



## TreePAC Newsletter – Aug 2019

**Updates:** The time is still NOW. The Seattle tree activist is YOU.

**Announcement:**

**Coalition for a Stronger Tree Ordinance Campaign Planning Meeting  
*Updating Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance in 2019***

Saturday August 10, 2019 11:15 AM to 1:15 PM

Green Lake Library, 7364 East Green Lake Dr N, Seattle, WA 98115

Progress continues in the campaign to update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance this year. On Tuesday July 30, 5 members of the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission met with Deputy Mayor David Moseley and several of the Mayor's staff. Agreement was reached with the Mayor's office to direct OSE and DCI staff to coordinate with Councilmember Sally Bagshaw and Seattle City Council staff to review the Urban Forestry Commission's revised draft of the Tree Protection Ordinance update. They will also seek out more public review and shoot for release of a final draft to be adopted by the Council the first two weeks of December.

If we continue to let the Council and Mayor know that the people in Seattle urgently want a stronger tree ordinance that works, we can make it happen! But there is still a lot of work to be done. To be most effective, we need to coordinate our efforts so that we speak and work in unison.

**Join us at our meeting Sat. August 10th** to discuss what we need to do next to be successful. One of the steps being considered is the formation of a larger coordinated steering committee. We also need more input to the Council and Mayor as well as broaden our coalition.

The Coalition has recently been working with a new group, the **Neighborhood Treekeepers** in Victory Heights who, with TreePAC and Friends of Seattle's Urban Forest, have started a yard sign campaign as well as a new website and Facebook page. Join us on Saturday to learn more and help.

The first 5 pages of the UFC draft ordinance linked here are an outline of its contents, followed by the actual provisions:

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

So as always, we offer the 'what can I do' - but it's more diverse than before, with a lot of different things going on and different possibilities.

1) **The election primary is this coming Tuesday, Aug 6** - Here are some links regarding the current candidates for SeaCC, and input you can give the SeaTimes to ask them in turn about TREES – and definitely VOTE!

<https://treepac.org/tree-pac-question-sent-to-seattle-city-council-primary-candidates-2019/> - What we sent them.

<https://treepac.org/seattle-elections-2019/> - SeaCC Candidate responses on TreePAC Tree Questionnaire re Resolution 31870, Section 6 and whether they support it.

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/yes-no-or-maybe-see-where-seattles-city-council-candidates-stand-on-key-issues/>

<https://projects.seattletimes.com/2019/local/who-should-lead-seattle/>

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/politics/tell-us-what-questions-do-you-want-seattles-dozens-of-city-council-candidates-to-answer/>

2) **Tree Ordinance** – Come to next Saturday's meeting and join with us! Also, here's the ongoing [list of actions you can take](#) and points to include, including contact info.

3) **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](#).

4) We are continuing to add **new groups** in the Groups & Events section below, and to add to our **Social Media** section. Send any others you know of, and we'll add them!

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

6) 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 – that's why we include them. While many recent articles have touted mass-tree planting worldwide as a potentially very powerful solution – we would strongly point out that EXISTING trees are even more effective, if PROTECTED – we need BOTH.

7) [The Last 6,000](#), an ongoing **Plant Amnesty** effort, is a civic campaign to locate Seattle's remaining majestic trees. Have you located a [majestic](#) tree, (or several?) in your neighborhood or around the city? Share them with the campaign, and they will count and map them! Google and email input forms on their website at the above link (scroll to bottom 3rd of the page). Here's their [latest newsletter](#).

## **Other Cities and places: tree efforts and situations:**

[Hawaii watershed rehabilitation work shows signs of success](#) – Seattle PI, 7/16

[Films about Portland trees, activism, and history coming up in next 'Portland Circuit' program](#) – Oregonian, 7/6

[Local nonprofit encourages less carbon pollution, more trees for cities and towns](#) – KNKX, 6/13

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

**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/>

**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/>

**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](http://friends.urbanforests.org).

### **Seattle Urban Forestry Commission:**

Meetings are posted at the link immediately below, usually 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed each month from 3-5pm. *Next meetings are **Aug 7, Aug 14, Sept 4 and Sept 11, 2019.*** Meetings are held in Room 2750 of the Seattle Municipal Tower, 27<sup>th</sup> floor, **700 Fifth Avenue.**

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

***Heritage Tree Dedication!*** EUROPEAN CHESTNUT (*Castanea sativa*) tree  
Located at the home of Jerry & Arlys Pederson 1609 N 49th St., Seattle WA 98103  
**Tuesday, August 6th at 5:00 pm**

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

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

**Don't Clearcut Seattle** - <https://www.dontclearcutseattle.org> (yard signs and more!)

**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) – [Events](#)

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

**Friends of Seward Park** – Monthly Meeting and activities - [2<sup>nd</sup> 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 8050 35th Ave NE in Seattle, 6-7pm.

