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Canyon Creek South

Development

Joan Carlson

“Beauty & the Bridge”

I-5 Interchange Student Art Project



August 2012



CITY OF WILSONVILLE

2021 Annual Community Report





Growing, Protecting the City's Urban Forest

Nearly 50 street/yard trees were planted in residential neighborhoods in 2020, supporting the Council's goal to implement a tree replacement program.

The City partnered with the Friends of Trees (FOT), a non-profit organization whose mission is "Planting trees and growing healthy communities together" to complete two planting events, which were scaled down because of public safety concerns.

Longer-term work is underway to develop more strategies to support tree health in Wilsonville. The City began development of the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) with public outreach to better understand the community's desires.

City of Trees

For the 23rd consecutive year, Wilsonville has been recognized as a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

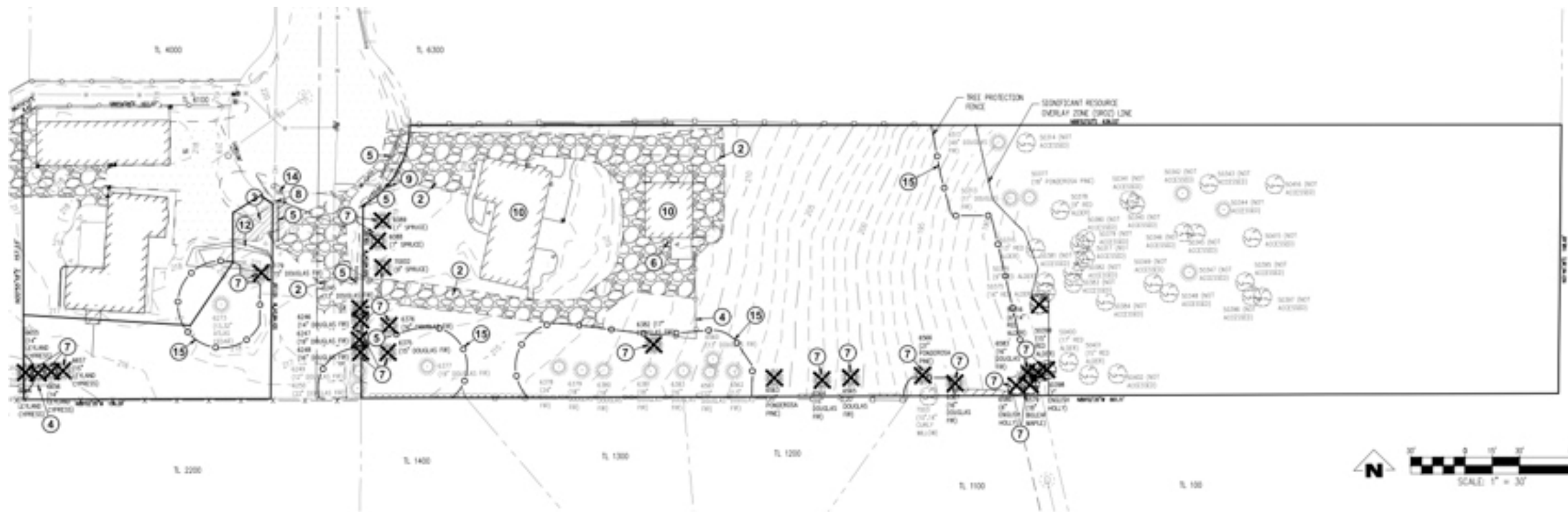


The City has revitalized its Heritage Tree Program to celebrate Wilsonville's trees. Residents can nominate trees of local significance at anytime by visiting letstalkwilsonville.com/heritage_trees



In 2021: The Urban Forest Management Plan is scheduled for completion, public review and adoption by City Council.















Addressing Tree Removal and Damage to Private Property

In the aftermath of February's severe ice storm, the City is assisting residents with protocols developed to help expedite tree removals and building permits.

Tree Damage

Our City of Trees withstood severe punishment. We are yet unable to fully comprehend the scale of our loss, and we are asking for your help in sharing details about those trees impacted by the storm to help us protect and repair our urban forest.

Some trees may be salvaged. The City encourages selective pruning when it can be done safely. In this instance, no notification is necessary.

If you are removing (or have removed) a hazardous tree(s) from your property, please visit ci.wilsonville.or.us/treeremoval to fill out our online form, which asks for the following details:

- Property owner's name and contact information
- Address or location of the tree(s)
- Descriptive details, if known (species, height, approximate diameter at breast)
- Photos of tree damage

Supplying this information helps the City identify how to approach the damage. It also allows our inspectors to visit your property to observe site conditions and to provide guidance if necessary. All tree removal fees are waived for emergency removals.

Commercial property owners are asked to submit a "Type B" permit, which can also be found online.

