



TreePAC Newsletter – Sept. 2019

Latest: No time like the present to **Protect Seattle Trees!**

Whether you have been working on this issue for some time or are new – there's a lot going on and many ways you can help! It may be a cliché, but there is truly **no time like the present** to help Seattle trees! Within the 'how can I help?' list below, there are a few immediate tasks to DEFINITELY do:

- a) Go to the **Don't Clearcut Seattle** website (noted immediately below) and click Take Action – submit comments ASAP to the Mayor and City Council;
- b) Join the Neighborhood Treekeepers at the [Seattle Climate March](#) on Friday morning Sept 20th— bring signs to SAVE OUR TREES.
- c) Look through the City Council debate/times list in (5) below, register and show up/submit Tree Questions to get candidates on record as supporting trees!
- d) Click through to read (and then comment on via Don't Clearcut Seattle's Take Action link the latest upcoming resolution regarding the Tree Ordinance – don't believe the name - they are passing the buck likely until NEXT YEAR, again!?

Res 31902: [A RESOLUTION declaring the City Council's and the Mayor's intent to consider strategies to protect trees and increase Seattle's tree canopy cover.](#)

How can I help? Read below and act!

1) **Join a local group** – besides [TreePAC](#) and [Friends of Seattle's Urban Forest](#), some great new groups have started up in the past few months:

[Neighborhood TreeKeepers Alliance](#) (FB page)

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

[The Last 6,000](#), sponsored by *Plant Amnesty*, 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**.

2) **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](#)

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

5) **Seattle City Council debates/forums** (click for tickets or **submit a tree question**):

[CityClub sponsored](#): District 2 (Tue Sept 17 – 530pm – Rainier Arts Ctr)
District 5 (Sat Sept 21 – noon – Greenwood SC)
District 6 (Sat Sept 21 – 2pm – Greenwood SC)
District 3 (Thu Sept 26 – 5pm – Town Hall Seattle)
District 7 (Thu Sept 26 – 7pm – Town Hall Seattle)
District 4 (Sat Oct 5 – noon – University Lutheran)
District 1 (Thu Oct 10 – 6pm – Youngstown CAC)

KUOW Sea City Council [debate event/ticket listings](#), Fall 2019

Additional:

<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/>

6) **Get a shirt, mug, sticker 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 or Don't Clearcut Seattle – and **all items will be up to 35% off, on sale**, from Sept. 18th – 22nd.

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.

Other Cities and places: tree efforts and situations:

[Experts: Rising heat in cities requires swift, local action](#) – TacNews Tribune, Sept 6

[No trees, no shade, no relief in cities as climate heats up](#) – SeaPI, Sept 5

[As Rising Heat Bakes U.S. Cities, The Poor Often Feel It Most](#) – NPR, Sept 3

[Trees Are Key To Fighting Urban Heat — But Cities Keep Losing Them](#) – NPR, Sept 4

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.

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 **Sept 11, Oct 2 and Oct 9, 2019.*** 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](#)

[TREE HUGGER BINGO](#) with Ciscoe Morris on October 5!

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)

Green groups/activists (cont.)

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

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

Local Tree/green group events (cont.):

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.

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

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

Sierra Club of WA – Wed 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)

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:

[Growth placing pressure on wildlife, ourselves](#) – **Everett Herald**, Sept 8

['Nature keeps me grounded': How burns, racism and death inspired this WA outdoor festival](#) – **Crosscut**, Sept 4

[Lincoln Park Tree Walk, Sept 14](#) – **West Seattle Blog**, Sept 2

[After fire, Eagle Creek Trail taking final steps to reopen](#) – **SeaPI**, Aug 31

[Ask Dr. Universe: How do trees help the air?](#) – **SpoSR**, Aug 31

[Can I plant some dwarf trees on a retaining wall? Ask an expert](#) – **Oregonian**, Aug 31

[British Columbia's 'irreplaceable' forest could disappear after decades of clear-cut logging](#) – **Crosscut**, Aug 29

[Airstrip angers wilderness advocates, IFG defends work, says new landing area will alleviate sportsmen congestion](#) – **SpoSR**, Aug 30

[New, invasive Asian gypsy moth trapped in Woodway, a first in U.S.](#) – **Edmonds Beacon**, Aug 29

[See how Oregon and the Hiroshima Peace Trees are connected](#) – **SalemSJ**, Aug 26

[Ski expansion fight over, old-growth hike gains appreciation](#) – **SpoSR**, Aug 25

[After trees fall, Lynnwood light rail construction looms](#) – **Everett Herald**, Aug 23

[Story of Oregon tribal lands turns bittersweet after wildfire](#) – **Crosscut**, Aug 21

[Letters to the Editor - Unhappy with Waste Management](#) – **Edmonds Beacon**, Aug 21

[Massive juniper tree-cutting project aims to aid sage grouse](#) (ID) – **SeaPI**, Aug 21

[A Day in the Life of an Environmental Intern](#) – **MI Reporter**, Aug 19

[Mountain biking trails on Mica Peak taking shape; Beacon Hill remains threatened by development](#) – **SpoSR**, Aug 14

[More trees and bamboo will fight climate change](#) – **Everett Herald**, Aug 12

[Mercer Island's new rules for tree retention in full effect](#) – **MI Reporter**, Aug 11

Local/PNW Tree News (cont.)

