

Urban Forestry

Urban forestry is the care and management of trees in urban settings for the purpose of improving the environment and the recognition that trees are a critical part of the urban infrastructure.

Tree City USA

This title is awarded by the National Arbor Day Foundation to communities that have proven their commitment to an effective, ongoing community forestry program based on Tree City USA standards. For more information go to www.arborday.org.

The City of Tualatin has been named a Tree City USA for 25 consecutive years and we'll be celebrating throughout 2012.

Heritage Trees

A Heritage Tree is a tree or stand of trees that, due to its age, size, species, quality or historic association, is of landmark importance and its retention as such will not unreasonably interfere with the use of the property it is located on.

Since 1988, Tualatin has designated over 35 trees or stands of trees as Heritage Trees.



Sidewalk and Street Tree Program

The City of Tualatin's Sidewalk and Street Tree Program tends to the beautiful trees that line many of Tualatin's streets. The City prunes street trees for pedestrian and vehicular traffic on a rotating schedule. At that time, they also evaluate sidewalks for damage caused by street trees so that damaged sidewalks are repaired or replaced.

For more information go to:
<http://www.ci.tualatin.or.us/departments/communityservices/parks/UrbanForestry.cfm>.



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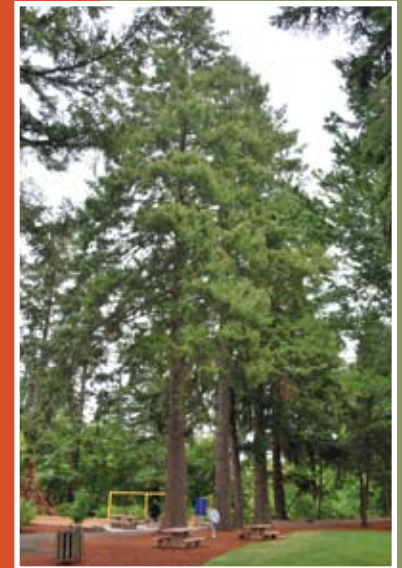


25th Year of Tree City USA

City of Tualatin



Celebrating
Tualatin's
Trees In 2012



25th Year of Tree City USA Celebration

Celebration of Trees

This year Tualatin celebrates being named a Tree City USA for the 25th time! The people of Tualatin have long seen the health of its tree canopy as vital to their sense of well being and the community's well being. In honor of this major milestone the community will be celebrating trees with programs and activities throughout 2012. Come join us!

THE BENEFITS OF TREES

The benefits trees provide can be divided into four categories: social, community, environmental, and economic.

Social benefits include:

Making our community a more pleasant and appealing place to live work and play • Trees are comforting to people • Trees help provide a "sense of place"

Community benefits include:

Screening of objectionable views • Increasing privacy • Reducing glare and reflection • Directing pedestrian traffic • Decreasing auto speeds • Complementing architecture

Environment benefits include:

Improving the air we breathe • Cooling warm urban areas • Increasing wildlife habitat • Conserving and purifying water • Moderating the effects of the sun, wind and rain

Economic benefits include:

Energy cost reductions • Increased property values • Storm water mitigation (reduction in the amount of polluted runoff or erosion that reaches the public storm water system) • Erosion control

January

- 4 The Colorful History of the Oregon White Oak lecture at the Heritage Center

- 16 Tree Planting at Browns Ferry Park

February

- 1 "Teens Hugging Trees" Photo submission begins at the Tualatin Library

- 11 Tree Planting with the Wetlands Conservancy

- 11 Learn proper tree pruning practices at the Winona Grange

March

- "Teens Hugging Trees" photo submission continues
- Help Create a "Favorite Book Tree" at the Tualatin Library

- 1 Deadline for 4th and 5th Grade "Tualatin Loves Trees!" Poster Contests

- 1 Lorax Party at the Tualatin Library

- 10 Tree Planting at Suam Creek Wetlands

- 15 Tree themed art works at the Tualatin Library

- 22 Presentation: Saving the historic Nyberg Chestnut tree

April

- Tree themed art works at the Tualatin Library
- Help create a "Favorite Book Tree" at the Tualatin Library

- 7 Arbor Week Celebration at Tualatin Community Park

- 7 Tree Planting at Tualatin Park

- 7 Deadline for "Teens Hugging Trees" photo submission

- 11 Tree giveaway at Story Time at the Tualatin Library

June

- 26 Gary the Oak visits the Summer Reading Carnival

July

- Tree City USA Week at Willowbrook Arts Camp

- 12 Magic Tree House Party at the Tualatin Library

August

- Heritage Tree Scavenger Hunt for Teens

October

- Fall Colors Photo Shoot Out at the Tualatin Library
- Teen Tree Haiku Contest at the Tualatin Library

December

- 7 Holiday Tree Lighting at Starry Nights and Holiday Lights