



**CITY OF
TUMWATER
TREE BOARD
MEETING AGENDA**

**Online via Zoom and In Person at
Tumwater Fire Department
Headquarters, Training Room, 311 Israel
Rd. SW, Tumwater, WA 98501**

**Monday, February 12, 2024
7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Changes to Agenda
4. Tree Board Member Reports
5. Coordinator's Report
 - a. Update on Tree Inventory & Maintenance Plan Project
 - b. Washington Wildland Urban Interface Update
6. Public Comment
7. Arbor Day
8. Next Meeting Date - 03/11/2024
9. Adjourn

Meeting Information

The public are welcome to attend in person, by telephone or online via Zoom.

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Public Comment

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The public may also submit comments prior to the meeting by sending an email to:

AJonesWood@ci.tumwater.wa.us. Please send the comments by 1:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting. Comments are submitted directly to the Commission/Board Members and will not be read individually into the record of the meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Sustainability Coordinator Alyssa Jones Wood at (360) 754-4140 or AJonesWood@ci.tumwater.wa.us.

Post Meeting

Audio of the meeting will be recorded and later available by request, please email CityClerk@ci.tumwater.wa.us

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What is the Tree Board?

The Tumwater Tree Board is a citizen advisory board that is appointed by and advisory to the City Council on urban forestry issues, including drafting and revising a comprehensive tree protection plan or ordinance, or any other tree matter. Actions by the Tree Board are not final decisions; they are Board recommendations to the City Council who must ultimately make the final decision. If you have any questions or suggestions on ways the Tree Board can serve you better, please contact the Community Development Department at (360) 754-4180.

TO: Tree Board
FROM: Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Coordinator
DATE: February 12, 2024
SUBJECT: Arbor Day Discussion

1) Recommended Action:

Provide guidance on details regarding the 2024 Arbor Day celebration.

2) Background:

At the April 16, 2024 City Council meeting, the Mayor will issue the annual Arbor Day Proclamation. The community is invited to attend the 2024 Arbor Day celebration at Historical Park in Tumwater on April 20, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. At the celebration, the Tree Board will distribute 100 1-gallon native plants and 100 native flower seed packets. City staff have ordered plants and seeds as directed by the Tree Board at their January 8, 2024 meeting. Handouts will be available for event-goers to pick and choose from, rather than providing bundled bags of handouts as done in previous years.

3) Alternatives:

☐ Postpone this action to the Tree Board's March 11, 2024 meeting.

4) Attachments:

Red Osier Dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*)



Height: 7 to 20 feet

Width: 8 to 12 feet

Sun: Sun-loving and shade-tolerant

Soil Moisture: Moist and wet. This plant does well in areas that are seasonally inundated with water.

Wildlife Benefits: Flowers in spring provide nectar for insects and hummingbirds. Birds eat the berries that develop in the summer and early fall, as well as nest in the protective shrub cover. This plant is an important browse food for moose, deer, and elk. The berries are eaten by mammals such as bears, foxes, skunks, and chipmunks. Beavers and muskrats use twigs to repair dams or build new dams.

More information: These shrubs provide four-season interest with blazing red twigs in winter, beautiful spring blossoms, variegated leaves during summer, and berries from summer to fall. It is fast-growing with at least 2 feet of growth each year. Fibrous root system which is great for soil stabilization.



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Pacific Wax Myrtle (*Morella californica*)



Height: 10 to 30 feet

Width: 10 to 30 feet

Sun: Full-sun or Part-Shade

Soil Moisture: Moist and well-drained.

Wildlife Benefits: The fruit is eaten by many kinds of birds including Northern Flickers and the Yellow-rumped Warbler.

More information: A densely bushy evergreen shrub. An ideal choice for coastal plantings due to its tolerance to salt spray. Wax Myrtle also is able to fix nitrogen in association with the bacteria, *Frankia* sp., making this shrub especially useful in soils with low fertility.