If you have additional questions, contact the

Optimal Health of Damaged Trees Requires Effective Pruning

This year, spring gardening may include caring for damaged trees.

Pruning can be dangerous work that often involves being high off the ground while utilizing power tools. A trained and certified arborist can spare you the dangerous work. They are required to carry liability insurance, so you won't suffer should property damage occur. Using a professional may optimize a tree's health and mitigate issues later.

Broken limbs should be pruned back clean with the next larger limb or trunk. Many trees can recover from large limb failure. Some sprout new limbs from the wounded area; these should be pruned carefully to ensure the new growth doesn't become hazardous.

Generally, pruning to remove dead branches or to increase the amount of light that can get through the canopy, maintains tree health and structure and produces better looking trees. Proper technique includes cleaning, thinning, raising and reduction.

- **Cleaning:** the removal of dead or dying branches to prevent future hazards.
- **Thinning:** the selective branch removal to enable better light and air penetration.
- **Raising:** the removal of lower branches in order to provide appropriate clearance for streets, sidewalks and buildings.

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- **Reduction:** adjusting the height of the tree by selective branch removal to clear utility lines.



Only landscape trees should require attention; forest trees are able to get by on nature's pruning alone.

Avoid tree topping, the indiscriminate cutting off branches, with no regard for maintaining proper growth. Topping makes a tree more prone to disease or an infestation of insects, or cause rapid growth of smaller, more dangerous branches. Topping trees violates the Wilsonville City Code and can often result in costly maintenance expenses.

The Oregon Forestry Services has a wealth resources to address tree care after a storm. Visit oregon.gov/odf/forestbenefits/Pages/urbanforests.aspx

Additionally, proper pruning techniques from the International Society of Arboriculture are available at treesaregood.org/treeowner/pruningyourtrees

Planning Division at 503-682-4960 or planning@ci.wilsonville.or.us.

Property Damage

Repairing cosmetic items — i.e. painting, gutters, siding, roofing, broken window replacement, interior drywall repair, fences less than 7' in height — does not require a building permit.

Permits are not needed to temporarily secure a structure with plywood or bracing, or to weatherproof damaged areas with temporary coverings.

A permit is generally required for structural items, or life-safety items, including wall damage extending beyond the siding, roof damage extending into the sheathing, roof rafter or roof truss damage or chimney damage.

In this event, permits are expedited and issued as

quickly as possible, typically at the City Hall counter or within a couple days. Staff will provide an estimate of approval time when permit is submitted.

For property owners seeking additional guidance, the City's Building Inspection staff provides free rapid damage assessments to help determine if a structure is safe, and to help determine next steps when repairs are needed.

As a precaution, property owners are advised to clear any roof drains or overflow drains of obstructions so that water can drain effectively from the roof. Excessive water weight can result in the collapse of flat roofs.

To schedule a damage assessment, call the Building Division at 503-682-4960 or email permits@ci.wilsonville.or.us.

Storm Aftermath: City Crews Complete Tree Debris Removal

After City crews, residents, landscapers and volunteers dumped more than 24,000 cubic yards of tree debris at the City’s drop site, crews faced the tough task of disposing of the materials.

Using industrial tub grinders, crews worked for about a week to grind the debris in preparation for having it hauled from the site.

Costs associated with the City’s response to February’s ice storm are estimated at about \$700,000. At a March meeting, in accordance with State budget laws, the City Council approved a Supplemental Budget Adjustment to make contingency funds available to cover these unforeseen operational costs.

At right: Overhead shots of the tree debris disposal site at Wilsonville Transit Center on Feb. 25 (top) and March 4 (bottom).



Tree Removal: Think Twice Before You Proceed

In the wake of the President’s Day Weekend ice storm that punished so many of the community’s trees, the City is working to fully comprehend the scale of the loss and to protect trees that can be saved and rehabilitated.

Before rushing to remove a damaged tree – even if the damage appears dramatic – think twice. Consider the benefits of repairing mature trees and protecting our urban forest. You may also spare your wallet.

Many damaged trees can be pruned and saved at a much lower cost than removal and replacement, which requires grinding the stump and replanting, and can become an expensive, time-consuming project.

The City is advising residents to have a certified arborist assess damaged trees. When that is not possible, we recommend two Oregon Department of Forestry publications that can help with damage assessment. You can find those resources and guidance on proper tree care at ci.wilsonville.or.us/treedamage

Emergency Removal

To qualify for emergency removal, a tree must be irreparably damaged with little to no chance of long-term survival or pose an imminent threat of injury or damage to persons or property. If the tree does not meet these criteria, it cannot be removed without a City permit.

If you have already completed the emergency removal of a hazardous tree, we’d like your assistance in sharing details about the tree to facilitate replacement later this year. Please fill out a brief online at ci.wilsonville.or.us/treeremoval

Supplying a few basic details about your tree helps the City identify how to approach the damage. It also allows our inspectors to visit your property to observe site conditions and to provide guidance if necessary. Tree removal fees are

waived for emergency removals when the tree meets the definition of an “emergency.”

