

CITYWIDE TREE POLICY

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**Moore-Love, Karla**


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**From:** mvogelpnw@gmail.com on behalf of Mary Vogel [mary@plangreen.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 19, 2013 4:39 PM  
**To:** Hales, Mayor; Fritz, Amanda; Saltzman, Dan; Commissioner Fish; Novick, Steve; Moore-Love, Karla  
**Cc:** Jortner, Roberta (Planning); Keenan, Mieke; Hayakawa, Mike  
**Subject:** Tree Code Testimony

I'm afraid that I can't stay for the entire hearing. So, if I don't get to testify, here's my notes for what I was hoping to say. . .

### Tree Code Budget Testimony – Dec. 19, 2013

Mary Vogel, Member, Portland Downtown Neighborhood Association Land Use and Transportation Committee, but not authorized to testify on their behalf

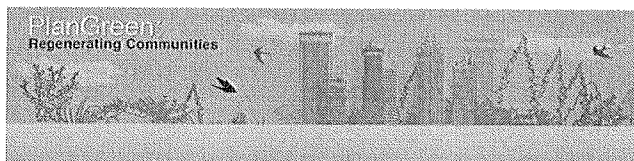
There are some **exciting things** going on downtown regarding trees—and I don't mean the holiday lights on our business district trees or the XMAS tree in Pioneer Courthouse Square—although those are a **nice accent** to the other work that is taking place.

A few months ago, I brought it up to the PDNA that I wanted to **start a Tree Committee** to help see that our downtown trees were better cared for and to advocate for more trees where there are none—especially in the residential areas. It wasn't long before I heard about a **Tree Inventory** for Downtown Trees—apparently started by some PSU students—and joined in that effort. As you may know, it was done in conjunction with Urban Forestry.

Some of the same folks involved in that inventory are now working together with **Westside Portland Tree Guild** and me from PDNA to create a **Tree Plan** for downtown—and to urge adjacent NAs to do the same. We are even planning to **plant a few new trees**. One of our roles will be as advocate and watchdog for trees.

It is very important to us neighborhood advocates that the new Tree Code be funded. Passage of a budget on this long awaited code **will stimulate our volunteer work**—increasing the new Code's effectiveness—and hence the savings that Dean Marriot and Commissioner Fish emphasized. Please fully find the budget!

Thanks for your attention!  
 Mary Vogel



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On Thu, Dec 19, 2013 at 3:40 PM, Mary Vogel <[mary@plangreen.net](mailto:mary@plangreen.net)> wrote:

I came to the City Council meeting today to testify for the Tree Code budget. But I can't help but comment on the topic that is going on right now. I have photos of two trucks that are parked in front of the St. Francis Apartments at 1024 SW Main on a daily basis--with disabled permits.

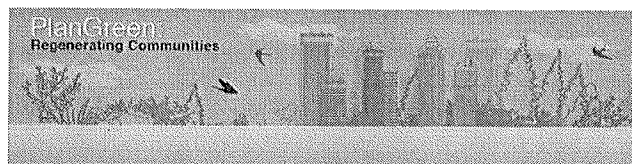
One of them belongs to a guy who walks his dog in the Park Blocks up to PSU 4-5 times a day. Although I try to be diligent about daily exercise, I dare say he gets more than I do.

The other belongs to a guy who may run some kind of landscaping business as I have seen the back filled with Himalayan blackberry vines (HOORAY).

I have also removed blackberry and know how much physical work it is--a very difficult, if not impossible, job for a disabled person.

I bring up these examples so that you know that there may be some abuse in the low income buildings as well.

Thanks for listening,  
Mary Vogel



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**From:** Kathy Shearin [kathyshearin@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 19, 2013 2:36 PM  
**To:** Moore-Love, Karla  
**Subject:** Citywide Tree Project/Policy  
**Attachments:** Kathy Shearin\_Tree Policy 2013 Portland City Council.docx

Karla,

Please find my letter to the council regarding the Tree Policy discussion this afternoon.  
Thank You

Kathy Shearin  
6204 NE 7th Ave  
Portland, OR 97211

12/20/2013

December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Portland City Council  
1221 SW Fourth Ave  
Portland, OR 97204

Re: Citywide Tree Policy Review and Regulatory Improvement Project (Citywide Tree Project)

Mayor and Commissioners:

Please protect our large trees TODAY.

Every year, every month, every day that we don't have an assertive, comprehensive tree policy in place we lose large trees in our neighborhoods.

Every time we lose a large tree, our neighborhoods become that much more lifeless. Large trees provide homes to countless creatures and when they are cut, we lose that life – sometimes forever if the tree is replaced with a smaller, less ideal tree or worse not replaced at all.

Smaller, 30ft tall trees, while appropriate for certain circumstances like street trees with power lines, do not provide as many of the benefits that our large trees provide.

#### Trees

- provide a sense of place
- provide storm water management
- provide shading to cool our urban environment during our warm, dry summer months
- provide clean our air and water
- mitigate noise within our communities
- increase our property values
- provide jobs
- provide many, many more benefits

Neighborhoods without large trees are bleak, exposed and lifeless in appearance. I've watched numerous large trees be removed from my neighborhood and watched as the woodpecker and other bird species scramble to find new habitat, of which there is little.

I live in the Woodlawn Neighborhood. I love my neighborhood and have watched while several of our largest trees were cut to the ground for development. I don't want to continue to watch my neighborhood go more and more from *wood* to *lawn* each year. It's tragic.

From my perspective and for those who currently live in the neighborhood, these trees are gone forever. Even if replaced with a similar-sized species, which they rarely are, they will never get to that size within my lifetime.

**Please, approve the budget recommendations and staffing requirements and put forth the measures that will START PROTECTING OUR TREES TODAY!**

Very Sincerely,

Kathy Shearin

6204 NE 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Portland OR, 97211

## Moore-Love, Karla

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**From:** Ariane Holzhauer [ariane.holzhauer@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 19, 2013 2:06 PM

**To:** Moore-Love, Karla

**Subject:** Please adopt the new tree code

To the Portland City Council:

I would like to request and urge you to adopt the proposed new tree code quickly. The present schedule to bring the new stricter tree code into force will occur in 2015. Many trees can be lost between now and 2015. This affects us in Far Southwest Portland, where the quality of life is being negatively impacted by property owners proposing the removal of old growth trees, changing the character of our neighborhood. This is also out of line with the vision for green space preservation and -creation as part of the Southwest Corridor plan.

Thank you.

