

Monthly Report – March 25, 2011

Administration

1. Save the Date – April 14th, 12:30 – 1:30 pm, Chase Gallery City Hall – Commissioner of Public Lands Peter Goldmark will present our 2010 Tree City USA Award.
2. Received grant award from WDNR & US Forest Service to conduct a public tree inventory of Logan Neighborhood. A contractor has been selected and work is expected to be completed this year, likely this summer.
3. Launched a new program – Employee of the Month Tree Planting. As each City employee of the month is selected, Urban Forestry will assist them in selecting and planting a tree in one of our parks. Nancy MacKerrow of The Susie Forest will dedicate the tree as a Susie Forest tree and provide her usual ceremonial services.

Media

4. Taped Walk in the Park program with Nancy MacKerrow of The Susie Forest on March 8th.

Education & Outreach

5. Established first official NeighborWoods group at St. Aloysius School.
6. Jeff Perry presented “Planting for Success” at the March 11th Community Canopy workshop.
7. Visited 10 Neighborhood Council meetings to discuss their canopy concerns and present the NeighborWoods program opportunity.
8. Angel Spell spoke at the Spokane chapter meeting of the Washington Farm Forestry Association on March 22nd.

Partnerships

9. Partnered with The Lands Council on their Ponderosa Pine Project which currently engages local high school students in the planting of native species.

City Projects

10. Reengaged in the Division Street Gateway Project team meeting.
11. Continue permitting & consulting on street bond projects – 11 active projects.
12. Met with Public Works staff to discuss active and potential projects – Sky Prairie Park, Hazel’s Creek, Garden Springs Creek, Division Street Gateway, MLK Way, and Francis Ave.

Operations

13. The first Susie Forest tree of the year was planted on March 21st at Minnehaha Park.
14. Multiple site meetings with the Water Department on Bridgeport Ave and Grand Blvd projects to determine necessary tree protection measures.
15. Felled 7 trees at YMCA demolition site.
16. Temp/Seasonal employees attended safety training on March 14th.
17. Trees pruned for flag clearance at Riverfront Park’s Canada Island.
18. Hazardous tree removal on Downriver Drive.
19. Completed tree removals at Albi Stadium.