



## TreePAC Newsletter – Oct/Nov. 2020

Hello again everyone - as always, we hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and healthy.

For newcomers to our cause, TreePAC 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. Despite all the other current, important issues also commanding our attention, please help us keep tree protection and urban canopy restoration a high priority and focus in Seattle and surrounding areas.

**\*\*HIGHEST PRIORITY\*\*** – the 2020 Seattle Draft Urban Forest Management Plan has been released, you can read it here: [2020 Seattle Draft Urban Forest Mgmt Plan](#)

**\*\*Public comments for the above draft plan are DUE by Nov 30\*\***. There are a lot of things in this plan and definitely lots of room for improvement to protect and enhance Seattle's urban canopy – PLEASE submit input and suggested changes to the City, City Council and Mayor: [Council@seattle.gov](mailto:Council@seattle.gov); [Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov](mailto:Jenny.Durkan@seattle.gov); [Sandra.Pinto\\_de\\_Bader@seattle.gov](mailto:Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@seattle.gov) (Seattle Urban Forestry Commission); and [Maketa.Brazier@seattle.gov](mailto:Maketa.Brazier@seattle.gov) (Seattle Office of Sustainability & Environment)

You can also submit comments through the **Don't Clearcut Seattle** site: [submit comments to the Mayor and City Council](#) – in addition to our usual, longstanding request: If you see something in your neighborhood, i) ask, ii) document it and iii) submit it, please.

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## How to Help:

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1) There has been recent activity on the part of Seattle's **Department of Construction and Inspection** (DCI) as to tree protection. Let DCI know you care about trees and want them to PROTECT. From their site:

- The 'make a complaint' area is [here](#):
- The 'research a project' area is [here](#):
- Finally, to reference the existing Director's Rule as to Tree Protection – read it [here](#).

2) **Yard Signs**: – we still have several left, if you are interested and would like to make a donation to obtain one (we may be able to deliver or meet you), email us at **info at DontClearcutSeattle.org**

### 3) Apps:

[iSeaTree](#) - iSeaTree is a free, intuitive mobile app that helps you identify and record tree species anywhere – and designed in Seattle to boot!

Davey Tree Group: [What's new with i-Tree](#)

[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)

(new!) vTree (from Virginia Tech) [Android](#) [Apple](#)

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

4) 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!](#)

5) 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](#).

6) **Get a shirt, mug, sticker, pin or banner!** Besides putting up a Don't Clearcut Seattle yard sign, 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](#). We also have some remaining TreePAC shirts that we will have on our site shortly in exchange for a donation, keep an eye out!

7) **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](#)

8) 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** (a continuing 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?

Here's two more (last issue was [Bigleaf Maple and Western Hemlock](#) ) – **Noble Fir** and **Pacific Dogwood**.

**Noble Fir** ([Abies procera](#)): Often seen as a Christmas tree well before reaching true full grown status, these firs usually grow between 100-230 ft tall, and up to almost 7 feet in diameter. This is a high-altitude tree, usually seen between 1,000-5,000 feet in altitude but still below the usual tree line. Closely related to the [Red Fir](#) (southernmost OR, northern CA) and **Shasta Fir**, the latter considered by some a possible hybrid between the two.



## **Pacific Dogwood**

*(Cornus nuttallii)*:

Ranging from southern BC into California, the Pacific Dogwood can grow up to 60 feet tall but is usually smaller, with distinctive white petal 'flowers' - which are actually *leaves* surrounding a tight center cluster (which is the actual flower of the tree). The white petals are called 'bracts'.



One of only two native dogwoods to the PNW (the other is a shrub, not actually a tree), these trees are common throughout Seattle, their happy displays are seen every spring, and are also loved by native birds and wildlife.



### **More reading and pictures:**

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

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

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

## 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 **Nov 11**, **Dec 2** and **Dec 9**, 2020.

[Due to CV19, meetings will be held over Webex 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)

## ***Local Tree Activist Groups (cont.)***

Eco Lógica magazine: [Articles and latest issue](#)

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](#)

## ***Local Tree Activist Groups (cont.)***

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

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

[Sierra Club of WA:](#)      [Facebook](#)      [Twitter](#)      [Instagram](#)  
– Wed 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](#)

**Local/PNW Tree News:** (right-click link to open in new tab) [\(return to top\)](#)

[2020-2021 Tacoma Tree Coupon Program now live \(10/1/20 - 3/31/21\)](#) (Tacoma tree planting program)

[Trees for Seattle Arbor Week](#) recently ended, but some content online [here](#) and [here](#).

[Shoreline Climate Champion Series](#) - The City of Shoreline partnered with Washington State University to offer a FREE 7-week climate change education and action series, click the link to read and watch them all!