Ariane Holzhauer  
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Portland, OR 97219

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December 19, 2013

Re: Testimony City Council  
Tree Policy Implementation

Mayor Hales, City Council Members All

1. The history of local and city-wide citizens and activists to construct a new policy for the City of Portland, circa 2005-Stakeholders included citizens, BDS staffers, Amanda Fritz/Parks Committee meeting, Bonny McKnight, and 4 SW Community members: Greg Schifsky, Margot Barnett, John Gibbons, Leonard Gard
2. Tree values/benefits: Biology includes people's needs: food, clean air and water, good cultural environment to prosper; trees are Biology and need: good environment/soils, food, clean air and water. A great deal of research and learning went in to establishing guidelines for our trees.
3. Tree demonstration: the loss of significant, large trees and the replacement by 2" caliper trees to claim a higher number of 'tree canopy' is misleading: large trees provide the region healthy benefits today, and small trees will take twenty (20) years to catch up to some existing trees--how much more/larger will existing trees become and what are they providing now and then?

Greg Schifsky  
4131 SW Lee St.  
Portland, Oregon 97221-2667  
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Mayor Charlie Hales,

December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013

City of Portland

1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 340, Portland, OR 9720

Dear Mayor Hales and Commissioners,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express the views of the Urban Forestry Commission, a volunteer citizen advisory board to the City Forester. My name is Meryl Redisch and I serve as Chair of the Commission. We greatly appreciate the council's solid expression of support at last year's budget hearings for the new tree code along with the need to delay implementation due to a severe budget deficit.

The Commission is unanimous in our desire to see the implementation of the new Tree Code secured this year. This is why we feel so strongly.

- While most of the current Commissioners were not serving at the time that the tree code revision work and public process occurred, they are all very much aware of the high and broad level of public engagement that transpired during that time. I was serving on the Commission at that time. From my perspective, the level of stakeholder participation from all sectors of the community- development, homeowners, neighborhood association leaders, arbor care professionals, activists and others- was unprecedented in terms of wide scale support for making important changes to the code. Going back to the drawing board or failing to take forward action after thousands of human hours were devoted to developing improved tree regulations would send a terribly dismissive message to the hundreds of people who volunteered their time or provided input their time to craft a document that is based on safeguarding a five billion dollar asset.
- The Commission's mandate is to support effective, efficient and smart urban forestry practices and policies as well as promote programs that elevate the benefits and values of trees in our city. The new code incorporates past lessons learned and current best practices related to things like; customer service, mitigation when development occurs and tree protection during development. Of significance within the new code is the focus on the protection of large, healthy trees on private property and tree groves on development sites and ensuring sufficient trees are planted to help reach our canopy target. In addition, the new code cleans up a very messy patchwork of a tree permit system that exists today. The current system which applies to some private property and not others is confusing and unfair. Existing requirements for some private property and

exemptions for others has been replaced by a more streamlined code that will apply consistently in the city. Please know that the new code does not preclude homeowners from removing trees on their own property. Rather, in most cases, people may remove trees without a review but with a simple requirement to plant a new tree somewhere on their lot or parking strip. This will help ensure the regeneration of our urban forest over time. Permits are a tool that will help agency professionals and others interested in tracking trends and measuring canopy benefits, to learn for example, how many large private and public trees are being lost each year and in turn, the other unintended consequences including; wildlife habitat, carbon sequestration, storm water management or changes in home values.

The implementation of the new code will require a clear and compelling communications plan that focuses on the positive attributes of how this works, why it was done and how it will benefit the community. The Commission welcomes the opportunity to help deliver the message.

We greatly appreciate the staff at Parks, Development Services and Planning and Sustainability and for all of the good work and research that they have done. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Meryl A. Redisch,

Chair, Urban Forestry Commission

December 19, 2013

Charlie Hales, Mayor  
City Commissioners  
City Hall  
1220 SW Fourth Avenue  
Portland, OR 97204

Mayor Hales and Commissioners,

On behalf of the Planning and Sustainability Commission I am urge you to adopt the Citywide Tree Project Budget Report. There are three words I would offer critics of this report and those who question the wisdom of allocating funds to protect, restore and manage the city's urban forest----Return on Investment. Where else does a capital investment increase over time? The city's urban forest, a \$5 billion capital asset and one of the most important components of the city's green infrastructure, provides multiple functions and benefits including stormwater attenuation, access to nature, increased property values, reduction of urban heat island, wildlife habitat, and numerous other ecosystem services.

The *Portland Plan* specifically calls for funding the tree program and established the urban forest canopy as one measure of success. The draft *Comprehensive Plan* also calls for protecting, managing and maintaining a healthy urban forest canopy as one element of the city's healthy connected neighborhoods and designing with nature. The city/county *Climate Action Plan* and draft *Climate Preparation Strategy* both recognize an expanded, healthy urban forest canopy as a critical tool to address Climate Change, both from mitigation and climate preparation perspectives.

Finally, we urge you to adopt the budget package in its entirety. If there are questions regarding cost of specific elements those can be worked out during the budget process. We feel strongly that the entire package should be adopted as is.

Respectfully,



Mike Houck,  
Planning and Sustainability Commissioner

SWNI Comments on the Citywide Tree Project  
Portland City Council  
December 19, 2013

My name is Marianne Fitzgerald, President of Southwest Neighborhoods, a coalition of 17 neighborhood associations and 3 business associations in Southwest Portland.

The SWNI Board met last night and briefly discussed the proposal before you today.

SWNI has supported a strengthened tree policy in the past. We have been concerned about the loss of trees due to infill development over the years, and initiated the discussions that led to the citywide tree program adopted in 2011.

Every tree that is removed impacts our neighborhoods' sense of livability. New developments, especially in areas with large treed lots, that result in fewer trees and more impervious surfaces negatively impacts stormwater management in the most storm water-constrained area of the city. We also need the city's technical assistance, such as when dealing with downed trees during wind and ice storms and other natural disasters.

However, what I heard from my board last night were concerns over the cost of the program and bureaucracy to run it.

We have not reviewed the implementation plan in detail, and I can't provide specifics today, other than the SWNI's board's request to keep any fees for individual homeowners as low as possible. It's important to maintain strict requirements for new developments, and have the developers pay fees to support the program, but please keep the costs low when no development is proposed.

I hope the timing of the report before us today will allow time to review the implementation plan in greater detail and provide more specific comments during the budget process.

Thank you for this opportunity for SWNI to comment in support of trees and the citywide tree program, but with concerns about costs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marianne Fitzgerald". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle name.

