

Monthly Report – August 25, 2010

Administration

1. Mike Sanborn will begin as a new Temp/Seasonal arborist on September 7th. His duties will include street tree licensing, permitting, code enforcement, sign clearance, and inventory.
2. There are 4 vacancies on the Citizen Advisory Committee: Historic Preservation, Community Assembly, and two Members-at-Large.
3. Staff scheduled to participate in several training opportunities this fall including the ISA Training Conference, the Green Industry Series, WSU Extension Series, and Community Canopy Workshop series.

Media/Marketing/Communications

4. Interview with Down to Earth NW magazine published at <http://www.downtoearthnw.com/stories/2010/aug/27/urban-forestry-programs-help-connect-communities/>

Funding

5. Utility billing donation tests are complete and successful. All systems are prepared for a September 1st start. Program information has been posted on the website. Promotional inserts have been printed and delivered to the mail room.
http://spokaneurbanforestry.org/uploads/forestry_page_content_body/Urban%20Forestry%20Utility%20Insert.pdf

Partnerships

6. Neighborhood Councils are responding to our invitation to speak at their meeting about the Urban Forestry program and the *NeighborWoods* stewardship program. September engagements scheduled include Browne's Addition, Five Mile Prairie, and Rockwoods.
7. Meeting scheduled with The Lands Council to discuss a partnership agreement.

Planning & Engineering Projects

8. Finalized tree specifications and street tree process agreement with Engineering Department, Design and Construction.

Operations

9. Tree removal and inventory at Fire station 16 finished.
10. Clearance pruning related to Park restroom renovations completed.
11. Water Dept land at 14th & Grand inventoried; and staff trained about proper mulching.
12. Completed clearance pruning on Up River Drive as requested by Avista.
13. Completed clearance on the Centennial Trail between Mission and Greene St.
14. Performed fuels reduction and thinning on approximately 1 ½ acres at Camp Sekani.
15. Pruning of Logan Peace Park, Pioneer Park Heritage Tree.
16. Removed one Willow and one Blacklocust for at property next to Drumheller Springs.
17. Removed 6 trees at RFP that were dead or in decline.
18. Treated volunteer black locust at the Veterans Court shelter to help enhance the view of the falls.