



TreePAC Newsletter – Feb/March 2019

Updates: Seattle MHA still proceeding, mostly tree-ignoring

While the City still proceeds forward with only token attention to tree protection, besides the current appeal still ongoing from the Queen Anne group, **TreePAC is filing an intervention as well.** Stay tuned, and hopefully someone in City Hall will actually LISTEN – but currently they are filing in opposition to us – big surprise.

This [SeaTimes letter from last March](#) arguably sums it all up:

“...Now older, affordable multifamily dwellings with parking **and trees** are being torn down and replaced by **expensive town houses and row houses that fill entire lots**. Under the MHA, lot setbacks will be even less, building heights even higher, and **no adequate provisions made for parking, tree canopy and habitat**, or neighborhood involvement...”

We still strongly urge supporters to keep up the pressure the Mayor’s office and the City Council on a regular basis to demand they finally enact a strong tree protection ordinance and enforce it!

You can contact the Seattle Mayor at jenny.durkan@seattle.gov and the Seattle City Council at council@seattle.gov.

Take Action: How can you help protect Seattle trees?

Here's a [comprehensive list of actions you can take](#) and points to include, including contact info.

Other Cities: tree efforts and situations:

[Survey: Half of Las Vegas trees in poor condition or dead](#) – SeaPI, 3/4

[L.A.’s urban forest needs you: How to help green your street or yard](#) – LA Times, 3/1

[Neighbors join forces to replace missing street trees](#) – LA Times, 1/25

[If L.A. loves its trees, it should stop developers from ripping out so many of them](#) – LA Times, 1/6

[L.A.’s trees are more essential than ever.](#) – LA Times, 1/2

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 3rd Wed each month. **Next meetings are April 3 and April 10, 2019.** [Meetings are held in Room 2750 of the Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue downtown.](#)

Plant Amnesty (Seattle area):

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

[PA Tree-specific upcoming events, click link above for more info/signup:](#)

Meeting of Like Minds with Van Bobbitt- Trees and Forests of Western Australia: Tuesday, April 16th

Urban Forest Symposium - Trees for the Future: The critical role of urban forests in combating the climate crisis – Tuesday, May 21.

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

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

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

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

Forterra (Greater Seattle area) – [Events](#)

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 King County Parks 1 Million Tree Effort](#)

(Local Tree Activism and Events, cont.)

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.

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

Sierra Club of WA – Wed 4/3, 7pm: [National Forest Committee Meeting](#) (Monthly)

Trees for Seattle – [Upcoming events](#) (Facebook)- regular Work Party, [tree activities](#)

WA Native Plant Society – [Central Puget Sound Chapter Programs](#)

(Seattle mtg 1st Tues of the month, 7pm; Bellevue 2nd Tues of the month, 7pm) – A plant identification workshop precedes Seattle meetings, at 6pm.

Local/PNW Tree News:

[The Edmonds marsh, big trees, name calling | Letters to the Editor](#) – Edmonds Beacon, 3/6

[Yes to affordable housing, but not in Discovery Park's backyard](#) – SeaTimes, 3/5

[It's time to plant fruit trees — here's how to best establish them](#) – SeaTimes, 3/6

[The last great tree: a majestic relic of Canada's vanishing rainforest](#) (Vancouver Island)– Guardian, 3/5

[Work on Lynnwood Link could begin as early as this month](#) – Shoreline Area News, 3/3

[March is a good time to prune damaged trees and shrubs and re-pot houseplants](#) – Tacoma News Tribune, 3/1

[Fires, floods, destruction: Washington copes with worsening climate change](#) – Bothell-Kenmore Reporter, 2/27

-----*(Local PNW tree news, cont.)*-----

[Hearing Examiner's office issues decision on The Madison](#) - Save Madison Valley loses bulk of appeal; drainage, P-Patch protections remanded to SDCI – Madison Park Times, 2/27

[Rant & Rave: A tree gets to stay](#) – SeaTimes, 2/24

["Wood rats" give new life to fallen oak](#) – Shoreline Area News, 2/24

[WATCH: How do you move a mature tree? Very carefully](#) – Kitsap Sun, 2/23

[What people said at Seattle's public hearing on neighborhood upzones](#) – SeaTimes, 2/22

[Beavers are active in Mercer Island's Luther Burbank Park](#) – Mercer Island Reporter, 2/22

[Kirkland City Council lays out goals for 2019](#) – Kirkland Reporter, 2/21

[Bill to raise fee for private forest owners goes to governor \(ID\)](#) – SeaPI, 2/20

[Tree pulls out of ground by Brookside Elementary](#) – Shoreline Area News, 2/17

[Good trees for urban gardens: Witch hazel and hazel nut hold their own in winter](#) – MyEdmonds News, 2/15

[From the Archives: Seattle's Gilded Age — Housing for Trees, but not for People](#) – South Seattle Emerald, 2/11

[Vivian Olson will run for Edmonds City Council](#) – Edmonds Beacon, 2/10

[The cookie, tree cover, Yost Park | Letters to the Editor](#) - Edmonds Beacon, 2/10

[Should Seattle make trims to neighborhood-upzones plan? City Council wades into debate](#) – SeaTimes, 2/8

[An unwelcome beetle invasion claims 2 English elms in Wallingford](#) – SeaTimes, 2/7

['Pruning Simplified' book for trees and shrubs helps DIY gardeners](#) – Oregonian, 2/7

[Keep Douglas Firs out of city gardens](#) – Madison Park Times, 2/5

[State rule would limit use of chemical that killed trees \(OR\)](#) – SeaPI, 1/31

[Oregon may become 1st state in West to ban weedkiller that slays trees](#) – Oregonian, 1/31

-----*(Local PNW tree news, cont.)*-----

[The view-blocking trees have been cut down. The hard feelings between UP neighbors remain](#) – Tacoma News-Tribune, 1/30

[UP woman distressed about cutting of maple trees](#) – Tacoma News-Tribune, 1/30

[Group narrowing in on environmental education center site preference](#) – Madison Park Times, 1/28

[Good trees for urban gardens: Harbingers of spring](#)- MyEdmonds News, 1/27

[Oregon OKs new smoke rules to allow more prescribed burns](#) – SeaPI, 1/25

[Seeing the city through the trees](#) – Queen Anne News, 1/23 [GO DAVID!]