Marianne Fitzgerald  
President, Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.  
7688 SW Capitol Highway  
Portland, OR 97219

## **Stage 3 • Vetting Initial Project Proposals and Producing the Proposed Draft**

Building on SDG discussions and suggestions, project staff produced an initial set of conceptual proposals. In winter and early spring 2009, staff shared the preliminary proposals with a number of neighborhood groups, Citywide Land Use Group, Citywide Parks Group, Watershed Advisory Council, Development Review Advisory Committee, Urban Forestry Commission, Sustainable Development Commission, Planning Commission, and with City Council members or their staff. The intent of this vetting process phase was to share the project, key issues, and potential solutions with a broader audience, determine whether people felt that initial proposals were “headed in the right direction,” and identify areas of strong support or concern.

The table on the following pages was produced in January 2009 to summarize key issues and stakeholder input, and to outline the initial proposed proposals. The table was provided as a handout to inform discussions during the vetting process.

<b>Citywide Tree Policy Review and Regulatory Improvement Project Key Issues and Initial Proposals – DRAFT January 28, 2009</b>	
<b>Key Issues</b>	
<b>Regulatory complexity and inconsistency</b>	<p><b>Current system - overview</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Regulations apply to trees on public and private property, in development and non development situations</li> <li>▪ Established in piecemeal fashion over 36 years</li> <li>▪ Regulations spread across multiple titles</li> <li>▪ Regulations have evolved over time; trend is toward tree preservation but rules are inconsistent</li> <li>▪ Tree cutting permit system is inconsistent and inequitable, particularly relating to single family property</li> <li>▪ Permitting has been responsibility of several bureaus –bureaus have different responsibilities – some overlap</li> <li>▪ Many inquiries require citizens to contact multiple bureaus</li> </ul> <p><b>What have we heard from stakeholders (neighborhood, developers, arborists, environmental):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rules hard to understand</li> <li>▪ Can't always get a clear answer to questions</li> <li>▪ Have to chase down staff at multiple bureaus</li> <li>▪ Unfair – permitting requirements treat similar situations differently, especially on single family property</li> <li>▪ Want a single point of contact</li> </ul>



**Citywide Tree Policy Review and Regulatory Improvement Project  
Key Issues and Initial Proposals – DRAFT January 28, 2009**

**Ineffective preservation and enhancement of the urban forest – summary of issues**

- Trees not well integrated into site and project design, including public works projects – addressed after sites and projects are designed
- Tree preservation applied too narrowly and not achieving goals
  - Apply only in context of land divisions – no other land use reviews
  - Not applied to most building permits
  - Rules may encourage site clearing before applying for land divisions
  - Numeric standards can result in preserving lower-functioning trees and loss of trees, including large trees and tree groves
  - Rules that provide additional credit for preservation of “significant trees” (i.e., large and important tree species), do not appear effective
- “Significant Trees” not addressed through most development – Rules address significant trees only in the context of land divisions
- Tree mitigation/replacement rules inadequate to compensate for lost function; many trees are “exempt” and not counted in calculations for preservation or replacement; rules do not address tree size, species diversity, function – result in replacement with smaller lower-functioning trees – cheaper to replant (or pay) than to preserve
- In-lieu of planting fees are out of date
- Tree fund warrants clearer direction – clarify criteria for use of funds
- Trees protection during construction can be improved – fencing required only for preserved trees; no protections for trees on property lines / neighboring properties – results in damage and future hazards
- Frequency and timing of site inspections could better address trees
- Enforcement system is unclear; need standard protocols.
- What have we heard from stakeholders:
  - From neighborhood and community activists we have heard:
    - Concern about loss of big trees in neighborhoods and streets
    - Don’t know when tree cutting is legal or a violation
    - Concern re: tree cutting after hours – need 24-hour response line
    - Concern about slope stability, neighborhood identity; loss of green
    - Large trees are replaced with small ornamental “lollipop trees” – conversion of Douglas fir to dogwood forest
    - Tree fund should be used to plant trees in tree deficient areas
    - Tree protection during construction not working well
    - Concern about level of inspection and enforcement of tree rules
  - From development community we have heard:
    - Tree rules too rigid – result in preservation of unsuitable trees
    - Trees are an amenity but increase cost of development
    - Difficult to meet all city requirements for improvements, utilities, streets and sidewalks, and trees, especially on small, infill sites
    - Industrial/institutional development needs are different than residential, more difficult to preserve trees
    - Reasonable mitigation is appropriate but don’t make it so costly that it makes development infeasible or unaffordable
    - Provide incentives and flexible standards to promote tree preservation
    - Disparity between private and public tree protection requirements

## Citywide Tree Policy Review and Regulatory Improvement Project

### Citywide Tree Policy Review and Regulatory Improvement Project Key Issues and Initial Proposals – DRAFT January 28, 2009

#### Criteria for Solutions

<b>Regulatory framework</b>	<p><b>City's tree regulatory framework should be:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clear and transparent</li> <li>▪ Customer friendly – easy to understand and work with</li> <li>▪ Consistent, cohesive and comprehensive</li> <li>▪ Equitable and effective</li> <li>▪ Complementary and reinforcing</li> <li>▪ Efficient – putting process where it's due</li> </ul>
<b>Regulatory effectiveness</b>	<p><b>City's tree regulations should:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promote integration of trees into the development process by designing with trees</li> <li>▪ Improve tree preservation, e.g., large healthy trees, groves and important native species</li> <li>▪ Ensure tree replacement fully addresses lost functions and improves the urban forest</li> <li>▪ Ensure that all Portlanders have a hand in replenishing the urban forest over time</li> <li>▪ Provide adequate information to neighbors re: pending tree removal</li> <li>▪ Apply consistently to non-development situations, land use reviews, building permits (prevents "cut the trees then apply for the permit"</li> <li>▪ Not make development infeasible or unaffordable</li> <li>▪ Recognize and address the needs and constraints of different land use development types</li> <li>▪ Provide incentives and flexibility to encourage and reward tree preservation and planting</li> <li>▪ Enable the City to track tree removal and planting over time</li> <li>▪ Allow citizens to determine whether tree preservation requirements apply to a property</li> </ul>
<b>Conditions and caveats</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Regulations must be accompanied by sufficient funding and staffing for implementation and enforcement (no unfunded mandates)</li> <li>▪ The City must provide education to citizens and developers re: the value, care and protection of trees; and opportunities to design with trees</li> <li>▪ The City should monitor the effectiveness of the regulations and adapt over time</li> </ul>

**Moore-Love, Karla**

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**From:** geopeter@earthlink.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 19, 2013 11:44 AM  
**To:** Moore-Love, Karla  
**Cc:** Marianne Fitzgerald; Marcia Leslie; Nick Merrill; Commissioner Fritz  
**Subject:** new tree code

Dear Ms Moore-Love, Mayor Hales, and the City Council:

I am writing to urge you to move speedily ahead on implementing the new tree code, which has been hanging in the shadows far too long. As a resident of SW Portland, I am very troubled by the destruction of the natural tree canopy that makes this city so marvelously livable. Now that the economy is on the mend we can expect increasing development activity. Too many developers appear to care little about the trees they destroy in the quest to build and sell new houses, and the absence of an up to date tree code to guide development, signals to these developers that they face little scrutiny and few serious penalties.