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Saskatoon Serviceberry (*Amelanchier alnifolia*)



Height: 3 to 16 feet

Width: 4 to 6 feet

Sun: Full-sun, Mostly Sunny, or Part Shade

Soil Moisture: Dry and Moist

Wildlife Benefits: The flowers supply pollen and nectar for a large number of bees as well as hummingbirds. The fruit attracts birds including waxwings and tanagers. It serves as a host plant for swallowtail, brown elfin, Lorquin's admiral, and California hairstreak butterfly larvae. It is a nectar plant for spring azure butterflies. It provides dense cover for birds and small mammals.

More information: This plant produces a showy edible fruit that resembles a blueberry in size, color, and taste. The berries may be eaten fresh off the plant or used in jams, jellies, and pies.



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Vine Maple (*Acer circinatum*)

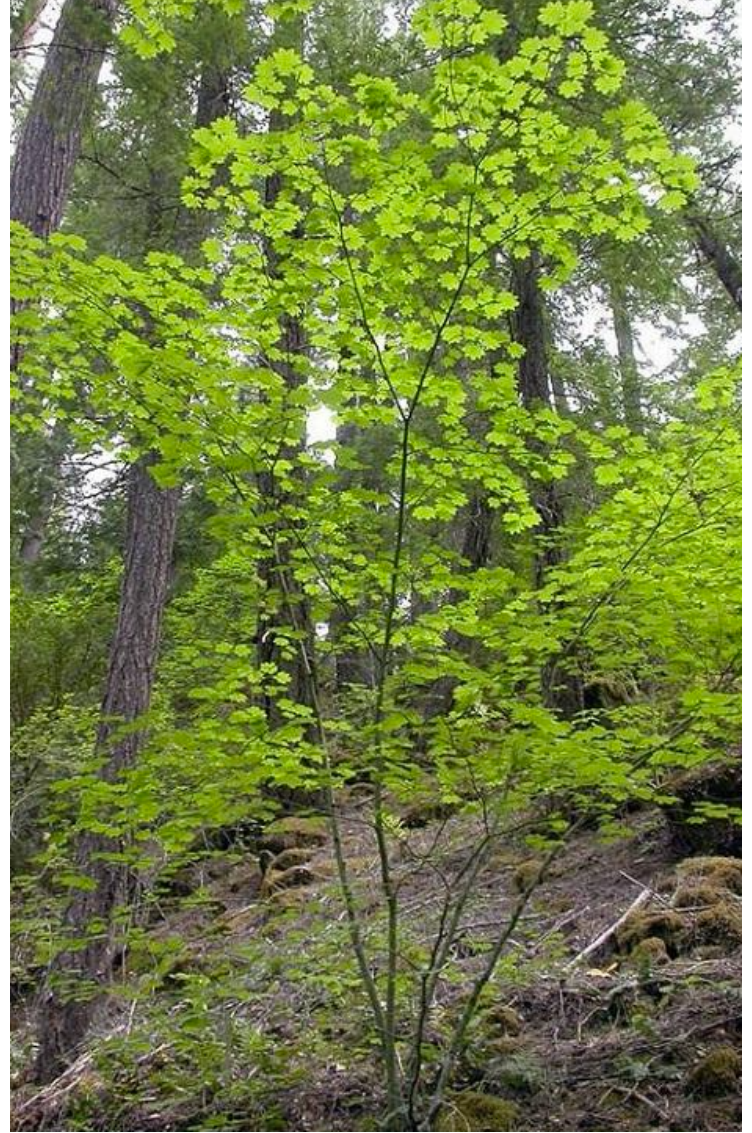


Height: 3 to 26 feet

Width: 3 to 5 feet

Sun: Full to partial sun

Soil Moisture: Moist and wet.



Wildlife Benefits: Small mammals and birds eat the flowers, buds, and seeds. Caterpillars of the Brown Tissue Moth and Polyphemus Moth forage on the leaves. Deer and elk browse the leaves during summer. Squirrels and chipmunks eat and cache seeds.

More information: The Vine Maple is considered one of the best native trees for the home landscape and is an important part of the Northwest forest. Vine maple is widely enjoyed for its rugged growth habit, interesting stem coloration, and beautiful fall leaf color.

