



## TreePAC Newsletter – Spring 2022

Hello and hope you are staying safe. To begin, a quick announcement - It **greatly** pleases us to say the 13 year drought of no updates to the [Seattle Tree Ordinance](#) is **not entirely true anymore** – there’s still a long way to go, but this is a great win, nonetheless:

### [Mar 29, 2022: Council Approves Pedersen-Strauss Initial Tree Protections by Requiring Public Registration Before Removing Trees \(CB 120207\)](#)

*Council Bill 120207 requires “tree service providers” (such as arborists and tree removal companies) to be on Seattle’s new public registry by no later than November 10, 2022. To get on the new public registry, tree service providers must be not only licensed and insured contractors but also have credentials and expertise grounded in the International Society of Arboriculture. Until they are approved for the public registry by the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI), contractors will be prohibited from removing or heavily pruning trees. This increased transparency will enable government officials and the general public to hold companies and individuals accountable who violate the City’s current and future tree protection ordinances.*

While much work of course remains on updating and modernizing the rest of the Tree Ordinance – congrats and thank you to Council sponsors Pedersen and Strauss in pushing this important registration plan forward and enlisting their colleagues’ support in passing it.

*A second announcement* – TreePAC are filing to intervene in the MBAKS SEPA appeal filed with the City and OSE back on Feb 17. Read the original MBAKS Appeal [here](#) and our Motion to Intervene, [here](#). Our [blog post](#) provides a tiny summary of their appeal.

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## Feature: Regional Tree Group updates:

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As we know, there are several other active tree-focused groups in the Puget Sound area – here's some of their latest activism:

### 1) [Save Shoreline Trees \(Facebook\)](#) -

Some [great updates](#) to the Shoreline Tree Code – including:

- \* Any tree at 6” in diameter at DBH will now be considered “significant.”
- \* All trees at 24” DBH will now be considered protected and would require a permit to cut. They may also be considered as a “Landmark Tree” if they have special characteristics such as size, historical or species, or particular meaning.
- \* Additional Penalties can now be applied by the City if trees are cut mistakenly or intentionally by developers or landowners without permits.

Keep up the great work, SST!

### 2) [Trees4Livability](#) – T4L is a recently started Bellevue-based group with a lot of exciting developments lately:

- The three most recent T4L **presentations to the Bellevue City Council** regarding tree code updates are [here](#) (March 14); [here](#) (March 21) and [here](#) (March 28);
- The T4L **Bellevue Tree Code Study** published in March can be [read and downloaded here](#);
- T4L's Community Petition can be [read and signed here](#) – there is also a [Teen Tree Team](#) forming with its own petition and activism too!

Finally a statement from the group itself:

**Now you see it, now you don't. You're not crazy, trees are disappearing in Bellevue.**

Bellevue is the only city in the region that allows landowners to cut down FIVE significant trees without a permit and has no designation or protections for Landmark Trees which are 100-150+ years old. Development in Bellevue is increasing with residential demolition permits up 75% in the last decade. We have 25 million square feet of office space going into downtown Bellevue in 2025 for Amazon HQ2, which will only increase this demand further.

Trees4Livability is a nonprofit formed by concerned citizens who want to strengthen protections for Bellevue's tree canopy. See a quick video [from our founder Khaiersta English](#) to learn more.

## TreePAC - Current 2022 priorities and more info: [\(return to top\)](#)

1) TreePAC's central and ongoing focus is to improve and pass an updated *Seattle Tree Ordinance*. Please submit input and suggested changes to the City, City Council and Mayor:

- a) [Input to Seattle City Council & Mayor](#)
- b) [Patti Bakker](#) (Seattle Urban Forestry Commission)
- c) [Maketa.Brazier@seattle.gov](mailto:Maketa.Brazier@seattle.gov) (Office of Sustainability & Environment).

You can also submit comments through the *Don't Clearcut Seattle* site by clicking this link: [Submit comments to the Mayor and City Council](#)

And of course, our longstanding request: If you see something in your neighborhood:

i) **ask**, ii) **document/photograph** it and iii) **submit** it, please.