The city must protect its trees and minimize their unwarranted destruction. The new tree code can help in this. It should be funded and implemented, not in 2015 or some other distant date, but now, at the start of 2014. Herald the new year with positive action to protect the city's natural bounty.

Best regards,

George Vranas  
6016 SW Haines Street, Portland, OR 97219

12/19/2013

**Moore-Love, Karla**

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**From:** rayscad@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 19, 2013 11:36 AM  
**To:** Moore-Love, Karla  
**Subject:** LU 13-167749 LDS  
**Attachments:** Proposed Project Dec 19 2013.docx

December 19, 2013

Ms Karla Moore; Portland City Council Clerk

RE: Case # LU 13-167749 LDS

We are in receipt of the city's Land Use Notice for the above mentioned project which is post marked Dec 6, 2013. The timing of this mailing during this busy holiday season does not allow our neighbors sufficient time to openly discuss it's merit or impact on our neighborhood. The city of Portland has already been made aware of a serious and very dangerous situation which occurs daily at the intersections of Haines St and Lesser Road, of which lies a mere 200-300 feet from subject property. The proposed increase of traffic flows into our existing neighborhood, with the projected development of four ( 4 ) new family dwellings and their vehicles, will be a daily challenge for all of us existing residents and greatly reduce our present safety concerns.

The addition of sidewalks and curb at the front of this project would seem to further the loss of our safety concerns as this would be the only property with this type of improvements on the entire length of Haines St, at present you can find the residents taking their leisurely dog walks along the shoulders of the street without any obstructions.

Also the issue of removing established trees to simplify the construction of these dwellings would not be an issue that pleases our residents. We go to a personal expense just to keep our trees trimmed and maintained so we can enjoy this beautiful presence.

We live at 12215 SW 60<sup>th</sup> Ave, which is just around the corner from the proposed property.

Thank you,

Ray and Sunday Coronado 503 892 1125



**Moore-Love, Karla**

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**From:** Martha Campbell [campbellmj74@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 19, 2013 11:22 AM

**To:** Moore-Love, Karla

**Subject:** Portland Tree Code

Please act quickly on the implementation of the tree code.

I am looking at a property across the street from my home right now which is slated for demolition and proposed construction of four new houses.

Nearly every tree on the acre lot, trees mature and seventy years old, will be removed.

These lovely trees are a priceless asset to the environment with their perfect ability to drink up the water runoff, provide shade as well as a beautiful buffer to the homes already existing on this street.

The case file number for this proposal is: LU 13-167749 LDS

The address of this location is 6036 SW Haines Street PDX 97219

The time to act on the tree code is sooner rather than later.

Thank you for considering my request on behalf of our silent and beautiful trees!

Martha J. Campbell  
6045 SW Haines Street  
Portland, OR 97219

12/19/2013

## Moore-Love, Karla

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**From:** S.R.D. [sharonpdx@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 19, 2013 10:59 AM  
**To:** Moore-Love, Karla  
**Subject:** Karla, Please add these additional comments to my testimony for today's meeting regarding Tree issues.  
Thank you very much

**My additional comments are; "Is this the way the ordinary citizen of Portland will be forced to live with dangerous or unwanted trees? Trees that destroy house foundations, sewer pipes, gas lines, ruin roofs, gutters, decreased property values, and create dark unlivable landscapes that are designed by the City of Portland? It is a very sad commentary on the road that we are heading down. Just one horrible example of a captive public being criminalized for their personal preferences for their lives. Tree Police - What is next? Neighbors spying on and reporting neighbors trees? Because they can?  
Best Regards,  
Sharon Davis**

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Garv Buford sentenced to probation. comr



## over scuffle with Lake Oswego police



By Molly Harbarger, The Oregonian

on June 25, 2012 at 1:17 PM, updated June 27, 2012 at 2:50 PM



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Gary M. Buford

Gary Buford's health is all that kept the 73-year-old Lake Oswego man convicted of interference with a peace officer, harassment and two counts of resisting arrest out of jail.

Buford received 18 months of probation, required enrollment in an anger management course, community service for a **confrontation with police officers at his home** on Camelot Drive, a conviction and a \$100 probation fee.

Judge Robert Herndon told Buford that almost every time someone is convicted of resisting arrest, they go to jail. Prosecuting attorney Lew Burkhart asked for five days in jail, but Herndon said Buford is

"But for your health you would be going to jail today for an extended period of time," Herndon said.

About a dozen friends and family of Buford showed up wearing yellow "I support Gary Buford" stickers. There was a small space where Buford wouldn't go to jail.

Buford is not finished with the courtroom, though. Lake Oswego is pressing civil charges for the alleged infraction that spurred the criminal trial.

**Buford reportedly cut down several large trees on his property, which violated city code. When police accompanied a search of Buford's property, he tried to grab and shove the police officer.**

Lt. Douglas Treat then physically restrained Buford and called for backup.

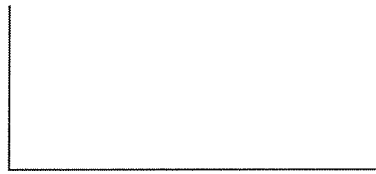
Both Buford and his attorney David T. McDonald deny that Buford attacked the officers.

"I've always treated (city) council and staff with honor," Buford said. "I do that with everybody because I believe you do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Herndon said he sympathizes with Buford that the Lake Oswego tree ordinance is "anal," but this case is about Buford's behavior.

"If you are dissatisfied with the way the city runs in Lake Oswego, run for city council, get yourself elected and make a change."

