystem destroyed for sugar – **Guardian, June 18**

Loudonville neighbors battle over a local forest preserve (NY) – **SeaPI, June 17**

Southeast Texas ranch preserves forest in carbon storage deal (TX) – **SeaPI, June 16**

Conservationists purchase more than 15K W. Maine acres (ME) – **SeaPI, June 16**

Fighting Poverty Accidentally Stopped Deforestation – **Bloomberg Green, June 15**

Consider several questions before giving up on a damaged tree (TX) – **SeaPI, June 11**

Amazon Deforestation Soars as Pandemic Hobbles Enforcement – **NYT, Jun 6**

Robert Miller: On the lookout for fungus that kills oak trees – **SeaPI, June 6**

Litchfield to start removing trees hit by ash borer (CT) – **SeaPI, June 5**

Walking app helps tree lovers know their sycamores from their maples – **Guardian, June 5**

Calls for review of forestry exemption laws after VicForests conservation breaches – **Guardian, June 3**

Opinion: Putting our young people back to work (CT) – **SeaPI, June 3**

New York's coming rain forest? Not exactly, but state forests will change (NY) – **SeaPI, June 2**

'Going in the Wrong Direction': More Tropical Forest Loss in 2019 – **NYT, June 2**

Wilton Land Trust hires new executive director (CT) – **SeaPI, June 1**

Illegal Logging in Romania – **Bloomberg, June 1**

Tree News Elsewhere (cont.)

[Cocoa Industry Appears to Make Small Improvements in Tree Loss](#) – **Bloomberg Green, June 1**

[Want to Fix Urban Sprawl? Ditch the Cul-de-Sac](#) – **WIRED, May 31**

[Climate Change And Deforestation Mean Earth's Trees Are Younger And Shorter](#) – **KNKX, May 29**

[Climate Change, Deforestation Harm Old-Growth Forests: Study](#) – **Bloomberg Green, May 28**

[Clifton Park residents seek end to developer's tree removal plan \(NY\)](#) – **SeaPI, May 20**

[7.7 Million Young People Are Unemployed. We Need a New 'Tree Army.'](#) - **NYT, May 18**

[Tom Lounsbury: Tree-planting time is here at last](#) – **SeaPI, May 13**

[Seeds of hope: on a mission to protect Tasmania's ancient pencil pines](#) – **Guardian, May 13**

[Why planting a tree should be your next quarantine project](#) – **SeaPI, May 12**

[Bayou Land Conservancy talks conservation plan](#) – **SeaPI, May 8**

[Southern Europe Could Lose \\$22 Billion Fighting Olive Tree Disease](#) – **KNKX, May 3**

[Can Genetic Engineering Bring Back the American Chestnut?](#) - **NYT, Apr 30**

Books and other media:

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[Native Trees of the Pacific Northwest: A Geographic Guide](#) (kept this in again, given we are now using it for the Feature above, among other sources - TreePAC)

[Explore Oregon Podcast: Hikes to Oregon's old-growth forests and trees](#) – Statesman-Journal (Salem, OR)

[‘The Hidden Life of Trees’ Sells to North America, Other Major Territories](#) – SeaPI, June 22

[Splendid isolation: how I stopped time by sitting in a forest for 24 hours: podcast](#) – Guardian, Apr 24

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

Heritage Tree Podcasts (Portland, OR): [latest here](#).

Trees are Key podcast (TX A&M Forestry): [series here](#).

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“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/>

Mailing List: send an **email** to us to be added.