Replacing any removed trees is typically required; non-compliance can initiate enforcement actions from the City or the HOA. The City is developing a program to help residents restore the lost trees. Those who prefer to replant immediately should coordinate with City staff to ensure the replacement tree(s) are chosen from the City’s recommended tree list.

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Councilor Charlotte Lehan Honored for Commitment to Urban Treescape

Councilor Charlotte Lehan is the recipient of the 2021 Oregon Urban & Community Forestry Individual Award, presented by Oregon Community Trees and Oregon Dept. of Forestry.

The award recognizes inspirational individuals who are engaging citizens, promoting tree planting and quality tree care, raising awareness and knowledge about Oregon’s trees and forests, and protecting Oregon’s urban and community forests to improve the quality of life in towns and cities around the state.



Councilor Lehan, who has lived in Wilsonville nearly her entire life and has served the City as an elected official and volunteer for over three decades, is a tireless advocate for Wilsonville’s trees. Several notable accomplishments and activities were cited in her nomination, including:

- Establishment of the City’s Heritage Tree Program in 2004 to recognize trees of historical significance or that were planted by (or in honor of) someone who advanced the interest of trees in the community.
 - Her contributions as a founding member of the local grass roots environmental group Friends of Goal 5, related to planning for and preserving natural resources, scenic and historic areas, and open spaces.
 - Her instrumental role in the City’s 1998 adoption of the Tree Preservation and Protection Ordinance as well as the citywide Goal 5, Metro Title 3, Endangered Species Act (ESA) compliance plan,
 - Her membership in the Blue Ribbon Committee that selected “crown jewel sites” as part of the Metro Greenspaces Bond Measure leading to the 2010 opening of Graham Oaks Nature Park.
 - Prioritizing City trees in residential planning efforts, including in Villebois, where existing trees were seamlessly integrated into the plan, creating an award winning, highly livable 500-acre community.
- Learn more at oregoncommunitytrees.org.

For 23rd Straight Year, Wilsonville Earns “Tree City USA” Status

Recently, the City of Wilsonville learned that — for the 23rd consecutive year — it has achieved “Tree City USA” status, a recognition bestowed by the Arbor Day Foundation that reflects Wilsonville’s continued commitment to maintaining and promoting its urban forest.

To earn the coveted Tree City USA designation, a City must have a comprehensive urban forestry program consisting of a tree ordinance, a City department responsible for trees, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an annual Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

Furthermore, the City earned its 11th Growth Award in recognition of achievements beyond those

requirements, and is a Sterling Tree City for the third year running. Recent projects to support local trees include street tree inventories at Town Center and in Charbonneau, public engagement activities in conjunction with the Urban Forest Management Plan, the revitalization of the Heritage Tree Program and a neighborhood tree planting event with Friends of Trees.

“The Tree City USA designation is a badge of honor that we always wear proudly,” said Community Development Director Chris Neamtzu. “It’s a wonderful, symbolic reminder of our ongoing commitment to always be working to grow and protect Wilsonville’s trees.”



Honor the City’s Heritage Trees: Recognize Significant Local Trees, Groves

In the aftermath of the recent ice storm that wreaked havoc on our treescape, nobody is taking for granted the beauty and importance of Wilsonville’s most remarkable trees.

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Our trees cannot speak, so we rely on community members to tell their unique stories for them. Any community member can nominate a tree/grove that plays a significant role in local history online, at LetsTalkWilsonville.com.

Go to the site and click on the Heritage Tree Program tile to take a virtual tour of the City’s 10 Heritage Trees and/or to make a nomination.

The Heritage Tree program was first launched in 2004 to recognize trees of historical significance or that were planted by (or in honor of) someone who advanced the interest of trees. The Three Sisters Oaks on Kinsman Rd. achieved Heritage Tree status most recently, in 2017. For additional information about the Heritage Tree program, contact Associate Planner Cindy Luxhøj at 503-570-1572; Luxhøj@ci.wilsonville.or.us.



Ongoing: While an extensive arborist report has been completed and trees and conditions have been inventoried to determine which trees will be preserved, based on staff analysis of the plans it is expected that future construction situations may arise involving preserved trees at the rear of Lots four (4) through eight (8). If such issues or situations arise, the project arborist shall provide City staff with a written explanation of the measures considered to preserve the trees along with the line of reasoning that makes the preservation of the tree not feasible. Prior to further construction within the tree protection zone, the City will verify the validity of the report through review by an independent arborist to ensure that the tree cannot be preserved. If it is ultimately decided that the tree cannot be preserved by both arborists, then the developer may remove the tree, and will be required to plant one tree of the same variety at another location within the project area. See Finding F20.

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