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## **TREES OF THE YEAR IN SPOKANE**

Street Tree Of the Year and Utility Smart Tree Of The Year Announced

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**Editor's Note: Mayoral Proclamations regarding these two trees will be announced at the City Council meeting of Monday, April 19, 2010.**

Each year in April, the Spokane Park Board's Urban Forestry Tree Committee and its Citizen Advisory Committee announce the recommended trees property owners should focus on in helping restore and enhance the urban forest. This year the selected trees include:

- The **Ginkgo Biloba** 'Autumn Gold' as SPOKANE'S STREET TREE OF THE YEAR.
- The **Cornus Mas** 'Golden Glory' as SPOKANE'S UTILITY SMART TREE OF THE YEAR

Selection of the STREET TREE OF THE YEAR comes through ongoing collaboration between the City of Spokane, the Downtown Spokane Partnership, the Spokane County Conservation District, Master Gardeners, Neighborhood Councils, Spokane Preservation Advocates, and local certified arborists. The intent is to raise awareness of the importance of street trees to the quality of life in Spokane.

Overall the goal is to educate the citizens of the region about the importance of trees in retail spaces and the role businesses can play in sustaining the urban forest.

Selection of the UTILITY TREE OF THE YEAR comes through ongoing collaboration efforts between the City of Spokane, Spokane County Conservation District, along with representatives from Avista Utilities and Asplundh Tree Expert

Co. Their focus is on the importance of urban forestry and the need to promote utility compatible trees under power lines.

Likewise, property owners can support urban forestry efforts by selecting appropriate trees to co-exist with utility lines.

### **About the Urban Forestry Tree Committee of the Spokane Park Board and the Citizen Advisory Committee**

- The Urban Forestry Tree Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month (unless otherwise noted) at 7 am in the Manito Park Meeting Room (East of the Gaiser Conservatory), 1702 S. Grand Blvd., Spokane, Washington 99203.
- The Urban Forestry Citizens Advisory Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise noted) at 4 pm in the Manito Park Meeting Room (East of the Gaiser Conservatory), 1702 S. Grand Blvd., Spokane, Washington 99203.

### **About Spokane Parks and Recreation**

City of Spokane Parks and Recreation is responsible for the professional management and prudent caretaking of more than 4,100 acres of developed parks and conservation land. The Golf Division maintains and operates four championship municipal golf courses, including Indian Canyon, Downriver, Esmeralda and the Creek at Qualchan. Park Operations has responsibility for the maintenance of all park land and park facilities in the City of Spokane including Riverfront Park, Manito Park, Gaiser Conservatory and the many city-wide gardens, Finch Arboretum and the Urban Forestry Program. The Recreation/Entertainment Division offers classes, special events, athletic leagues and activities for youth, teens, adults, seniors and persons with physical and mental disabilities. It also operates Riverfront Park attractions, activities and events, and provides support for community centers, senior centers, the Northeast Youth Center, Corbin Art Center and outdoor swimming pools. For more information please visit [spokaneparks.org](http://spokaneparks.org)

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