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## CELEBRATE THROUGH LEARNING WITH FREE NEIGHBORWOODS WORKSHOPS

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**Spokane Urban Forestry** has launched its NeighborWoods program this year to help citizens reach their urban forest goals. Whether or not you are currently involved in a NeighborWoods group, you can celebrate through learning!

The workshops are FREE and open to the public. Attached is the flyer for the October Workshop Series. Just click the links in the PDF to register.

**Register Today!** Click the link for each workshop and register at the Brown Paper Tickets website where you can learn more & register for FREE. There is limited space so please pre-register! You can also register from our website: [www.spokaneurbanforestry.org](http://www.spokaneurbanforestry.org) at our Events page or contact Beth Mort at Urban Forestry, [bmort@spokanecity.org](mailto:bmort@spokanecity.org), 509.363.5495.

- **Intro to Low Impact Development or LID.**

DATE/TIME: *Saturday, October 8, 10am-12pm.*

LOCATION: This workshop will be held at the Spokane Conservation District at **210 North Havana Street, Spokane, WA 99202**

SHORT DESCRIPTION: LID principles can play an important role in managing stormwater, conserving water, and enhancing developments and residential lots. Learn the basics of LID and how trees can play a key role in this process.

LONG DESCRIPTION: Alex Mann, Landscape Designer of AHBL, will present an introduction to LID with a special focus on the roles trees play in the process of stormwater management. He will review a local case study (Hazel's Creek) and other research in stormwater uptake and treatment by

trees at various stages of maturity. Alex will also discuss locally appropriate species for LID projects.

**Registration Link:** <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/198408>. Pre-register space is limited to 35.

- **Urban Ecology & Native Tree Species in the Urban Landscape.**

DATE/TIME: *Saturday, October 15, 9am-11am.*

LOCATION: This workshop will be held at the Finch Arboretum at **3404 W. Woodland Blvd., Spokane, WA 99224.**

SHORT DESCRIPTION: Kat Hall, of The Lands Council, will lead the workshop at the Finch Arboretum and discuss ecosystems in urban environments.

LONG DESCRIPTION: Kat Hall, of The Lands Council, will lead the workshop at the Finch Arboretum and discuss ecosystems in urban environments. Trees are often the canopy linking open space, park ecology and residential ecology which provide many benefits to people and wildlife. Kat will discuss native tree species: the dos & don'ts of planting them in our urban environment and how different species have specific needs and requirements making them appropriate for some sites and not for others. And, as an added bonus, the Fall Leaf Festival will be getting under way at Finch Arboretum just as the workshop wraps up!

**Registration Link:** <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/196702> Pre-register space is limited to 20.

- **Proper Tree Planting.**

DATE/TIME: *Saturday, October 22, 9:30am-11:30am.*

LOCATION: This workshop will be held at the Finch Arboretum at **3404 W. Woodland Blvd., Spokane, WA 99224.**

SHORT DESCRIPTION: Learn the planting basics to ensure a long, healthy and productive life!

LONG DESCRIPTION: Join Spokane City Arborist, Jeff Perry, and learn how to properly plant trees and other woody plants. You will learn how to select, prepare and plant a tree or shrub to ensure a long, healthy and productive life.

**Registration Link:** <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/196740> Pre-register space is limited to 35.

- **Volunteers In Pruning (VIP) Training.**

DATE/TIME: *Saturday, October 29, 9am-12pm.*

LOCATION: This workshop will be held at the Spokane Conservation District at **210 North Havana Street, Spokane, WA 99202.**

**SHORT DESCRIPTION:** Garth Davis, of The Spokane Conservation District, will lead the VIP training and teach participants the techniques of correct pruning. After completing this training, you will be able to work with the group on pruning projects identified by our local foresters.

**LONG DESCRIPTION:** Garth Davis, of The Spokane Conservation District, will lead the Volunteers In Pruning (VIP) program and will train local tree fans on the ins and outs of pruning recently planted trees for form and structure. This will include classroom learning followed by an outdoor hands-on training. After completing this training, you will be able to work with the group on pruning projects identified by our local foresters.

**Registration Link:** <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/196746> **Pre-register space is limited to 35.**

## **About Urban Forestry**

City of Spokane Urban Forestry staff manages 50,000 street trees and another 28,000 trees on developed park land within the City of Spokane. City arborists help manage the urban forest by planting and maintaining trees throughout the City. The thinning of trees in some areas is also done to improve the overall health of various stands of trees in the City's park system. Improving the City's urban forest is an ongoing project that will take decades of work and careful management. In 2010 Spokane received its seventh year in a row designation as a Tree City USA. That program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. For more information please call 509.363.5470 or go online to [www.spokaneurbanforestry.org](http://www.spokaneurbanforestry.org)

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