-- Molly Harbarger: 503-294-5923



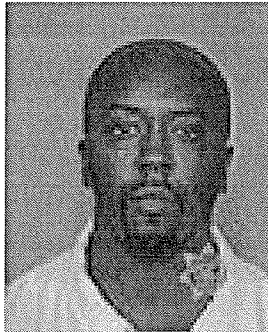
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Victoria West June 27, 2012, 5:06:37 pm pdt

Kind of like how Gary's teeth fell on the cops hand? I'm not buying Buford's accidents anymore. What makes you think that everyone mentality of those wear yellow stickers, some of us still support the rule of law and the LOPD.



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oldpdx June 27, 2012, 4:06:56 pm pdt

Vicky -- the 2008 "shove" was an accidental bump and the secretary knows it.

Sounds like you were at the sentencing on Monday. You must have been in the group of Supporters of Gary so it is curious that you



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Victoria West June 27, 2012, 8:04:06 am pdt

There was also an earlier shoving incident where Buford attacked a secretary at LO City Hall. She decided not to press charges, ev



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RealityBasedLiberal June 26, 2012, 12:24:10 pm pdt

To Molly Harbarger: Please delete both of Victoria West's false assertions that I "threatened to shoot" someone "with a shotgun" in  
impersonated me in the Review by posting slanderous and defamatory comments and signing my name to them, including (but not  
enforcement with a shotgun. She surely knows this as the Review immediately deleted the comments when I notified them of the in  
and I also posted a "correction" notifying readers that the slanderous and false comments were not posted by me.

This is a prime example of the negative atmosphere that now exists in Lake Oswego. Any stating of facts or criticism regarding the c  
current "majority" on the City Council is met with simple-minded nonsense not unlike Victoria West's posts.

Like I said, Victoria, stop embarrassing liberals.



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**ConservativeComment** June 26, 2012, 11:18:57 am pdt

Molly, one question on your article. How do you know Buford was going to shove the code enforcement officer after he grabbed him more reasonable he was trying to continue the conversation as the code enforcement officer walked away that he only wanted to ke



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**Molly Harbarger, The Oregonian** June 26, 2012, 7:15:49 pm pdt

Hi ConservativeComment,

According to the police and his convictions, Buford did shove the officer. He tried to grab him and did shove him.

Hope that clears it up.



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**ConservativeComment** June 26, 2012, 11:10:45 am pdt

Miss Vicki: Please stop your mistruths and hate mongering. We've had enough of it.



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**Victoria West** June 25, 2012, 11:15:24 pm pdt

Inaccurate! There was no applause in the courtroom. There was an audible sigh of relief and tears from Lake Oswego City Council BUFORD SUPPORTERS! It is never ok to bite a cop. I like how Buford is too frail for jail but fit enough for community service. No Justice. Heads up LOPD- it is now ok to bite you and send you to the hospital for stitches... good luck in your civil suit.



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RealityBasedLiberal June 26, 2012, 2:07:14 am pdt

Mr. Buford was found NOT GUILTY of "biting a cop," the most serious charge. The Oregonian has consistently, repeatedly, arrested trial verdicts.

Stop wagging your finger, Virginia West. No one appointed you the moral arbiter of Lake Oswegans' behavior. You sound like an Obama supporter; people like you (and supporters of the Judie Hammerstad/Jack Hoffman rail mafia agenda) are an embarrassment.

The police and code enforcement officer were sent to Mr. Buford's property that day loaded for bear (after being "reported on" by neighbors to spy on and report other neighbors for alleged code infractions). Apparently, City officials held a big meeting, came and police out to his property. They knew Mr. Buford would not be happy, and the police no doubt were given instructions to take beginning.

Everything is put into perspective when you realize that Mr. Buford owns property in downtown Lake Oswego that the City was District development that Jack Hoffman, Judie Hammerstad - who still pulls all the "Council majority" political strings in LO - are ... more



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RealityBasedLiberal June 26, 2012, 2:54:36 am pdt

My error. That would be "Victoria" West. I guess with such a "superior" sounding name, you just naturally assume you have the whatever "behavior" you piously deem inappropriate or "immoral, and to wag the "shame" finger at them. AND IN ALL CAPS,

Here's some news that surely will come as a huge shock to you: this nonexistent moral authority resides only in your sad, sma

Again, please, please stop embarrassing reality-based liberals.



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MrTibbs June 25, 2012, 5:38:29 pm pdt

As if any of us needed more evidence that every aspect of Clackamas county, including their justice system is morally bankrupt and



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ltjd June 25, 2012, 3:52:12 pm pdt

If it's ok with Judge Herndon...instead of fighting or joining the city bureaucracy, I think we'll quietly sit on the jury and acquit Buford employees that violated his property rights.

And this case is 100% about how local government runs roughshod over PRIVATE property rights.

Were it in my power, I'd grant Buford two years worth of the salaries of the five top city employees that dreamed up this bonehead p

PLEASE pick me for that jury...please.



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BiscuitJaws June 26, 2012, 5:53:20 am pdt

This ain't nothing. You want vintage Lake Oswego Draconian modes of operation, check out how they intend to bull doze a re:

Stop the Oswego water grab! Big rip off.



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geturdone June 26, 2012, 7:06:22 am pdt

What has happened to individual rights in this country? You own a piece of land, yet you can not cut a tree down? How much might this same government will be taxing us for the air that we breathe?

Un-friggin-believable!!



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nwokie June 25, 2012, 1:43:55 pm pdt

He would be going to "hail", that is one tough judge.



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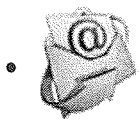
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**Moore-Love, Karla**

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**From:** S.R.D. [sharonpdx@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, December 19, 2013 11:22 AM

**To:** Moore-Love, Karla

**Subject:** [Approved Sender] Karla, the page on the link below was intended to be included in my additional comments from my last email to you. THX, Sharon

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December 19, 2013

AUDITOR 12/19/13 AM 11:21

Testimony Re: Tree Code Implementation Budget  
Bonny McKnight

Mayor Hales, Members of the Council:

It is 10 years since the effort began to identify adequate protection for the trees that in so many ways define living in Portland Oregon. I am pleased that today will take the final step of providing funds to begin implementation of the adopted Title 11, the citywide tree policy and code.

I understand that the time taken in getting to this final stage has made sensitivity to the impacts of this policy the primary consideration in its implementation.

Trees are in many ways unique. Their roots often grow on a single plot of land. That plot can be private or publicly owned. Without implementation of this tree code those trees are often dealt with differently and their value is defined as if it did not go beyond the boundaries of that piece of land.

