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TREE FANS SOUGHT FOR “VIP” PROGRAM

Help Shape the Future of Young Trees

Tree fans are being sought for a program designed to improve the future of young trees in public places. The “Volunteers In Pruning” (V.I.P.) program trains local tree fans to prune young trees for form and structure. The program targets trees that were planted within the last three years which is the best time in the tree’s development to establish good tree form and correct any structural problems that can lead to future hazards or tree failure.

The V.I.P. project is sponsored by “Community Canopy,” a tree care education program of the cities of Spokane, Coeur d’Alene, Post Falls, Hayden, and the Spokane County Conservation District. These communities are pooling resources to train volunteers and supply them with the tools needed to do the pruning. Pruning work parties will take place starting in late fall and will extend into early spring. Each community’s forestry program will choose which public trees will be targeted for pruning and will most likely be a combination of park trees and street trees.

Anyone 16 years of age or older and interested in the V.I.P. program is invited to attend a three-hour training session.

- The training session will be held on Saturday, October 9th at the Spokane County Conservation District Office, 210 N Havana, starting at 9:00 am.

The training is free in exchange for putting in volunteer hours pruning public trees. Because of limited space, pre-registration is encouraged. Contact Garth at 509.535.7274.

For additional information regarding City of Spokane Urban Forestry please call 509.363.5495 or go online to www.spokaneurbanforestry.org

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