



Serving Olympia's trees and the people who care for—and about—them

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Start your shovels!

Hooray! Planting season is here! Now is the time to plant your gift to the future, a well-chosen, beautiful tree. NeighborWoods launches another season of tree-planting workshops and activities; see Page 1 for more details. Pages 2 and 3 are crammed with news, events, and activities. As always, Page 4 provides additional Internet resources to investigate topics of interest, as well as our latest favorite read. Contact Micki McNaughton if you have activities or workshops related to trees that you'd like to share with the community through *The GazetTree*.



NeighborWoods

Planting Olympia green for 10 years... ...and counting!

In 2008, NeighborWoods begins its next decade helping neighborhoods to "plant Olympia green." During the Program's 10th anniversary year, 2007, Urban Forestry staff researched the challenges resulting from Olympia's tremendous urban growth and development infill to determine how the Program can benefit the community as a whole to the greatest extent possible through the most efficient, effective use of its limited resources. The *NEW* NeighborWoods focuses on *community-based* street tree-planting in residential neighborhoods, inviting communities to participate more fully in the planning stages of larger planting projects, while still providing logistical and organizational support—and trees!

To launch this paradigm shift—and to celebrate 10 years of successfully planting more than 5000 trees!—Urban Forestry is planning something special:

We, the citizens of Olympia, will plant 1000 trees in one day!

Planning has begun for this hugely ambitious event, with a target date of Saturday, March 29. Watch this space for more details as planning progresses—stand by for **NEWS!**



The crimson oaks on Plum St. SE flaunt their fall colors!



NeighborWoods News

—Micki McNaughton

NeighborWoods Workshop
November 10, 9:00 - 1:00
Smith Bldg., 837 7th Ave. SE

This will be the last NeighborWoods workshop for this calendar year (2007). If you are planning to have a family or community tree-planting event to celebrate the holidays, you may wish to attend this session. To register, please call the Urban Forestry Hotline at 360-753-4444, extension 3810. The Urban Forestry Hotline or the City's website are good sources of information about training workshops and other NeighborWoods activities—see contact information on Page 4.

A BIG Olympia welcome for Lucy!

Please join us in welcoming Lucy Coffman to the City of Olympia! Lucy comes to us through the AmeriCorps Individual Placement Program, and will be assisting Urban Forestry staff with volunteer coordination and educational outreach for the next year. Lucy is a graduate of Indiana State University; her most recent position was with Land Stewardship in the Indianapolis Parks Dept.



We're really excited to have Lucy on board with us! She will be instrumental in accomplishing our celebration planting of 1000 trees next spring. As the volunteer coordinator for the event, she'll be asking many of you for assistance, so you too will have the opportunity to personally welcome Lucy to Olympia.

The new park on the block: Marie's Vineyard



North entrance to the park at the end of 21st Ave. SE. Note picnic tables in background, trail on the left, and half-court basketball court on the right behind park

The City of Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department (OPARD) has put the finishing touches on the Interim Use and Management Plan for this lovely addition to Olympia's parks system. The interim improvements at this 4-acre neighborhood park at 3111 21st Ave SE include improved turf, a half-mile walking path through the forest, swings, basketball court, picnic tables and benches. The park is located adjacent to the Marie's Vineyard subdivision, with two entrances: one on the north end of the park on the cul-de-sac at the end of 21st Ave. SE, and another on Craig Road at the end of 22nd Ave. SE. While funds for full park development will likely not be available for several years, this tiny gem is ready for full enjoyment now.

Public Works Streets Maintenance division paved the basketball court; and OPARD maintenance staff built the remaining improvements. By having the design and construction accomplished in-house, the City was able to provide several recreational opportunities at this park for a modest budget of \$25,000.

This park contains one of the finest intact native forest remnants still within the City limits. As you enjoy the trail through this forest parcel, please remember to treat it as you would any wilderness: leave only footprints, and remove only trash (and English ivy!).

The implementation of the interim plan is a showcase of successful City collaboration: Olympia's Urban Forestry Program provided the Forestry Plan as well as ornamental trees for the Craig Road entrance: the City's



The Craig Road entrance at the end of 22nd Ave. SE.

Drop by soon and enjoy Olympia's newest neighborhood park!



Let the planting begin!

The season's first planting party got underway on Thursday, September 20, when volunteers from Jubilee at Hawk's Prairie converged on the new Habitat for Humanity Cottages on Fairview St. NE in Olympia to plant street trees.



These energetic folks braved chilly weather and tough clay soils to plant 13 new street trees: four Chinese dogwood for spring bloom, four Urbanite ash for fast-growing shade, and nine Pacific Sunset maples for fall color. Many thanks to these hardy souls for their help in "planting Olympia green!"

Congratulations, Micki!

The Certification Board of the International Society of Arboriculture recently informed the City that Micki McNaughton passed the Municipal Specialist examination and is now an accredited, certified Municipal Specialist as well as a Certified Arborist. This certification indicates a professional competency in knowledge and standards of practice in the municipal/urban arboricultural arena.



The Native Plant Salvage Foundation is holding the following workshops in Fall 2007:

Naturescaping for Water & Wildlife

Thursday, November 15, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. OLYMPIA

Learn design ideas to attract more birds, butterflies, amphibians, and beneficial insects while reducing your maintenance headaches. Learn ideas for trouble spots in your yard. Sponsored by Thurston County Stream Team. Free!

