



## The Year in Review

### 2017 Poulsbo Tree Board

**members** included Chairperson Bill Lockard, Joan Hett, Bess Bronstein, Janet Brown, Jim Leary, Gayle Larson, and Jenise Bauman. The board held five regular meetings and one on-site tour during the year. Bill retired at the end of 2017 after 20 years on this board.

For the second year in a row, the City hosted a workshop which was organized by the DNR Community Forestry Division in May. The topic was "Building Resilient Communities". About 25 people from a variety of public agencies

attended the 1/2 day workshop.

The City Council granted additional dollars for Urban Forestry projects and issues.

The Tree Board continues to be involved in matters related to day-to-day urban forestry issues in Poulsbo, as well as overall policy related to trees on public property. They are active in providing public education and outreach to citizens in the greater Poulsbo area. The city earned its Tree City USA designation for the 21st year.



## Work Plan and Projects

**Heritage Tree Program.** Under member Jim Leary's leadership, the board continued working on ways to create a Heritage Tree Program in the community. After much work, the board decided that they would like to see the heritage tree connected to the title of the property. The City Attorney has created a draft agreement for home owners who would like to participate. It will be presented to the City Council in early 2018.

### Centennial Park Tree Identification Program

WWU student Stephanie Moline has created 25 tree identification signs for the mini arboretum at Centennial Park. Each sign has the common and latin name, and a

QR code that will take people to more information about the tree. The signs will be installed early 2018.

### Celebration Trees

Two Celebration Trees were purchased and planted in 2017 - one at Poulsbo's Fish Park and one at Centennial Park.

### Arborist and Public Works

**Activities.** City Arborist Kevin McFarland continued to be active in hazard tree assessments and recommended removals. Trees near the Hidden Cover Apartments were assessed but not removed. A right-of-way tree on 20th, as well as some at the Lincoln Roundabout were deemed hazardous and removed.

He also evaluated perimeter trees at the site of the future Morrow Manor Park and made recommendations. Kevin continues to work with the Planning Department on tree questions in new developments, and also worked with both families for the Celebration Tree program.

The Public Works Department continued their excellent care of the public trees in Poulsbo parks, streets and right-of-ways. Park maintenance technician Kris Watson is ISA certified, and makes day-to-day decisions on the maintenance of trees.



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### Public Outreach & Volunteer Activities

**Tree Education Classes** City arborist Kevin McFarland and board member Bess Bronstein lead four pruning classes that continue to be popular in the winter and summer months. About 90 people total attended these classes.

**Neighborhood Tree Walks** With Bess taking the lead, Tree Board members led three successful walks at the library and in Old Town, pointing out significant trees to the participants. About 37 people attended the walks.

**Poulsbo's Fish Park Stewardship** The Tree Board and the Parks & Recreation Commission held one work party at Poulsbo's Fish Park.

**WWU Projects: The Living Classroom.** WWU students are experimenting with blackberry eradication methods for Fish Park.

**Evergreen Carbon Capture Program** Tree Board members reviewed a program through Forterra that helps replant trees in a community that is losing trees. The board felt that the city was already doing a good job re-planting, and that many of the guidelines were unreasonable.

**Terri Jones, Navy Forester** Terri spoke to the board about her job with the Navy, and the kinds of projects and issues that she addresses each day.

**Clear Creek Restoration Tour** The board joined Kitsap County Stormwater Manager Chris May on a tour of the Clear Creek Restoration area.

### Arbor Day 2017

The Tree Board added a Katsura tree to Centennial Park's arboretum. The new tree identification signage was also presented.



**Salmon Tours at Poulsbo's Fish Park:** Once again, Tree Board members manned a display about trees, the riparian system and the salmon cycle. This year's event drew almost 500 people, and they were able to talk about Tree Board initiatives.