[Letter to the editor: City must act to protect Edmonds' tree canopy](#) - MyEdmonds News, 1/22

[Engage to save Seattle neighborhoods](#) – SeaTimes, 1/21

[Expect tree removal as early light rail work begins, Sound Transit tells MLT City Council](#) – MLT News, 1/19

[Neighbors appealing Holy Names Academy underground parking garage decision](#) – Madison Park Times, 1/16

[Kubota Legacy Trees Plant Temporary Roots](#) – SeattleU Spectator, 1/16

[Letter to the editor: Factors to consider in protecting the tree canopy](#)– MyEdmonds News, 1/15

[Commentary: The declining Edmonds tree canopy](#) – MyEdmonds News, 1/6

Tree News elsewhere:

[County: Trump club in Virginia illegally cut trees](#) – Tacoma News Tribune, 3/7

[Trump golf course fined for cutting down trees in Virginia flood plain](#) – SeaPI, 3/6

[Site of planned Hunter coal plant is endangered bird's only NSW breeding area](#) – Guardian, 3/6

[Italy sees 57% drop in olive harvest as result of climate change, scientist says](#) – Guardian, 3/5

-----(*Tree News Elsewhere, cont.*)-----

[Peru takes new approach to protecting Amazon: Using military](#) – SeaPI, 3/5

[Austin residents worry about orchard after demolition snafu](#) – SeaPI, 3/3

[Fight brewing over apartments planned for Western Greenwich](#) – SeaPI, 3/3

[Ash loggers race against time before beetles get them all](#)– SeaPI, 3/1

[End of an era for historic sugar maple tree \(VT\)](#) – SeaPI, 2/20

[Santa Fe's trees face risk amid climate change concerns \(NM\)](#) – SeaPI, 2/17

[Savannah turning vacant city-owned lots into tree nurseries \(GA\)](#) – SeaPI, 2/17

[School wants to raze trees to meet green-energy goals, but environmentalists cry foul \(MD\)](#) – SeaPI, 2/17

[Arbor Day event: hundreds of free trees to green up Conroe \(TX\)](#) – SeaPI, 2/16

[City of Des Moines again offering free trees to residents \(IA\)](#) – SeaPI, 2/16

['Chimney forest' symbolic of all that was lost in Paradise \(CA\)](#) – SeaPI, 2/15

[How a South Pasadena matron used her wits and wealth to create Joshua Tree National Park](#) – LA Times, 2/14

[You May Be Surprised To Learn Which 2 Countries Are Making The Globe A Lot Greener](#) – KNKX, 2/14

[NY giving out free tree seedlings to prevent soil erosion](#) – SeaPI, 2/13

[By poplar demand: the 2019 European Tree of the Year contest – in pictures](#) – Guardian, 2/15

[Senate passes the decade's biggest public lands package](#) – SeaTimes, 2/12

[Tree bark ingredient could help treat patients of this deadly cancer](#) – SeaPI, 2/12

[Former candidate for Oklahoma attorney general is sued](#) – SeaPI, 2/12

[Report: Fewer trees died off in California in 2018](#) – SeaPI, 2/11

[Safety vs. aesthetics: Merritt tree-clearing slated for Stamford, Greenwich](#) – SeaPI, 2/8

[The shutdown is over. Can Joshua Tree recover?](#) - Guardian, 2/4

[Letter: Greenwich's tree roots are strong \(CT\)](#) – SeaPI, 2/2

[California seeks faster forestry approvals in wildfire fight](#) – SeaPI, 2/2

-----(*Tree News Elsewhere, cont.*)-----

[Experts: Wisconsin's extreme cold can kill emerald ash borer](#) – SeaPI, 2/2

[Plan to clear forest for Georgetown solar farm criticized](#) (MD) – SeaPI, 2/1

[Capturing carbon to fight climate change is dividing environmentalists](#) – SeaPI, 1/31

[Michigan opens forests to people who burn wood to heat homes](#) – SeaPI, 1/31

[Amazon deforestation, already rising, may spike under Bolsonaro](#) – SeaPI, 1/28

[Robert Miller: Deep winter freezes a blessing for hemlocks](#) (CT) – SeaPI, 1/25

[Potter: Care before plating bare-root fruit trees](#) – SeaPI, 1/25

[‘A town this size really should have a full-time tree warden’](#) (CT) – SeaPI, 1/25

[Letters to the Editor: Thanks for working to keep Texas beautiful](#) – SeaPI, 1/22

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/>

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

Who we are: <https://treepac.org/board/>

Mailing List: send an email to ovaltinelatte@hotmail.com to be added

Tree Apps: Since you're going to be on your phone anyway, why not identify the tree you're standing next to? Check out our [Tree Apps page](#) and let us know your tree identification results! Also, the **SoCoCulture** crowdsourced [tree map page here](#).