The Seattle City Council [Land Use & Neighborhoods Committee](#) is in charge of land use, planning, development and SDCI as to urban forestry mgmt and protection. **Let them know** via [email](#) or phone (206-684-5326) what you think and how they can do more to protect and enhance our urban forest canopy and trees.

Archived committee meeting videos can be viewed here:

[2020/2021 Land Use & Neighborhoods Committee | seattlechannel.org](#)

2) *Statewide*: [WA State Forest Plan](#):

This [plan](#), initially released by DNR in late October 2020, will govern how WA manages and protects/enhances its various [forest and related resources for the next ten years](#). Input and updates to the state's forest plans should be regular, ongoing, and with a strong presumption of protection first! - the same as that of the urban forest. Please continue to support this plan.

*NEW!* 3) *Statewide*: [WA DNR Urban and Community Forestry](#):

DNR has also been upping their game on the urban forestry front. The latest:

**[TREE LINK: April 2022 - Washington DNR Urban & Community Forestry News](#)**

- includes updates about forest health statewide, grant programs supporting tree canopy inventory and study efforts in cities all across the state, and other great stuff!

4) *County and Local city forest plans* – Several major counties also have tree protection/planting programs already well underway, including [King](#), [Snohomish](#), [Spokane](#), and [Clark](#) among others, and cities within same. As we know, protecting local urban trees requires constant vigilance and monitoring/data collection; planting and expanding tree canopy is **never** just 'plant and move on' - new trees require care or they will not survive.

## Current 2022 Priorities (cont.)

Contact **your** County or City government and let them know you want them to protect existing and plant more new, native PNW trees! And if your city doesn't have a tree canopy plan in place – here's some resources for finding some examples you might propose:

WA State/City Tree Ordinances – [click here](#).

Tree Ordinances by State – [click here](#) (of particular interest may be those in Oregon – scroll down – especially that of Portland, OR)

Vancouver BC's tree ordinance parameters can be seen [linked here](#).

## How to Help:

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1) **SDCI**: There has been at least some recent activity on the part of Seattle's Department of Construction and Inspection (SDCI) regarding tree protection – but viewed in the big picture – they need to do a lot more! Let DCI know you care about trees and want them to protect private trees on construction sites and citywide!. 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](#).

Here's the new [SDCI Complaints Map](#) – see how (lousy) your neighborhood is doing regarding lot clearcuts and let SDCI and the Mayor/City Council KNOW.

2) **Yard Signs**: We still have several left (and now, we have more with a newer design!) - If you are interested and would like to make a donation to obtain one, email us: [info@DontClearcutSeattle.org](mailto:info@DontClearcutSeattle.org) and we'll respond as soon as possible.

3) **Apps**: check out our [Tree App page](#) at TreePAC.org – but here's the most useful:

[iSeaTree](#) - iSeaTree V2 is out! 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](#) – includes the variations for homeowners, foresters, etc.

[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)

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

## ***How to Help (cont.)***

4) Know of **exceptional** or even potentially **Heritage Trees** in your neighborhood? Submit them to [The Last 6,000](#) (also linked 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](#). Additional step by step guides on saving trees and Seattle city policies related to them are [here](#)

6) **Merch!** 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](#) and [here](#) – all proceeds support TreePAC and Don't Clearcut Seattle – Have design ideas? [Please let us know](#).

7) Any or all of the **articles** linked our Feature(s) or below in our News sections are fair game for supplying to the City Council, Mayor and your Legislators re tree protection – please remember when writing to the city that **protecting existing trees** is usually even **more effective** than mass plantings, given they are already big and doing the lion's share of carbon capture – the bigger they get, the more they help! But of course we need **both**.

## **Feature: Native Trees of the PNW**

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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 the greater Seattle area and PNW?

Here's two more (last issue was [Shasta Red Fir and Water Birch](#)) – Let's meet the **Subalpine Fir** and **Douglas Maple**.

