



Tree News

February 2025

The Trees Maybe Sleeping, But We're Not. Join us today.

Volunteer Opportunities

It is time to get involved. Whichever of these opportunities interests you, let us know by emailing [SOS Trees Coalition](mailto:info@sostreescoalition.org). We look forward to working with you.

Gardenscape, March 28-30

We have shifts available Friday, Saturday and Sunday, primarily 2.5 hour blocks. Check the schedule below. Volunteers will talk with guests about trees, Dutch Elm Disease and distribute the new Tree Tour Booklet. There will be 2 people per shift. No worries if you aren't an expert on all things tree related. We will have information sheets available and support pamphlets. You will get in free and may want to take advantage of checking out the rest of this Spring inspired event.



SOS TREES Gardenscape Booth 2025					
Day	Time	Hours	Name	Name	Name
Thursday, March 27	1-4 set-up	3?	Tom		
Friday, March 28	1030 to 130	3.0			x
(11am-9pm)	130 to 4	2.5			x
	4 to 630	2.5			x
	630 to 9	2.5			x
Saturday, March 29	9 to 1130	2.5			x
(9am-7pm)	1130 to 2:00	2.5			x
	200 to 4:30	2.5			x
	4:30 to 7	2.5			x
Sunday, March 30	10 to 12:30	2.5	Robin		x
(10am-5pm)	12:30 to 3	2.5			x
Tear down at 5:01	3 to 6	3.0	Sharon	Rosanne	

Gardenscape Dates and Times

Friday, March 28, 11am to 9 pm
 Saturday, March 29, 9 am to 7 pm
 Sunday, March 30, 10am to 5 pm



Photo courtesy of Saskatoon Prairieland Park Corp

Public Policy Committee

The public Policy Committee is wrapping up individual meetings with newly elected City Councillors. We have a number of municipal advocacy points as well as provincial points to work toward. Join us, let's move the policies to protect and expand our urban forest.

Arbor Week

The committee is currently recruiting sponsors for the 2025 Arbor Week, if your business would like to participate please email the SOS Trees Coalition for more information at trees@sostrees.ca.



Congratulations

Dr. Robert (Bob) Bors – As Head of the Fruit Program, Plant Sciences Department, University of Saskatchewan was inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame in January, Dr. Bors has successfully introduced nine sour cherry and 10 haskap varieties and has supported the commercialization of cherries and haskaps across Canada. His fruit plants are grown by home gardeners and commercial fruit producers across Canada, the United States and Europe. He also maintains the Prairie Fruit Genebank, initiated with help from the Agricultural Development Fund, to preserve the germplasm of prairie fruit plants.

Information You Can Use

From our friends at [EcoFriendly West](#)

Logging and development of Lemay Forest is opposed by residents seeking to protect one of Winnipeg's few intact riparian forests. [[CBC Save Lemay Forest](#)]

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/lemay-forest-contempt-motion-private-prosecution-1.7428909>

An AI-driven system generates 3-D models of urban trees, simulating realistic tree growth and predicting how urban forests will change over time. By mapping shade patterns and envisioning future green spaces, it can also assist planners in addressing urban heat build-up. [[Planetizen](#)]

<https://www.planetizen.com/news/2025/01/133724-how-ai-revolutionizing-urban-forestry-and-climate-resilience>

Trees reducing heat island effect in Las Vegas

<https://nevadacurrent.com/2024/10/29/las-vegas-metro-area-could-be-the-biggest-winner-when-it-comes-to-potential-cooling-power-of-trees/#:~:text=According%20to%20a%20study%20published,can%20provide%20in%20sizzling%20temperatures>

Richmond's plans to combat urban heat

https://www.bayjournal.com/news/growth_conservation/richmond-s-plans-to-combat-urban-heat-no-longer-on-ice/article_6e2dd66a-9092-11ef-9bbc-df7a79538b93.html