[Tree Voucher Program encourages Lynnwood residents to plant trees on their property](#) – **Lynnwood Today, 11/6**

[What 13,000 wildfires teach us about Washington forests](#) – **Crosscut, 11/6**

[Forest Service acquires key property in eastern Idaho](#) – **KMVT, 11/5**

[Tree Talk: Sansevieria — where to begin?](#) - **MPT, 11/5**

[Council votes for a moratorium on certain subdivisions](#) – **Edmonds Beacon, 11/5**

[These 10 trees bring fiery fall foliage in Oregon](#) – **Oregonian, 11/3**

[Interlaken Park: Stumble into the woods](#) – **UW Daily, 11/2**

[City council to consider moratorium on subdivision applications with ‘number of significant trees’](#) - **MyEdmondsNews, 10/31**

[Gardener seeks help for failing birch trees: Ask an expert](#) – **Oregonian, 10/31**

[There she goes again!](#) – **Register-Guard, 10/31**

[Feds to open logging, road-building in Tongass National Forest](#) – **Everett Herald, 10/29**

[On the Mayor's Mind: The Forest and the Trees](#) – **Shoreline Area News, 10/29**

[Letter to the Editor: City should deny warehouse application](#) – **Mukilteo Beacon, 10/28**

[Race for state lands commissioner centered on forests, wildfire, smoke](#) – **SeaTimes, 10/26**



## ***Local/PNW Tree News (cont.)***

[Plummer: Same playbook, different business](#) – **Register-Guard, 10/24**

[Nisqually Tree Planting Event - Nisqually River Riparian Area, Yelm](#)  
**Oct 22 - Nov 18 - KNKX**

[Fitting tribute to Kitsap's tree expert](#) – **Kitsap Sun, 10/19**

[We Have Not Yet Banned Leaf Blowers, and We Are Still Bailing Out Banks](#) – **The Stranger, 10/19**

[Letter to the Editor: New trees do not equal mature trees](#) – **Shoreline Area News, 10/19**

[Hiking through the Tillamook Burn: An Oregon forest recovers, decades after devastating fires](#) – **Oregonian, 10/19**

[Shoreline plants 62 new street trees](#) – **Shoreline Area News, 10/17**

[Shoreline Parks board to consider names for new parks at meeting Oct 22](#) – **Shoreline Area News, 10/17**

[Buy a cutout, plant a tree: Oregon State offering fans a win-win to populate Reser Stadium, help regrow an Oregon forest](#) – **Oregonian, 10/16**

[Letter to the editor: Diffusing neighborhood tension about trees vs. Views](#) – **MyEdmondsNews, 10/14**

[Protester camped in tree in Capitol Forest is still 'going strong,' friend says](#) – **The Olympian, 10/12**

[City goes green to celebrate its third annual Arbor Day](#) – **MI Reporter, 10/9**

[Invasive spotted lanternfly found at Oregon nursery, officials underscore possible threat](#) – **Statesman-Journal, 10/9**

[Forestry board moves ahead with controversial habitat conservation plan for state forests](#) – **Oregonian, 10/8**

[Tumwater man camps on platform 100 feet up a Douglas fir, blocks logging at Capitol State Forest](#) – **SeaTimes, 10/8**

[Tree Talk: The big, beloved sedums](#) – **MPT, 10/7**

## ***Local/PNW Tree News (cont.)***

[Seattle's Handing Out Free Trees Starting This Week](#) – **The Stranger, 10/6**

[Sketching quietly among columns and trees](#) – **UW Daily, 10/5**

[Volunteers are participating in small-scale restoration events](#) – **MI Reporter, 10/4**

[DELRIDGE PROJECT: Trees saved; diverters or 'Stay Healthy Street' for 26th SW; plus, the work that's ahead](#) – **West Seattle Blog, 10/3**

[Ask an expert: Tips for deep watering drought-stressed trees](#) – **Oregonian, 10/3**

[The Seattle Japanese Garden turns 60 with fitting testaments to rebirth and resilience](#) – **SeaTimes, 10/3**

[Fall forest getaways in Washington and beyond](#) – **SeaPI, 10/2**

[Save Perrinville woods](#) – **Edmonds Beacon, 10/1**

[Letter to the Editor: We can do more to save our significant trees](#) – **Shoreline Area News, 10/1**

[Oregon highways along wildfire ravaged forests reopen, nearly half a million trees may still need to be removed](#) – **Oregonian, 9/30**

[Cathedral Tree is a tucked-away treasure in the urban forests of Astoria](#) – **Oregonian, 9/29**

[Plummer: Industrial forest management and the Holiday Farm Fire](#) – **Register-Guard, 9/26**

[The Times recommends: Hilary Franz for Commissioner of Public Lands](#) – **SeaTimes, 9/23**

[Board of Natural Resources unanimously approves contested Middle May Sale](#) – **Lynnwood Times, 9/2**