The *Subalpine Fir* ([Abies lasiocarpa](#)) is a pointy shaped medium-sized tree, typically growing to just under 20 meters high with a trunk up to ~1 meter in diameter. It ranges from SE Alaska all through western Canada and on down through all of the Pacific NW and Mountain West to northwest California. A fairly high altitude conifer, it is often found at or just below the tree line from 300m up to even 3700m in elevation.



The *Douglas Maple* ([Acer glabrum](#)) also ranges from SE Alaska down but predominantly through a more eastern territory than the Subalpine Fir. There are up to six varieties of this smaller maple, which typically grows between 6-9m tall and typical trunk size around 13cm in diameter. It can be often found in fields resulting from previous fires, while conifers typically crowd it out in denser forests. This tree was also used by Native Americans to make a variety of tools, including snowshoe frames and bows.



More reading and pictures: [Trees of the PNW: A Geographic Guide](#)

American Conifer Society – [Subalpine Fir](#)

Landscape Plants (OSU) – [Douglas Maple](#)

## **Local Green & Tree Activists and Social Media:** [\(return to top\)](#)

NOTE: these are tree-supporting area groups and social media feeds, including links to their event calendars. (If you have some not seen here, please let us know – 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](#)

[Don't Clearcut Seattle](#) (action network/yard signs)   [Facebook](#)   [Instagram](#)   [Events](#)

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

[Seattle Urban Forestry Commission:](#)

Meetings are posted at the link immediately below, usually 1st and 3rd Wed each month from 3-5pm. Next meetings are April 20, May 4, May 18, June 1 and June 15, 2022. [Due to CV19, meetings will be held over Webex conference call instead of in person – click to attend.](#)

[Plant Amnesty](#) (Greater Seattle area):   [Facebook](#)      [Twitter](#)      [Instagram](#)  
[Events](#)   [Classes & Workshops](#)   [Adopt-a-Plant](#)

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

[300 Trees](#) - a tribute to hundreds of trees that were needlessly cut down in East Bellevue by Puget Sound Energy for a redundant power line in 2020. [Facebook](#)

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

[Carkeek Park Advisory Council](#) The Council meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month (not Aug and Dec) from 7-9 PM at the [Carkeek Park Administration Bldg](#), 950 NW Carkeek Park Rd.

[Cascadia Climate Action](#)      [Events](#)      [Climate Science on Tap!](#)

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

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

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

[Eco Lógica magazine](#)      [Newsletter signup](#)      [Latest Issue](#)

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

[Forest Health Watch](#)      [Facebook](#)      [Twitter](#)      [Instagram](#)

[Friends of Colman Park](#)      [Get involved](#)      [Contact](#)

[Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks](#)      [Facebook](#)      [Instagram](#)

[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](#)

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

Keep Ballard Trees Standing: [Facebook](#)

King County: [3 Million Trees by 2025](#) [1 millón de árboles](#) [Events](#)

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

[Nature Consortium](#): [Facebook](#)

[Save Shoreline Trees](#): [Facebook](#)

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

[Seattle Green Spaces Coalition](#) [Facebook](#)

***NOTE:*** Excellent 3/22 SGSC comments to the city on the Seattle Tree Ordinance [here](#).

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

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

[SER Northwest](#): [Facebook](#) [Events Calendar](#)

[Seward Pk Audubon Ctr](#): [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [Events](#)

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

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

[The Last 6,000](#): [Instagram](#) [Newsletter Archive](#) [Current Judkins Park Protest!](#)

The Seattle Lorax: [Twitter](#)



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

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

[350 Seattle](#)                      [Facebook](#)                      [Instagram](#)

[350 Tacoma](#)                      [Facebook](#)

[350 Eastside](#)                      [Facebook](#)                      [Instagram](#)

[Trees4Livability](#)                      [Tree Code Report](#)                      [Get Involved](#)                      [Teen Tree Team](#)

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)                      [\(return to top\)](#)

[Botched tree removal job destroys Bellevue home](#) – **KIRO 7**, Apr 5

[Opinion: Amid shrinking canopy, community tree planting needed more than ever](#) – **Oregonian**, Apr 3