To Cope with Extreme Heat, Paris Will Swap Parking Spaces for Trees

<https://e360.yale.edu/digest/paris-trees-parking-spaces#:~:text=Paris%20aims%20to%20replace%2060%2C000.prepare%20for%20more%20extreme%20heat>

Life after the bark beetle <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c9UprJXSvSg>

A collection of over 40,000 aspens in rural Utah is the world's largest single organism, having all descended from a single seedling. It may also be the world's oldest living organism. [Gizmodo] <https://gizmodo.com/pando-earths-largest-living-organism-could-be-80000-years-old-200524155>

Paris is updating its school playgrounds so they will absorb rainwater, reduce urban heat, encourage biodiversity, and provide students with a fun, active play environment. [Earthbound Report]

<https://earthbound.report/2025/01/17/how-paris-makes-climate-ready-school-grounds/>

The photographs provide plenty of examples of what could be done in Canada's cities. [CAUE]

<https://www.caue75.fr/oasis/a-propos>

Why Maintenance Matters: Stewarding Our Urban Forests <https://treecanada.ca/article/why-maintenance-matters-stewarding-our-urban-forests/?bblinkid=283075869&bbemailid=57381414&bbejrid=-1130705137>

Correction

This beautiful photo of the large Elm in our 2024 Annual Newsletter, page 2, was a photo from Greg Gibbons, Rare Trees of Saskatoon facebook group. Thank you Greg for always finding the most impressive trees in the city!



Dutch Elm Disease Reminder

Help protect our beautiful elm trees and historic canopies by:

1. Not storing or burning elm wood
2. Disposing of elm wood at the Saskatoon Landfill (it's free for residential loads!)
3. Never pruning elms during the April 1 – August 31 ban
4. If you spot unhealthy elms or suspicious wood, report it by submitting a photo online: <https://www.saskatoon.ca/services-residents/housing-property/city-owned-trees/tree-diseases-pests/dutch-elm-disease#dedform>

Learn more at [saskatoon.ca/dutchelmdisease](https://www.saskatoon.ca/dutchelmdisease).



We Need You. Get involved! Stand up for our trees & join SOS Trees Coalition Today

SOS Trees Coalition is on the move and we have increased our efforts working with the City of Saskatoon to protect our trees. In addition to Arbor Week, our largest public education event, we are advocating for tree protection and increased City tree planting and monitoring of Saskatoon's Urban Forestry Management Plan. Every member and donor is crucial as we build our coalition. Please take a moment today and sign up for your [Membership](#) and/or donation today. Thank you!



Memberships can also be purchased by printing out & sending our membership form: <https://sostrees.ca/pdf/SOS-Trees-MembershipForm-2022.pdf>. Payment can be mailed or sent to us via [e-transfer](#).

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/12757>

Create Your Tree Legacy

A planned gift may be one of the most impactful ways that you can support the trees in Saskatoon. A planned gift, life insurance, annuity, etc. to SOS Trees Coalition will make a difference. A great example is the gift left by Joan Browne. The Joan Browne fund has been a supporter of Arbor Week tree planting activities and other educational programs. We are very thankful for the forethought that Joan Browne had and her vision of Saskatoon with a healthy urban forest. For more information on how you can include SOS Trees Coalition in your estate planning email us at trees@sostrees.ca.



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SOS Trees Coalition is pleased to offer this electronic newsletter to our members and supporters who have an interest in trees in Saskatoon. Through sharing information we can all be more consistently informed and therefore become better advocates for our urban forest and the individual trees that make life so much more enjoyable. If you do not want to receive this newsletter or to share your comments with us regarding our publication please email us at trees@sostrees.ca. You can also follow us on Facebook at SOS Trees Coalition <https://www.facebook.com/SOSTreesCoalition>.

Membership and contributions to SOS Trees Coalition support the protection and fostering of stewardship of Saskatoon's urban forest. To become a member or supporter go to: [membership](#) or you can mail directly to: [1618 9th Avenue North, Saskatoon, SK S7K3A1](#). SOS Trees Coalition is a registered charity.