[PCAF exhibit “Looking Through Trees”](#) - TacomaWeekly, Aug 9

[Forces of nature: Doctors linking environment, climate change to health issues](#) – SpoSR, Aug 7

Tree News elsewhere:

[Pope denounces exploitation of Madagascar’s unique resources](#) – SeaTimes, Sept 7

[In the Amazon, indigenous debate how to save their lands](#) – SeaPI, Sept 6

[Cocoa trees are being ravaged by a disease with no known cure](#) – SeaPI, Sept 6

[Sides square off in court over proposed snowmobile trail](#) (NY) – SeaPI, Sept 5

[Emerald ash borer infestation could increase tree work budget](#) (CT) – SeaPI, Sept 4

[Who has city’s oldest tree?](#) (IL) – SeaPI, Sept 3

[Hamden to plant 5 new ‘door trees’ after original destroyed](#) – SeaPI, Sept 2

[25 terms you should know: Understand the climate change](#) – SeaPI, Sept 2

[Indigenous leader in Brazil's Amazon tries to thwart loggers](#) – SeaPI, Sept 1

[Five myths about tropical rainforests](#) – SeaPI, Aug 30

[Tongass forest: Preserve our lands](#) – SeaTimes, Aug 30

[We need the Tongass now more than ever](#) – SeaPI, Aug 29

[Amazon's indigenous warriors take on loggers and ranchers](#)– Guardian, Aug 29

[Protest in Nepal against plan to cut trees to widen road](#) – SeaPI, Aug 29

[Eco search engine sees surge in downloads as Amazon burns](#) – SeaTimes, Aug 28

[Trump pushes to allow new logging in Alaska's Tongass Forest](#) – SeaPI, Aug 27

[What you need to know about the Amazon rainforest fires](#) – SeaPI, Aug 27

Tree News Elsewhere (cont.)

[Brazilian Amazon deforestation surges to break August records](#) – Guardian, Aug 27

[Emerald ash borer threatening trees on 50,000 acres in river floodplains](#) (IL, MO) – SeaPI, Aug 26

[NASA to help with UMaine project to study forest health](#) – SeaPI, Aug 25

[Ash-tree killing pest is spreading in Grand Isle County](#) (VT) – SeaPI, Aug 25

[Coffee growers help reforest Mozambique's Mount Gorongosa](#) – SeaPI, Aug 24

[Amazon burning: 4 essential reads on Brazil's vanishing rainforest](#) – SeaPI, Aug 23

[Chuck Martin: What is killing our maple trees?](#) (MI) – SeaPI, Aug 22

[Amazon: losing about 3 football fields' worth of rainforest per minute](#) – SeaPI, Aug 22

[Melbourne loses 15bn litres of water annually from logging catchment, study finds](#) – Guardian, Aug 22

[Indonesian walking 700 kilometers backward to save forests](#) – SeaTimes Aug 22

[Ridgefield to begin surveying dead ash trees along roads](#) – SeaPI, Aug 21

[Tree board helps keep Frankfort green](#) – SeaPI, Aug 20

[Paul Simon plants a tree at Hawaii forest preserve on Maui](#) – SeaPI, Aug 20

[Managing invasive autumn olive 50 years after its introduction](#) – SeaPI, Aug 19

[Ash tree killer confirmed in 3 more Iowa counties](#) – SeaPI, Aug 19

[Florida's iconic palm trees threatened by invasive disease](#) – SeaPI, Aug 19

[Nepal protesters urge end to plan to chop trees for airport](#) – SeaPI, Aug 19

[Maui Island clear of tree-killing Hawaii fungal disease](#) – SeaPI, Aug 17

[A tree grows in Greenwich](#) – SeaPI, Aug 16

[DA: 'Bama fan who poisoned Auburn trees not making repayment](#) – SeaPI, Aug 15

Tree News Elsewhere (cont.)

[Forest Service seeking applicants for Landscape Scale Restoration grant program](#) – **SeaPI, Aug 13**

[Tree-damaging pests: ‘devastating’ threat to 40% of US forests](#) – **Guardian, Aug 12**

[Damage to Germany's storied forests stokes climate debate](#) – **SeaPI, Aug 10**

[Canopy crossroad? Law removes local oversight on tree work](#) – **SeaPI, Aug 10**

[220 million trees planted in single day in India](#) – **SeaTimes, Aug 9**

[New 40-acre addition to McLean Nature Preserve](#) – **SeaPI, Aug 9**

[Weatherwatch: when will the timber industry wake up to reality?](#) – **Guardian, Aug 9**

[Chuck Martin: Some tree issues caused by our blunders](#) – **SeaPI, Aug 8**

[‘Part of German soul’ under threat as forests die](#) – **Guardian, Aug 7**

[After court ruling, tree-clearing along hiking trails is on hold: Adirondacks and Catskills affected by moratorium](#) – **SeaPI, Aug 6**

[Wilton Historical Society talk uncovers medicinal properties of trees](#) – **SeaPI, Aug 6**

[Growing program puts air quality specialists on wildfires](#) – **SeaTimes, Aug 6**

[New: Popular Pesticides Could Cause Unintended Harm To Insects](#) – **KNKX, Aug 6**

[Tree-eating beetles invade Ridgefield](#) (CT) – **SeaPI, Aug 6**

[Severe weather takes its toll on Texas trees](#) – **SeaPI, Aug 4**

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

[Washington Post: Plant a tree, hug a bee \(Kathleen Parker\)](#) – **Oregonian, Jul 24**

[Massive tree-planting effort could save planet, climate-change research finds, but it's too early to ‘take it as gospel’](#) - **Oregonian, Jul 9**

[Europe’s Cities Weren’t Built for This Kind of Heat](#) – **CityLab, Jul 25**

[Scotland plants 22M trees; England falls 7M short](#) – **The Independent, June 14**

Books and other reading:

In new book, David Guterson, author of 'Snow Falling on Cedars,' pens a plea to appreciate and preserve our wilderness – SeaTimes, Sept 8

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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