[The Port Gamble lumber mill closed decades ago. Now the tribe that was forced from the land is returning](#) – **SeaTimes**, Apr 2

[PROS Plan must include environmental goals | Guest View](#) – **Edmonds Beacon**, Mar 31

[7th-grader advocates for greater tree protections in Bellevue](#) – **Bellevue Reporter**, Mar 31

[Seattle City Council Embarks on Tree Conservation Crusade, but Strauss Says Urbanists Need Not Worry](#) – **The Stranger**, Mar 30

[Seattle City Council voting on private property tree protections](#) – **Capitol Hill Seattle Blog**, Mar 29

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

[Trees4Livability presents tree code recommendations to Bellevue City Council](#) – **Bellevue Reporter**, Mar 28

[Shoreline City Council updates City's tree regulations](#) - **Shoreline Area News**, Mar 26

[B.C. forest industry bracing for impact of old-growth timber crunch](#) – **The Province**, Mar 25

[Environmental group gives guarded support for company's B.C. old-growth forest plan](#) – **The Province**, Mar 25

[Lacey City Council wrestles with changes to tree removal rules](#) – **The Olympian**, Mar 25

[Readers respond: Save trees by attacking ivy](#) – **Oregonian**, Mar 25

[The towering giants in our midst | Greener Edmonds](#) – **Edmonds Beacon**, Mar 24

['Unforgettable': New guided trips allow climbing 300-foot trees at Silver Falls State Park](#) – **Statesman-Journal**, Mar 24

[Neighbors rally to purchase 100-acre Hansville Greenway addition, now open to public](#) – **Kitsap Sun**, Mar 22

[First Nation heads to court Monday to assert claim to portion of Nootka Island](#) – **The Province**, Mar 21

[Cherry trees in full bloom at UW](#) - **Shoreline Area News**, Mar 20

[Eight years after deadly Oso landslide near Darrington, new industry could change timber town](#) – **SeaTimes**, Mar 20

[To Save Shoreline Trees - contact the Shoreline City Council](#) - **Shoreline Area News**, Mar 18

[Portland's Tree Canopy Has Shrunk in the Past Five Years, Hitting Residential Areas Hardest](#) – **Willamette Week**, Mar 17

[Portland tree canopy has stagnated or shrunk, harming city's climate change aspirations](#) – **Oregonian**, Mar 17

[Nordstrom volunteers help to install 67 Pacific Northwest saplings in Shoreview Park](#) - **Shoreline Area News**, Mar 16

[Local nonprofit to speak with Bellevue City Council about increasing tree protections](#) – **Bellevue Reporter**, Mar 15

[Letter to the Editor: Substantive proposed tree codes are being denied](#) - **Shoreline Area News**, Mar 15

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

[The marvel of old-growth forests that once covered the PNW](#) – **SeaTimes**, Mar 14

[The Pacheedaht people finally started making money from Vancouver Island timber. Then the protesters arrived](#) – **SeaTimes**, Mar 13

[Seward Park neighbors come together to save an 'exceptional' tree](#) – **South Seattle Emerald**, Mar 10

[Bellevue Nonprofit Seeks Petition Signatures for Bellevue Tree Protections](#) – **Bellevue Business Journal**, Mar 10

[Letter to the Editor: Proposed amendments to Tree Code apply to specific zones and are not city-wide](#) - **Shoreline Area News**, Mar 8

[Tim-ber? ... Not So Fast: The Important Role of Dead and Dying Trees | EarthCare Northwest](#) – **Seattle Audubon**, Mar 7

[Lake Forest Park Mayor, City Council: new Climate Action Committee](#) - **Shoreline Area News**, Mar 5

[Council hears update on homelessness in Edmonds, reinstates salary commission](#) – **MyEdmonds News**, Mar 2 (note the paragraph about the tree assessment is at the very bottom of the article – Ed.)