Title 11 recognizes that the value of the tree goes beyond that single plot since the tree itself is part of our observed world through its limbs and canopy. Those features have value beyond the single lot. The values are seldom quantified or achieve any economic definition but they silently provide their value to all of us who live in Portland.

Cleaner air, cleaner water, cooling in the summer and warmth preservation in the winter, added property value, quiet, privacy, and many silent benefits are public value from those trees. As climate change and continued growth impact every resident of the city it is essential that we not lose or diminish our tree resource without considering what that loss will mean.

The Tree Code Implementation Budget before you today recognizes that our past way of dealing with trees is inadequate for our future. Without a full understanding of what the loss of fully mature trees means to our future we cannot recognize the cost of our current practice of making those decisions one piece at a time. The cumulative impact of that tree loss is not currently monitored nor reported. Neither is the potential public or private cost of restoring that value measured. Title 11 provides a mechanism to collect and report that information as we evaluate the impact of our individual decisions before they become urgent and expensive problems we need to correct.

As with anything new, it is appropriate to start carefully. This program will not work until residents experience it, evaluate it, and provide reactions to the change it brings. That make a gradual and sensitive implementation especially important as we start.

I propose that the current projected staffing be reduced to simply start the program so that we can collect actual data about service demands, and that we then phase in

additional staff resources as their need is identified. Initial budget discussions should focus on program start up, potential fee revenue, and stipulate a reasonable level of ongoing general fund support for the permanent program in the future. I also strongly support a much greater use of the many organizations and volunteers already deeply involved with and knowledgeable about trees as alternative providers of outreach and education services.

The issues surrounding questions of private property rights are sensitive and differ with every situation. It is important that we approach this change carefully and with the focus of technical assistance and information rather than enforcement. Unless we can provide that focus for this program it will not work.

I hope you will identify a level of ongoing general fund support that still makes the vast majority of the program self supporting. That will further strengthen the level of community acceptance and participation that will make Title 11 work. I also hope you support this special opportunity to build into the program the many, many informed and committed residents who should be essential partners with city staff in this effort.

I am happy to be part of a support base that ranges from the Homebuilders of Portland to the Urban Forestry Commission to many Neighborhood Associations to wildlife conservation organizations and many community interest groups and individuals who support implementation of this program in next year's budget.

I will continue to participate in that implementation process in any way that will help build its acceptance in our neighborhoods and our general community.

Thank you for ending the wait for Title 11 to become a reality.

Bonny McKnight

Formerly of the Citywide Tree Policy Steering Committee  
Former Member of DRAC  
Coordinator; Citywide Land Use Group  
Resident of East Portland and the Russell Neighborhood Association

## Moore-Love, Karla

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**From:** Peter Johnson [petergeo@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 19, 2013 10:09 AM  
**To:** Moore-Love, Karla  
**Cc:** George Vranas; Marianne Fitzgerald; Marcia Leslie  
**Subject:** Tree Project Proposal

Karla Moore-Love  
Council Clerk,  
City of Portland

Dear Karla,

I am writing to you as a resident of SW Haines Street, Portland 97219, to communicate with the Mayor and the City Council in time for the Council meeting this afternoon, urging speedy adoption and funding of the Tree Project Proposal. Please inform the Council of my concerns that there has been too much delay already in implementing this proposal. Too many trees are being lost while the Council delays coming to a vote on this matter. Maintaining tree cover in the city is a matter of prime importance for preserving and enhancing the quality of life and environment that we enjoy in Portland, a feature of our city that makes Portland an example to the rest of the country.

Regards,

Peter Johnson  
6016 SW Haines Street  
Portland OR 97219

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**Moore-Love, Karla**

**From:** S.R.D. [sharonpdx@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 19, 2013 7:38 AM  
**To:** Moore-Love, Karla  
**Subject:** Today's Meeting: The Tree Project

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Report to Council

Mayor **Charlie** Hales Commissioner Nick **Fish** Commissioner Amand a Fntz Commissioner **Steve Novick** Commissioner **Dan** Saltzman

December 19, 2013

TO:

FROM: Sharon Davis, 1916 North Emerson St, Portland, OR 97217

RE:

Paul L. Scarlett, Director, Bureau of Development Services j'r.. t, Mike **Abbaté**, Director, Bureau of Parks and Recreation ;u,  
 Budget and Staffing Implementation Report for the Tree Project

I am sending this email in the hopes that it will be considered today when making the final decision concerning the implementation of requiring private property owners to obtain a permit to remove a tree from their property.

I only became aware of this issue just this morning from the morning news presented on television. So, I apologize for the last minute response.

Please DO NOT pass this requirement. Why? Why? Since when do any one of you consider that individual citizens no longer have ANY rights to our own property??

Here is the even bigger issue. Since when does Friends of Trees, The Park District, and The Canopy of Trees Over Portland, rule out lives??

This ADDITIONAL costs of the "so called" program is ridiculous!! Have any of you driven around our inner city neighborhoods and observed the total mess the thousands of unattended trees create? Do any of you care that there is no light left in our city? The Street Trees block out light from the street lights in the evenings and sunlight during the day. Recently I was told by one ridiculous Neighborhood Association board member that "studies show that a canopy of trees make for fat, happy babies"! How is that? When many of our citizens suffer from SAD, Seasonal Affective Disorder.

I have veered from the intent of this letter by including my alarm over the takeover of our city by entities that profit by making unsubstantiated claims about the validity of covering our city with a "canopy of trees".

12/19/2013

My immediate concern is this very alarming proposal that is being voted on today that we, as citizens of Portland, will be required to endure unwanted trees on our own private property and to be required to pay for you to come into our lives to investigate our foliage!!! PLEASE PORTLAND, STOP THE INVASION INTO OUR POCKET BOOKS AND OUR PERSONAL RIGHTS!! Or when will you start requiring us to get numbers tattooed on our wrists? Does that sound ridiculous??! Think clearly about it. What is next?

Respectfully,

Sharon Davis



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**Moore-Love, Karla**

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**From:** L Robinson [lrobinspdx@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 18, 2013 10:46 PM  
**To:** Hales, Mayor; Commissioner Fish; Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Novick; Commissioner Saltzman  
**Cc:** Moore-Love, Karla  
**Subject:** Implementation of the Citywide Tree Code Changes

December 18, 2013

Mayor Charlie Hales  
City Commissioners  
1220 SW Fourth Avenue  
Portland, OR 97204

Mayor Hales and Commissioners:

I urge you to fund the implementation of the tree codes reforms that City Council adopted in 2011, as part of the Citywide Tree Project.