Shoreline Living: Create a Sound Landscape

Monday, December 3, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Griffin Fire Hall

Learn how to preserve and replant shorelines to stabilize slopes, protect Puget Sound and provide wildlife habitat. Guidance for tackling projects on your own and when to call in experts. Sponsored by WSU Mason County Extension Service. Free!

Registration is required for all events. Call or email to register or to receive directions and details: 360-754-3588 ext. 110 or ericag@wsu.edu.

Two Work Parties -- 10,000 Plants!

Mark your calendars for these planting events on the Woodland Greenway Trail!

* Saturday, November 17th -- 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM

* Saturday, December 1st -- 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Meet on the west side of Fones Road between Ross Square and Georgia-Pacific.

Annual Native Plant Sale

Each year the Thurston Conservation District holds a native plant sale. We provide conservation grade plants to the public at affordable prices.

Our 2008 sale event is scheduled for Saturday, February 23rd, from noon to 3pm. Our offices have relocated to the Mottman Industrial Park and we will host the sale at that location (2918 Ferguson St. SW, Tumwater).

The 2008 Pre-Order season is from October 1st through February 7th. This year we offer many of the same species as in previous years; however, this year, we have expanded the availability of plants that are great for attracting wildlife. The year listed on the Pre Order Form that was distributed in The Olympian and Nisqually Valley News newspapers listed the incorrect year for the plant sale event: it should read 2008. Plant descriptions and order forms are also available online (see Online Resources, Page 4). Pre-orders must be received in our office by February 1, 2008, and must be accompanied by a 50% deposit (full payments are also accepted in advance). Any remaining balance is due at the time of pick up (cash or check only). Confirmation letters will be mailed out by February 7, 2008. Pre-orders may be picked up at our office in Mottman Industrial Park on February 21 and 22, 2008, between the hours of 8:30 am and 6 pm. No refunds will be given after February 1, 2008, unless a plant species is out of stock.

Woodland Trail
Fones Road Crossing

Community PLANTING EVENT

2 SATURDAYS - Nov 17 and Dec 1
9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Plant 10,000 plants along the trail

One block South of Pacific Avenue on Fones Road.
Please bring your: Boots, Gloves and appropriate outdoor raingear. We will plant rain or shine!

Children need to be accompanied by an adult

Please confirm the dates prior to the events, in case of construction delays.
WWW.WOODLANDTRAIL.ORG Jack Horton 360.789.0944 info@woodlandtrail.org

Those volunteers involved in planting include:
Local area students, Nearby residents, Business People, and You!
You Can Help Restore Our Environment!

Sponsors: Woodland Trail Greenway Association, City of Olympia

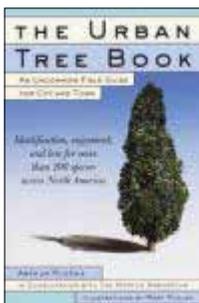


GOOD READS 

THE URBAN TREE BOOK

An Uncommon Field Guide for City and Town

Arthur Plotnik, in consultation with The Morton Arboretum, brings the tree lover a different kind of tree identification book - a book that brilliantly transcends traditional and oftentimes dry tree texts. In addition to describing 200 tree species found in North American cities and suburbs, this very readable book captures the charm of tree history, lore, anecdotes and up-to-date facts. You will find techniques for estimating the height of a tree, tips for observing trees in urban settings (including descriptions about how certain species of trees may look different in the city than in the wild) and a glossary of specialized botanical terms. This comprehensive guide should be in every city-dweller's bookcase. A really great read! Wonderfully and profusely illustrated by Mary Phelan.



Stained glass cherry tree on 18th Ave. SE

Online Resources

- City of Olympia Urban Forestry Newsletter online
<http://www.olympiawa.gov/cityservices/urbanforest/neighborwoods/Urban+Forestry+Newsletter.htm>
- City of Olympia Parks, Recreation and Arts Department
<http://www.olympiawa.gov/cityservices/par/parks/>
- South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity
<http://www.spshabitat.org/>
- International Society of Arboriculture
<http://www.isa-arbor.com/home.aspx>
- Thurston County Native Plant Salvage Project
<http://thurston.wsu.edu/NPS.htm>
- Woodland Trail Greenway Association
<http://www.wtga.org/>
- Thurston Conservation District
<http://www.thurstoncd.com/>
- Olympia Timberland Library
<http://www.trlib.org>

Happy Birthday to THE GAZETREE! 

That's right! The GazetTree was first published in October 2006, so it's time for our very first index of issues. All editions of The GazetTree are available online (see Online Resources, above) so that you can reference any issue and its articles at any time.

- October 2006 - Introductory issue; anti-tree topping campaign
- November 2006 - What to do with fall's bounty of leaves
- December 2006 - How to choose and care for your Christmas tree
- January 2007 - Dealing with windstorm aftermath
- February 2007 - Proper tree planting techniques
- March 2007 - Summer internships; Jay Butts "Friends of Trees" Awards
- April 2007 - Arbor Day
- May 2007 - The perils of English ivy
- June 2007 - Legion Way oaks
- [no July or August 2007 editions]
- September 2007 - Regional walking trails

In addition to articles of interest, news and announcements, each GazetTree includes a book review, Online Resources section for further investigation, and contact information for the Urban Forestry staff.



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| City of Olympia Urban Forestry website : http://www.olympiawa.gov/cityservices/urbanforest | | |

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