[County Council should adopt urban tree policy](#) – **Everett Herald**, Mar 1

[Controversial plan to build homes on South Salem Meyer Farm property halted](#) – **Statesman-Journal**, Mar 1

[City of Lake Forest Park seeks volunteers for positions on Planning Commission, Tree Board, and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board](#) - **Shoreline Area News**, Feb 27

[Bottlenecks slow seedling plantings in Oregon's wildfire-impacted forests \(article\)](#) - **Statesman-Journal**, Feb 23

[Scanners, dogs, leaf study could detect cherry disease in Yakima Valley](#) – **SeaTimes**, Feb 20

[Is a huge walnut tree in my neighbor's yard keeping my plants from growing? Ask an expert](#) – **Oregonian**, Feb 17

[22 acres in Seattle are about to hit the market. Will the site become more housing?](#) – **SeaTimes**, Feb 16

[DNR land near Green Mountain could generate funds for school construction](#) – **Kitsap Sun**, Feb 16 (**When** will these perennially short-sighted and destructive policies stop?? - Ed.)

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

[Olympic View Water District gains approval to remove 96 trees along Deer Creek in Woodway](#) - **Shoreline Area News**, Feb 12

[Thousands sign petition to save trees at UBC from being chopped down for development](#) – **The Province**, Feb 11

[City issues fine over the removal of more than 100 trees from a south Salem property](#) – **Statesman-Journal**, Feb 11

[Billions of federal dollars headed to Western forests to manage fires](#) – **Crosscut**, Feb 11

[Mountlake Terrace earns 2022 Tree City USA designation for commitment to urban forest](#) – **MLT News**, Feb 11

[Eugene and Cottage Grove receive Arbor Day Foundation's Growth Awards for focus on tree canopy](#) – **Eugene Register-Guard**, Feb 11

[Editorial: Elliott State Forest proposal a win for Oregon](#) – **Oregonian**, Feb 6

[Snoqualmie Tribe acquires 12,000 acres of ancestral forestlands in Tolt River Watershed](#) – **Redmond Reporter**, Feb 3

[Edmonds is for the birds. So is Susie Schaefer](#) – **Edmonds Beacon**, Feb 3

[A Belfair tree more than 500 years old dies: 'It's a loss for humanity'](#) – **Kitsap Sun**, Feb 3

[How changes to Salem city code could impact trees](#) – **Statesman-Journal**, Feb 1

[Everything you never wanted to know about fruit tree pollination](#) – **Everett Herald**, Jan 28

[Seattle's trees: 'In the headlights of development'](#) – **SeaTimes**, Jan 28

[B.C. forest watchdog: Improve forest management to protect water](#) – **The Province**, Jan 27

[Tree Talk: Naked in the garden](#) – **Queen Anne & Magnolia News**, Jan 22

[In praise of winter buds](#) – **SeaTimes**, Jan 25

[Shoreline Parks and Tree Board meets Thursday - will hear update on Urban Forests and review code changes for street trees](#) - **Shoreline Area News**, Jan 23

[Norman Winn, one of the Northwest's biggest defenders of the outdoors, dies at 82](#) – **SeaTimes**, Jan 22

[Tilth Alliance and The Giving Grove team to plan and plant community orchards for a healthy and equitable future](#) – **SeaTimes**, Jan 22

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

[Seattle's trees: Allies in climate crisis](#) – **SeaTimes**, Jan 21

[Four B.C. First Nations make deal with Western Forests to defer old-growth logging](#) – **The Province**, Jan 19

[Scene in Edmonds: Mystery trees?](#) - **MyEdmonds News**, Jan 17

[Protecting trees: Let old-growth forests stand](#) – **SeaTimes**, Jan 14

[City Hall must take action on protecting Seattle's trees](#) – **SeaTimes**, Jan 13

[Roadless rule: Trees are priceless](#) – **SeaTimes**, Jan 11

[Parting words from recently retired Lake Forest Park councilmember John Resha](#) - **Shoreline Area News**, Jan 6

[Experts: Logging in watersheds a stressor for declining Pacific salmon](#) – **The Province**, Jan 3