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Creeping Oregon Grape (*Mahonia repens*)



Height: 12 to 18 inches

Width: Spreads 12 to 36 inches

Sun: Full-sun to part-shade

Soil Moisture: Moist and well drained.

Wildlife Benefits: Birds eat the berries. The foliage provides cover for many species and browse for deer. The flowers are very attractive to insect pollinators and hummingbirds.

More information: This small plant is a beautiful evergreen native shrub that would fit well in any yard. While the berries are very sour, they are edible and can be used in jellies.



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Showy Milkweed (*Asclepias speciosa*)



Height: 1 to 3 feet

Sun: Full Sun

Soil Moisture: This plant is very drought-tolerant. Water sparingly after it is established.

Bloom Time: Summer

Flower Color: Pink, Showy

Wildlife Benefits: This plant is an important host plant for the Monarch butterfly. This plant also attracts hummingbirds, bees, moths, birds, and other species of butterflies.

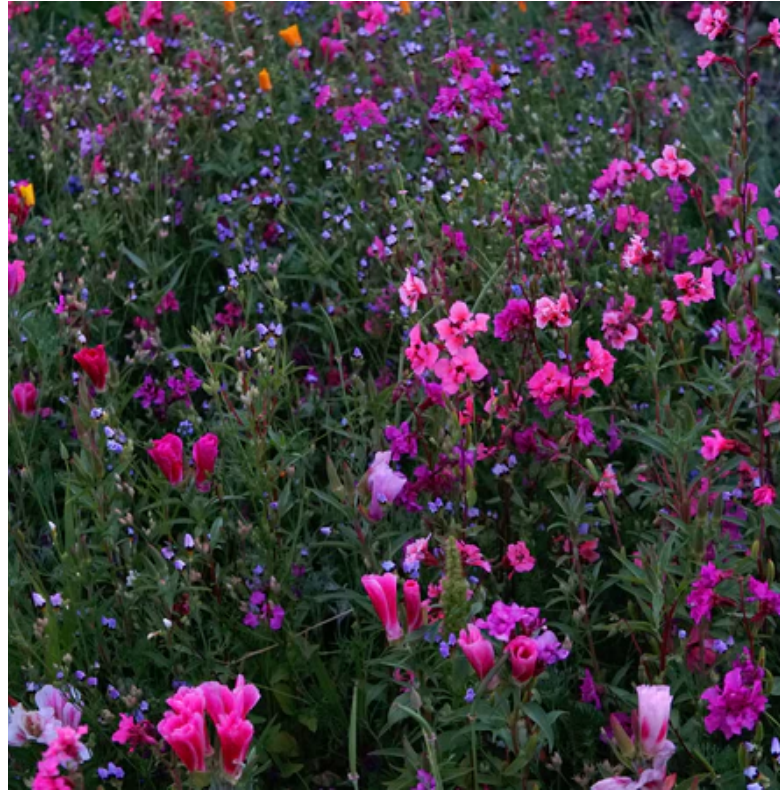
More information: This plant will self-seed. Be careful as this plant can be toxic to cats, dogs, horses, and humans.



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PNW Native Wildflower Mix



Pacific Northwest gardeners can help support native fauna with this blend of 15 native annual and perennial wildflower species.

These seed packets contain:

Baby Blue Eyes (*Nemophila menziesii*), Bigleaf Lupine (*Lupinus polyphyllus*), Bird's Eyes (*Gilia tricolor*), Blue-Eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium bellum*), California Poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*), Chinese Houses (*Collinsia heterophylla*), Clarkia (*Clarkia unguiculata*), Dwarf Godetia (*Clarkia amoena*), Five-Spot (*Nemophila maculate*), Globe Gilia (*Gilia capitata*), Lewis Flax (*Linum lewisii*), Mountain Phlox (*Linanthus grandifloras*), Oregon Sunshine (*Eriophyllum lanatum*), Tidy Tips (*Layia platyglossa*), and Yellow Lupine (*Lupinus densiflorus aureus*).

The information included in this handout comes from Territorial Seed Company.