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

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

**Sierra Club of WA** – Wed 9/4, 10/2 @7pm: [National Forest Committee Meeting](#)

**Thornton Creek Alliance** – [Upcoming events here](#) (click through)

**Trees for Seattle:**

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

**[Seattle's Annual Free Tree Giveaway Now Underway](#)**

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

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

## ***Local/PNW Tree News:***

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**Secrets of the Trees Walk** - [Saint Edward State Park](#), Sun, Aug 18, 10:00am

[Global warming brings wildfire risk to rainy US Northwest](#) – **Idaho Statesman, 8/4**

[For the birds: Birds need them - we need them - let's save the trees](#) – **Shoreline Area News, 8/2**

[The Trees Need Our Help](#) – **Eugene Register-Guard, 8/1**

[Will Seattle finally protect its trees? A leafy promise left unfulfilled](#) – **International Examiner, 7/31** (NOTE: this is the same Investigate West article as also seen in the two links immediately below, but nicely showing up in multiple local papers - K)

[WILL SEATTLE FINALLY PROTECT SOUTH END TREES? A LEAFY PROMISE LEFT UNFULFILLED](#) – **South Seattle Emerald, 7/30**

[South Seattle residents want greener neighborhoods — without more gentrification](#) – **Crosscut, 7/30**

## **Local/PNW Tree News, cont.**

[Washington's forests burn on](#) – **UW Daily, 7/30**

[The fox is defending the hen house](#) – **Eugene Register-Guard, 7/30**

[Scene in MLT: Sound Transit tree removal underway](#) – **MLT News, 7/27**

[Oregon vowed not to become California — and passed sweeping housing crisis legislation](#) – **SeaTimes, 7/27**

[Photos: Bad behavior in city parks](#) – **Shoreline Area News, 7/25**

[Letter to the Editor: Shoreline voters may be surprised at my endorsement](#) – **Shoreline Area News, 7/24**

[Drought-stricken trees die in and around Eugene](#) – **Eugene Register-Guard, 7/23**

[Drier summers killed Oregon's native trees](#) – **Seattle PI, 7/22**

[OSU temporarily halts old growth logging](#) – **Seattle PI, 7/22**

[Pub Night Talk at McMenamins: “Buried and Submerged Forests of the Pacific Northwest”](#) – **Shoreline Area News, 7/16**

[Beacon forum: Edmonds mayoral candidates speak out on issues](#) – **Edmonds Beacon, 7/16**

[Battle to save century-old Camperdown elm fails, Salem Capitol tree to be removed](#) – **Statesman-Journal, 7/16**

[Seattle's Annual Free Tree Giveaway Now Underway](#) – **Patch, 7/15**

[Practice Real Forestry](#) – **Eugene Register-Guard, 7/12**

[Enforce Seattle's tree ordinance](#) – **SeaTimes, 7/10**

[Lawsuit seeks to stop juniper-removal project in Idaho](#) – **Seattle PI, 7/8**

[These very hungry caterpillars are eating WA forests — and fueling wildfires](#) – **Crosscut, 7/2**

[A botanical garden trust is logging near Tolmie State Park in northeast Thurston County. Why?](#) - **The Olympian, 6/28**

## Local/PNW Tree News, cont.

[More guidance for Africatown Plaza: Community provides feedback on three design concepts for new affordable housing development](#) – **Madison Park Times, 6/26**

[Farming with trees: food in a future with climate change](#) – **Everett Herald, 6/19**

[Applications now being accepted for Grit City Trees Program](#) – **TacomaWeekly, 6/5**

## ***Tree News elsewhere:***

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[Virginia's destroyed 'Founding Forest' may be bouncing back](#) – **Idaho Statesman, 8/4**

[Tree-killing fungal disease found in Hawaii](#) – **Seattle PI, 8/3**

[Protect forests, lock up carbon](#) – **Eugene Register-Guard, 8/3**

[Utility's tree trimmings becoming food for zoo animals](#) – **Seattle PI, 8/2**