**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)

[How to halt deforestation? Trust indigenous groups, funders say](#) – **Reuters**, Apr 7

[In Brazil, satellites help scientists zone in on Amazon deforestation](#) – **Reuters**, Apr 6

[UN: Food, farming and forestry changes needed to curb global warming](#) – **Reuters**, Apr 5

[The battle for your toilet paper is on](#) – **SeaTimes**, Apr 3

[Indonesia revokes forest concession permits covering > 400,000 hectares](#) – **Reuters**, Mar 30

[For Indian tree lovers, plantations are a poor substitute for lost forests](#) – **Reuters**, Mar 28

[Fire destroys ancient redwood tree in California park](#) – **SeaPI**, Mar 25

[Tropical forests turn down the planet's heat by 1C, scientists find](#) – **Reuters**, Mar 24

[San Antonio holds first debate over planned Brackenridge Park tree removal](#) – **SeaPI**, Mar 23

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

- [After Russian invasion of Ukraine, even trees are political](#) – **SeaTimes**, Mar 24
- [Forests' Climate-Cooling Effect Is Greater Than Known Before](#) – **Bloomberg Green**, Mar 24
- [The world's forests do more than just store carbon, new research finds](#) - **Guardian**, Mar 24
- [Mexican president once again lashes out at environmentalists](#) – **SeaTimes**, Mar 23
- [Extend life of key climate sensor that maps world's forests, NASA told](#) – **Guardian**, Mar 20
- [Conservation groups protect 21,000 western Maine acres](#) – **SeaPI**, Mar 18
- [Madrid Residents Fight to Plant Their Own Trees](#) – **Bloomberg CityLab**, Mar 15
- [Leaving burned trees alone after wildfires may help limit carbon release, study suggests](#) – **Eugene Register-Guard**, Mar 14
- [Maine looking to use conservation program for farms, forests](#) – **SeaPI**, Mar 13
- ['Bounty' offered on invasive Bradford pear trees in NC](#) – **SeaPI**, Mar 11
- [Sequoia National Park fully reopens Giant Forest](#) – **SeaPI**, Mar 11
- [As Cairo transforms, Egyptians fight to save their trees](#) – **SeaTimes**, Mar 11
- [Plan paves way for more Arizona forest restoration projects](#) – **AP**, Mar 10
- [Conservation group buys unlogged North Carolina forest land](#) – **SeaPI**, Mar 10
- [How one woman built an ADU, without killing a 60-year-old tree](#) – **SeaTimes**, Mar 7
- [Plan to ax some spruce trees could control Black Hills fires](#) – **SeaPI**, Mar 6
- [BigAg tried to thwart EU deforestation plan despite Cop26 pledge](#) – **Guardian**, Mar 4
- [Wealthy Venezuelans Are Building Mansions in a National Park](#) – **Bloomberg CityLab**, Mar 4
- [Deforestation emissions far higher than previously thought, study finds](#) – **Guardian**, Feb 28
- [Hamden moves to protect its trees](#) – **SeaPI**, Feb 27
- [Rash-causing moth spreading due to warming, scientists find](#) – **SeaTimes**, Feb 26
- [U.S. ranks No. 2 in toilet paper usage](#) – **SeaPI**, Feb 25
- [Access to nature is a health and human rights issue](#) – **Wilderness Society**, Feb 24

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

[Green groups say Romania failing to stop illegal logging](#) – **SeaTimes**, Feb 23

[Plantwatch: project under way to restore Britain's rainforests](#) – **Guardian**, Feb 16

[Billions of federal dollars headed to Western forests to manage fires](#) – **Crosscut**, Feb 11

[Stratford schedules public hearing on Longbrook Park tree removal](#) – **SeaPI**, Feb 9

[Greenwich Tree Conservancy elects new board president, notes her 'concern for the environment'](#) – **SeaPI**, Feb 7

[To save Western U.S. forests, cut them way back, study suggests](#) – **SeaTimes**, Feb 3

[Scotland: Save wild salmon by planting millions of trees next to rivers](#) – **Guardian**, Feb 2

