



News Release

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OCTOBER IS NEIGHBORWOODS MONTH

Sign Up for FREE Workshops

To celebrate October as NeighborWoods Month, Spokane Urban Forestry has partnered with The Lands Council, Community Canopy, The Spokane Conservation District and AHBL to provide some great workshop opportunities to the public and our NeighborWoods groups.

REGISTER TODAY!

[Low Impact Development or LID.](#) *Saturday, October 8, 10am-12pm.* An introduction to LID with a special focus on the roles trees play in the process of stormwater management. Alex Mann of AHBL will present a review of local case study (Hazel's Creek) and research in stormwater uptake and treatment by trees at various stages of maturity. Also discuss locally appropriate species for LID projects. This workshop will be held at the Spokane Conservation District at **210 North Havana Street, Spokane, WA 99202.** **Pre-register online [HERE](#) through Brown Paper Tickets. Space is limited to 35. Cost is FREE!**

[Urban Ecology & Native Tree Species in the Urban Landscape.](#) *Saturday, October 15, 9am-11am.* 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!

This workshop will be held at the Finch Arboretum at **3404 W. Woodland Blvd., Spokane, WA 99224**. Pre-register online [HERE](#) through Brown Paper Tickets. Space is limited to 25. Cost is FREE!

[Proper Tree Planting](#). *Saturday, October 22, 9:30am-11:30am*. 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. This workshop will be held at the Finch Arboretum at **3404 W. Woodland Blvd., Spokane, WA 99224**. Pre-register online [HERE](#) through Brown Paper Tickets. Space is limited to 35. Cost is FREE!

[Volunteers In Pruning \(VIP\) Training](#). *Saturday, October 29, 9am-12pm*. The Volunteers In Pruning (VIP) program 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. This workshop will be held at the Spokane Conservation District at **210 North Havana Street, Spokane, WA 99202**. Pre-register online [HERE](#) through Brown Paper Tickets. Space is limited to 35. Cost is FREE!

Instructor Bio's

Alex Mann: Alex Mann is a graduate of Washington State University and a landscape designer currently working with AHBL Inc's Spokane office. His professional experience includes landscape design for residential, commercial, and municipal projects. Most notably, his work with the City of Spokane has included the Neva-Wood C.O.P.S. Shop Low-Impact Parking Lot, connectivity planning for the Southgate Neighborhood, and two projects as part of the Spokane Urban Runoff Greenway Experiment (SURGE). His project "Produce, Place, Patterns" earned him a National Honor Award through the Washington State Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Garth Davis: Garth Davis is the forester for the Spokane Conservation District. His certifications include: Certified Forester, Certified Arborist, Certified Tree Risk Assessor, and Certified Tree Farm Inspector.

Jeff Perry: Jeff Perry, City Arborist for the last 14 years, loves trees and peeps, and is a stickler for proper treatment and care of trees.

Kat Hall: Kat Hall is The Lands Council's Conservation Programs Director. She manages the organization's Urban Ecology program, which features projects such as tree planting and restoration, urban forestry, environmental education, Spokane River toxics and healthy homes outreach, Complete Streets, low impact development (LID), and blood lead testing of at-risk kids. Kat has a B.S. in Natural Resources and a Master's in Environmental Management.

Pre-register on-line

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, the many city-wide gardens, and Finch Arboretum. Urban Forestry staff manages 50,000 street trees and another 28,000 trees on developed park land within the City of Spokane. 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 www.spokaneparks.org

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