

Corvallis Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Tree Stewardship Program (Neighbor Woods)

Mission: To identify, acknowledge and collaborate with community members to increase public engagement in tree planting and tree care in Corvallis.

Goals: Identify Neighborhood Associations with active membership who are interested in obtaining training and resources through the Corvallis Parks and Recreation Department and Civic Beatification and Urban Forestry Advisory Committee (CBUF).

Program Outline

1. Meet with Neighborhood Associations to select potential leaders within the group or community who will be deputized to work within the community to recruit and lead groups of volunteers.
2. Conduct trainings in basic tree care, group leadership, tree policies and ordinance etc.
3. Parks staff and CBUF will coordinate annual tree planting and tree care events in these neighborhoods as well as ongoing training for interested stewards.
4. Annual recognition event for stewards.

Potential Partners

1. CBUF
2. Oregon Department of Forestry
3. Local nurseries
4. Local Arborists
5. City Council

Seasonal Programs

1. Spring Planting event
 - a. Led by volunteer coordinator
 - b. Neighborhood volunteers such as school children
2. Summertime tree watering and mulching
 - a. water bags and mulch provided by Corvallis Parks and Recreation
3. Autumn mushroom hunts –
 - a. Looking for root and stem decay fungi, could include school children's science classes
 - b. Get ODF mycologists to participate
4. Winter pruning workshops and other training events
 - a. Taught by local arborists or staff
5. Annual volunteer recognition event
 - a. look for sponsors such as local restaurants/markets/bars
6. Winter holiday deadline for tree requests
 - a. Ask Oakly for a tree! Attend winter events downtown to drum up support