With the pace of new construction picking up again, it's important that these changes be implemented soon, to protect, even increase, the urban tree canopy as the density of development increases.

As one of the members of the Citywide Tree Project Advisory Committee, that met for many months in 2010 and 2011, I'm well aware of the short-comings of the existing tree code provisions. They are scattered. Some are inconsistent and even contradictory. Others are difficult to interpret, even by city staff. Several critical situations are not covered at all by the existing code.

The new Chapter 11, which remedies many of the problems in the existing code and consolidates the tree code, was adopted in 2011. However, implementation was delayed at that time, and again the next year, due to budget constraints. These new regulations need to be in place to guide new development (and redevelopment) now that the economy is picking up again.

Sincerely,

Linda Robinson  
1115 NE 135th Avenue  
Portland, OR 97230  
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**Moore-Love, Karla**

**From:** Chad Kromm [krommfm@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 18, 2013 10:15 AM  
**To:** Moore-Love, Karla  
**Cc:** Commissioner Fritz; 'Brenda Kromm'; 'George V'  
**Subject:** Tree Project Proposal- Support

*Emailed to Council  
12/18/13 PK*

Dear Ms. Moore-Love,

I am writing to express my full support for the proposed changes to the current tree code- or implementation of the proposed new tree code.

Beyond addressing the administrative gaps with the current policy, I believe the new rules concerning tree removal and replacement are a move in the right direction. I am a native Portlander and have seen how neighborhoods across our great city have become slowly deforested. I believe this is primarily due to infill development and developers looking for short term profit at the expense of neighborhood livability. This, unfortunately, has led to significant degradation of canopy, privacy, wildlife habitat, and water quality across the city. While the rules may impact private property rights, I believe they are needed to protect our community and way of life here in Portland. I further believe the cost of supporting is worth my tax dollars and would support additional funding if it meant further protection of our trees, wildlife, and waters.

Portland is weird for a reason- let's keep it that way.

Please share my comments with the City Council- and/or place in the record in Thursdays Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Chad & Brenda Kromm  
6107 SW Gunther Ln  
Portland, Oregon 97219

12/18/2013

**Moore-Love, Karla**

**From:** Margot Barnett [barnett.mbl@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 17, 2013 2:42 PM

**To:** Moore-Love, Karla

**Subject:** Comments on Budget and Staffing Implementation Report for the Tree Project

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Council 12/17/13  
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Mayor Charlie Hales

Commissioner Nick Fish

Commissioner Amanda Fntz

Commissioner Steve Novick

Commissioner Dan Saltzman

RE: Budget and Staffing Implementation Report for the Tree Project

Mayor Hales and City Coucilorors

I regret that I am unable to attend the Council meeting on December 19, 2013. I am currently out of town, but wanted to take the time to communicate with you on this issue that I have worked on over many years. I want to reiterate information and concerns which I expressed when you last discussed the budget and funding for the implementation of the Citywide Tree Code Project in May 2013.

The impetus for this project came from community concerns originally from a committee formed in the Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc neighborhood coalition, but later involving community members and groups from across the City. Members raised issues regarding the loss of significant tree canopy with development, inequities in the code, conflicts and confusion in code and problems related to the dispersal of tree codes in the different code titles and bureaus within the city.

This citizen-initiated work was part of why the Citywide Tree Code Project was initiated. I served on the advisory group for that project along with other dedicated representatives from communities across the city, homebuilders, environmental groups, industrial and institutional property owners. The product that went to the Planning Commission and Urban Forestry Commission was the result of many hours of work and substantial compromises among stakeholder participants.

I urge you to honor the commitments made when this project was approved by the Council, to fund the implementation now that the economy is improving and development is on the upswing. We had asked for this happen earlier so that more elements would be in place as development began to increase. It is imperative that this happen now. I am pleased to hear of the progress made on developing the program. As we look to the future and the impacts of climate change the role of green infrastructure in maintaining a healthy urban environment becomes more critical. This is an investment that will provide cost savings in water quality, quantity management and air quality.

The recommended additional proposed positions are certainly exciting as a mechanism to provide an effective program, and the extension of the coordinator's position for an additional year will help in the transition to implementation. I applaud the Bureaus' desires to provide this level of service. I also recognize that the this request is for more than what was discussed in May. Note that the costs will decline when fees are charged as the program is fully implemented. I urge you to move forward with funding the program and implementing the code, and providing the single point of contact as described in the staff report. At an absolute minimum provide the basic program that was originally proposed. This program should not be delayed any longer.

12/17/2013

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Margot Barnett  
9912 SW 25th Ave  
Portland OR, 97219



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for



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**PORTLAND, OREGON**

**Amanda Fritz, Commissioner**

1221 SW Fourth Avenue, Suite 220

Portland, Oregon 97204

(503) 823-3008

amanda@portlandoregon.gov

AUDITOR 12/17/13 AM 8:53

December 12, 2013

Dear Mayor Hales and Commissioners,

The Portland Parks and Recreation Budget Advisory Committee strongly supports implementation of the Tree Code. It benefits all Portlanders, and it is a multi-bureau responsibility to fund and implement it.

Nick Handberg, Portland Parks Foundation

Linda Robinson, Portland Parks Board

Patricia A. Kallman

Jim Owens, Portland Parks Board

Carol Chusack

Meryl Redisch, Chair of Urban Forestry Commission

Shelli Romero

Jerry Verhoef, COPPEA

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Chloe M. Romero - East Portland Parks Coalition

Steve Mullins, SW Neighborhoods

Bob Sullivan, Portland Parks Board  
and  
Audubon Society of Portland

Tommy, SE Parks Initiative

Alfonso, CHAIR, PARKS BOARD

John S. P. H.

**Moore-Love, Karla**

**From:** vern K [sumoagent@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 09, 2013 6:16 PM  
**To:** Moore-Love, Karla  
**Subject:** City tree ordinance  
Karla

*Emailed to Council  
12/9/13 JK*

Aside from being an infringement on peoples personal property rights, a waste of city dollars and a total case of government sticking it's nose where it doesn't belong, Has the city looked into the city's liability of having a tree come down causing property or personal damage after the owner was told that they could not cut it. Who is responsible if arborist's disagree?