[Joshua trees could be in danger of extinction, new study shows](#) – **Seattle PI, 8/2**

[On the North Shore, many hands work to help a dying forest \(MN\)](#) – **Tacoma News Tribune, 8/2**

[Use your waste water to save street trees, experts urge](#) – **Guardian, 8/1**

[Don't Cut Those Trees — Big Food Might Be Watching](#) – **KNKX, 7/31**

[Water authority takes Katy man to court pitting historic oak trees vs. Pipeline](#) – **Seattle PI, 7/31**

[In Bolsonaro's Brazil, soap operas are part of the resistance](#) – **Seattle PI, 7/31**

[Amazon deforestation: Bolsonaro government accused of seeking to sow doubt over data](#) - **Guardian, 7/31**

[Green shoots: Indian state introduces guns-for-trees scheme](#) - **Guardian, 7/31**

[England's new nature reserves 'will help us tackle global heating'](#) - **Guardian, 7/31**

[Living Near Trees, Not Just Green Space, Improves Wellbeing](#) – **CityLab, 7/30**

## ***Tree News Elsewhere, cont.***

[The 'lungs of the planet' are in danger of reaching a tipping point that could turn the Amazon rainforest into a savannah](#) – **Seattle PI, 7/30**

[Ethiopia plants more than 200 million trees in 1 day](#) – **Seattle PI, 7/29**

[Night at ballpark funds trees](#) – **Seattle PI, 7/28**

[Weatherwatch: forests could save us from the worst storms](#) – **Guardian, 7/26**

[PARKER: Plant a tree, cool a planet](#) – **Seattle PI, 7/24**

[Sustainable wood group sanctions Korean-Indonesian company](#) – **SeaTimes, 7/23**

[Climate Change is not a 'hippie thing'](#) – **Eugene Register-Guard, 7/20**

[Mexico tree plan in El Salvador aims to stem migration](#) – **Seattle PI, 7/19**

[Trees saved at Hamilton Avenue School \(CT\)](#) – **Seattle PI, 7/19**

[Reward for destroyed historic 'Door Tree' in Hamden up to \\$2,000 \(CT\)](#) – **Seattle PI, 7/19**

[The fluffy toilet paper you are buying is helping kill Canada's ancient forest, study says](#) – **Seattle PI, 7/18**

[Hidden pockets of nature](#) – **Seattle PI, 7/17**

[Pest-killing wasps to come to the aid of Maine forests](#) – **Seattle PI, 7/17**

[NSW remaps old-growth forests to open up reserves to logging: 'Sneaky' rezoning exercise now under way to address timber shortfall](#) – **Guardian, 7/16**

[Putting pigs in the shade: the radical farming system banking on trees](#) – **Guardian, 7/13**

[Reforestation: 4 Reasons Startup Founders Should Care](#) – **Seattle PI, 7/12**

[Ikea owner purchases 20K acres in SC for tree harvesting](#) – **Seattle PI, 7/9**

[Mexico extends \\$100 million reforestation program to Honduras](#) – **Seattle PI, 7/8**

[Keep Texas Beautiful honors Weston Lakes woman](#) – **Seattle PI, 7/8**



## ***Tree News Elsewhere, cont.***

[Tree-planting and saving the planet](#) – **Guardian, 7/8**

[Pathogen that causes tree-killing death found in Illinois](#) – **Seattle PI, 7/7**

[The wrong kind of trees: Ireland's afforestation meets resistance](#) – **Guardian, 7/7**

[Planting trees could make a huge dent in our growing climate crisis. But we'd need to cover an area the size of the US, starting right now.](#) – **Seattle PI, 7/6**

[The trouble with trees as a climate crisis solution](#) – **Guardian, 7/5**

[The Detested Bradford Pear Tree Is Coming to a Forest Near You](#) – **CityLab, 7/2**

## ***Books and other reading:***

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### **Lynda V. Mapes/David B. Williams**

Two local writers specializing in natural history celebrate two paperback releases together:

“Witness Tree: Seasons of Change with a Century-Old Oak” for Seattle Times writer Mapes;

“Stories in Stone: Travels Through Urban Geology” for Williams.

7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22; Seattle Public Library's Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle; 206-386-4636, [spl.org](http://spl.org)

## ***TreePAC organization info:***

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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/>

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