**Tree News elsewhere:** *(right-click links to open in new tab)* [\(return to top\)](#)

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

**Tree of the week** - [Guardian readers on the leafy wonders that make their world a better place](#) – **Guardian**, (updated weekly)

[I survived quarantine through hikes at a Texas park](#) – **SeaPI**, 11/7

[Green groups denounce Brazil's 'sham' Amazon tour for foreign diplomats](#) – **Guardian**, 11/7

[Wilton committee tasked with tree planting guidelines for property owners](#) – **SeaPI**, 11/7

[The Naturalist: Can you sense it?](#) – **SeaPI**, 11/6

[HVA receives environmental protection grant](#) – **SeaPI**, 11/3

[Save the Tongass National Forest from logging expansion](#) – **SeaTimes**, 11/3

[Op-Ed: The Golden State treescape wasn't made to last](#) – **LA Times**, 11/1

['Un-managing the land': sheep make way for trees in Cumbria's uplands](#) – **Guardian**, 10/30

[To save threatened plants and animals, restore habitat on farms, ranches and other working lands](#) – **SeaPI**, 10/29

[Trump to strip protections from Tongass National Forest, one of the biggest intact temperate rainforests](#) – **SeaTimes**, 10/28

[US pulls appeal of ruling that blocked Alaska timber sale](#) – **SeaTimes**, 10/27

[After mountain hiking invasion, what's next?](#) - **SeaPI**, 10/24

[Best time to plant a tree? Now](#) – **SeaPI**, 10/23

[W.Va. man partakes in program to improve wildlife habitat](#) – **SeaPI**, 10/17

[The new line of attack on climate science in the age of megafires](#) – **SeaTimes**, 10/16

[How pine needles can give us a lesson in waterproofing](#) – **Guardian**, 10/16

## ***Tree News Elsewhere (cont.)***

[Stuck at home, I discovered the joy of identifying trees](#) – **Guardian, 10/15**

[Rio F1 racetrack plans add fuel to Brazil deforestation row](#) – **Guardian, 10/15**

[Rewild to mitigate the climate crisis, urge leading scientists](#) – **Guardian, 10/14**

[Restoring California's forests to reduce wildfire risks will take time, billions of dollars and a broad commitment](#) – **SeaPI, 10/13**

[Tennessee State researchers, others study wood-boring beetle](#) – **SeaTimes, 10/12**

[Meadow flowers give way to asters \(MI\)](#) – **SeaPI, 10/10**

[From little acorns: into the woods in search of Britain's ancient oak trees](#) – **Guardian, 10/10**

[As we find solace in nature, it points the way to a better life](#) – **SeaTimes, 10/9**

[VIRUS DIARY: In age of pandemic, she finds solace in trees](#) – **SeaTimes, 10/8**

[Nonprofit preserves 2,000 acres in Superior National Forest \(MN\)](#) – **SeaPI, 10/8**

[Woodlands to reforest 2 areas of Harper's Landing \(TX\)](#) – **SeaPI, 10/7**

[Activists try to stop autobahn being built through German forest](#) – **Guardian, 10/4**

[Indiana preserve renamed for conservationist who saved site](#) – **SeaPI, 10/3**

[Michael Potter: Selecting the right trees and shrubs for fall planting](#) – **SeaPI, 10/2**

[Opinion: Can CT set the standard on environmentalism?](#) - **SeaPI, 9/30**

[Fall colors are appearing in Mecosta County \(MI\)](#) - **SeaPI, 9/30**

[What's the best way to save California's redwoods?](#) - **HCN, 12/2019**

## **Books, Media and Webinars:**

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[Native Trees of the Pacific Northwest: A Geographic Guide](#) (keeping this in, given we are now using it for the PNW Tree feature above, among other sources - *TreePAC*)

The Tree Fund – [2020 Webinar Archive](#) (2021 webinars coming soon!)

Raising Trees Webinar Series (Auburn Univ. Extension) – [Nov 12, Nov 19, Dec 3](#)

USFS Urban Forest Connections Webinars Series (Second Wednesdays of each month, 1-2:15pm EST, archive of past webinars also linked here) – [next is Dec 9](#)

Conservation NW – [webinars](#) (past and most recent)

The Aspen Institute: Public Lands, We the People ([recording archives here](#)).

Davey Tree Group – upcoming and past webinar archive – [browse here](#).

The Nature Conservancy: upcoming and past webinars – [browse here](#).

Columbia Land Trust: *new short film!* [The Witness Tree](#)

[Documentary on Rolling Stones Pianist Chuck Leavell Explores His Work With Keys and Trees](#) – **SeaPI, 11/6**

[BOOKS: Poet spotlights West Seattle in 'Listen to the Trees'](#) - **West Seattle Blog, 10/9**

[Leave It As It Is: A Journey through Theodore Roosevelt's American Wilderness](#) (book review) – **Orion Magazine**

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

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

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

## **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/>

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