I think you need to face the fact that big trees are a hazard in an urban setting. They were not meant to grow that large in areas with out other trees of a similar size around them for protection. Not to mention the damage that leads to rot caused by utility company's and homeowner pruning them. Even unpruned trees can have massive center rot after less than a hundred years. I've seen it in my own neighborhood.

On the first day of spring this year three 70 foot tall city owned oaks fell onto my property. The damage was nothing compared to what it could have been or was in 96 when another city tree crashed through my roof. Luckily no one was injured or killed but i sustained about 20,000 in damages. Guess how much of that the city picked up?

Looking at the issue from a different angle:

How about adding a ruling that an adjacent property owner can not plant any tree that would grow up and block existing solar panels within 25 years?

You keep saying you want more nonpolluting renewable clean energy. Lets protect the people that are putting their cash out on a limb trying to make that happen.

The bottom line is that this whole thing is a bad idea: If you want to spend some money to protect trees, do it in the forest where we can get some real bang for our buck.

vern krist  
maplewood resident

12/11/2013



**Moore-Love, Karla**

**From:** Kria Lacher [kria.lacher@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 09, 2013 2:47 PM  
**To:** Moore-Love, Karla  
**Subject:** Trees  
 To Karla Moor Love

*Emailed to Council  
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Thank you for including me in this discussion about the tree code. As a dedicated Friends of Trees supporter and retired neighborhood coordinator and a Realtor, I would like to give you my perspective on the tree code.

First of all I want you to know that I love trees. I incorporate friends of trees into my practice as a Realtor and have planted now into the thousands of trees. I plant trees for either buyer or sellers as a part of my business. I have been assured that the city via the inspections is looking to make sure that the infrastructure like the sidewalks, electric, sewer, phone lines, gas and water lines are being considered when the permits are given. That is also what I pass onto my clients as well.

As a part of my business I also have viewed many many sewer scopes. Sewer lines are failed everyday for having "hair like" root penetrations into the sewer lines. That is not a small expense to repair. Sewer's can run from 3K to 10K to replace. That can be a tremendous hardship especially if you are not selling the home.

Depth of the root system maybe a real issue. Sewer mains need to be sloped to bring the sewage away from the house. Sewers from the house to the main need to be sloped. I have seen this in action. Trees "may not have great root depths" according to some. The fact is that about 1/2 of the sewer scopes that I see there are roots.....

Here is my concern. Permits have not always been required to plant trees. The unintended consequence of the "threatening to fine people" for planting where a tree should not have been planted in the first place, the home owner plants the tree only to have the roots penetrate the water, gas sewer lines at some later date.... Again rules have changed and this issue is being looked at in a black and white manner.

One other note. I seriously considered not doing any more tree planting with friends of trees because of the "threat" method of getting trees planted and the lack of integrity that seems to be there. The assurance that I give to people about planting seems to me to be eroding.... since the city is not follow it's own rules. Also the stick method.... Takes all the joy right out of planting trees.

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 Kria Lacher

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**From:** Albert Kaufman [albertkaufman@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 09, 2013 2:19 PM  
**To:** Hayakawa, Mike; Moore-Love, Karla  
**Subject:** Re: Budget and staffing report for Tree Project  
 Here's my comment

*Emailed to Council  
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Let's do whatever is humanly possible to get more fruit and nut trees planted in Portland.

2. Let's start making sure that we plant bigger trees when we plant new trees - that seems doable.

Those are my two thoughts.

Thanks,



**Albert Kaufman, *AlbertIdeation***

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On Mon, Dec 9, 2013 at 12:09 PM, Hayakawa, Mike <[Mike.Hayakawa@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Mike.Hayakawa@portlandoregon.gov)> wrote:

Greetings Citywide Tree Project stakeholders,

That the Bureau of Development Services (BDS) and Portland Parks and Recreation (PPR) will be presenting the Citywide Tree Project Budget Report to Council on Thursday, December 19, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. (time certain). BDS and PPR will ask Council to accept the report and direct further refinement and submittal of a budget to implement the new tree codes as part of the two bureaus' FY 2014-15 budgets.

Last May the City Council, in light of severe budget constraints, voted to postpone implementation of the new Tree Code (adopted April, 2011) until January 1, 2015. At that time, Council also directed BDS and PPR to report back before the end of

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the year on budgetary needs in order to implement the new code. The bureaus will present their initial budget analysis for administration and enforcement of the new and updated tree codes, including new tree preservation and planting standards for development sites. Funds are also needed for staff to better assist the public with tree-related concerns, and to speed up tree permit turnaround times.

We invite you to attend the Report to Council and to share your perspectives on funding this project with the City Council. You can provide input as follows:

Email your comments to the City Council to: [Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Karla.Moore-Love@portlandoregon.gov) (Council Clerk).

Speak to City Council. Thursday December 19, 2013 at 3 p.m., Council Chambers at City Hall (1221 SW Fourth Avenue). Metered and pay parking is available in the vicinity. For transit info call TriMet at [503-238-7433](tel:503-238-7433) or check their Internet site at <http://www.trimet.org/schedule/> for routes and schedules.

Write to City Council. Send written testimony to the Council Clerk at 1221 SW Fourth Avenue, Room 140, Portland, OR 97204, or FAX comments to [503-823-4571](tel:503-823-4571). Please include your name and address.

If you have questions or would like a copy of the Report to Council, please contact Mieke Keenan at [Mieke.Keenan@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Mieke.Keenan@portlandoregon.gov), or call [503-823-5779](tel:503-823-5779).

Best,

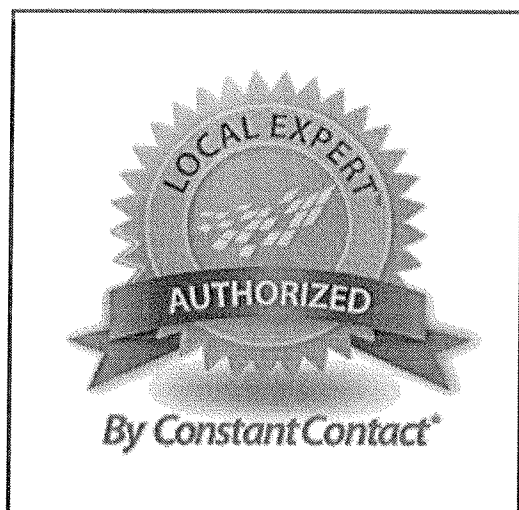
Mieke Keenan, Citywide Tree Project Program Coordinator, and  
Roberta Jortner, Citywide Tree Project Manager (until project adoption April 2011)

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