[Global estimates: Earth has 73,000 tree species, 14% more than known](#) – **Guardian**, Jan 31

[Alarming mercury levels found in old-growth Amazon forest](#) – **SeaTimes**, Jan 28

[Mexican town protects forest from avocado growers, cartels](#) – **SeaTimes**, Jan 27

[Activists: Planned change to Kenya's forest act threatens vital habitats](#) – **Guardian**, Jan 26

[California redwood forest returned to Native American tribes](#) – **SeaTimes**, Jan 25

[Pinelands lovers: NJ not saving forests from vehicle damage](#) – **SeaTimes**, Jan 17

## **Books, Podcasts and Webinars:** (right-click to open in new tab) [\(return to top\)](#)

[Native Trees of the Pacific Northwest: A Geographic Guide](#)

(used for the PNW Tree feature above, among other sources – Ed.)

**The Tree Fund** – Upcoming [2022 Webinars](#)

[2021-2020 Webinar Archive](#)

**USFS Urban Forest Connections** Webinars Series (Second Wednesdays of each month, 1-2:15pm EST, past webinars also linked here): [Next: Feb 9, Mar 9 2022](#)

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

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

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

## ***Books, Podcasts, Webinars (cont.)***

**Davey Tree Group** – ([upcoming webinars here](#)) webinar archive: [here](#)  
[Talking Trees with Davey Tree on Apple Podcasts](#)

[Climbing Arborist Podcast](#)

**Columbia Land Trust:** [The Witness Tree](#)

[Can we really solve the climate crisis by planting trees?](#) (part one) – podcast

[Can we really solve the climate crisis by planting trees?](#) (part two) – podcast

[Listen to a forest](#) – [Tree.fm](#) is where you can listen to a randomly-selected forest.

**Timber Wars** (OPB podcast re the 1990s and the Northern Spotted Owl): [here](#)

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

[The Tree Thinking Podcast on Apple Podcasts](#) – Eugene, OR

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

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

[Peak Northwest Podcast](#) - The best forest hikes to explore in the rain (**Dec 30**)

[Oct 2021 TreePAC interview](#) on KBFQ (local low-power FM station in Seattle, audio only)

[Explore Oregon podcast:](#) Mythic Grove of Titans showcases world's largest redwoods (**Dec 9**)

Best 15 Arborist Podcasts You Must Follow in (updated Apr 4 2022 - [feedspot.com](#))

[The whistleblower calling Australia's carbon credits system a 'sham'](#) (podcast) – **Guardian**, Apr 4

[Book review: Forest flaneur's amiable 'walks' through the woods illuminating](#) – **The Province**, April 1

[In a Dense Landscape, Can Trees and Housing Co-Exist?](#) – Martha Baskin, **PRX** (audio interview and commentary) March 21

[The Case for Preserving Spontaneous Nature in Cities](#) – Bloomberg CityLab, Mar 10

[Listen to this lovely imaginary forest created with cassette players, a turntable, field recordings, and synthetic bird calls](#) – **Boing Boing**, Feb 24



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[Book Review by Aarene Storms: Every tree has a story](#) – **Shoreline Area News**, Feb 14

[Taming the Garden review – savagely poetic documentary on Georgian eco vandalism](#) – **Guardian**, Jan 30

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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.](#)

*Who and What are TreePAC?*

TreePAC are a citizen action and advocacy group, focused on getting the [2009 Interim Seattle Tree Ordinance](#) made into a full-fledged (and uniformly enforced) law across the City of Seattle. We are trying to make sure that urban, suburban and tree/habitat forest resources are not ignored by local City, County and the WA state government(s). Our state and cities are still undergoing a turbulent time – it is essential to make sure trees and all the related ecosystems that depend on them will survive and thrive in the future of our localities, state, the Pacific Northwest and beyond. **You** can truly make a difference for trees, habitat and climate change by supporting these initiatives at a state and local level.

*Mission:* The TreePAC mission is to influence local government to protect, maintain and increase the Seattle-area urban forest.

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