

Poulsbo Tree Board – 2022 annual report

2022 Tree Board Members included:

Chair Terri Jones

Jenise Bauman

Joan Hett

Bess Bronstein

Janet Brown

Jim Leary

Gayle Larson

Terri Jones



City Arborist Kevin McFarland

Public Works Foreman Joe Walker

City Arborist and Public Works Activities:

The arborist conducted a variety of hazard tree assessments, recommendations and removals.

Public Works continues to take excellent care of day-to-day trees matters and pruning issues. The Tree Board allotted funding for tools as needed by the Public Works staff.

Public Outreach, Education, Events and Volunteer Activities:

An in-person Arbor Day event on April 30th returned to the calendar of Tree Board outreach offerings. A *Cornus mas* tree was planted within the Centennial Park Arboretum as part of an outreach event that also included a scheduled public Walk and Talk. Poulsbo was also awarded Tree City recognition for the 25th year in a row. The board also provided a fun outreach table at Poulsbo's Fish Park as part of the annual Salmon Tours event during spawning season on November 5th.



The board continued their efforts in advising on tree retention best practices in anticipation of an imminent update to the city's policy. In July, the group took a field trip to a newly developed neighborhood to experience firsthand how the current policy is carried out. During the September meeting, the board met with the Planning and Economic Development department to begin to prioritize detailed concerns in the current code. Continued discussion ensued in November and during a special December meeting.

The City's biggest capital project of the year, the Johnson Parkway roundabout, included a large amount of landscaping and tree plantings and is almost complete.

Dozens of cedar and hemlock live tree starts were placed in Poulsbo's Fish Park in collaboration with Western Washington University, North Kitsap High School, and with special assistance from an AmeriCorps NCCC team in November.



Educational Classes: 10 scheduled classes covering different topics pertaining to trees and their care were offered throughout the year. Pruning was by far the most popular subject and both classroom and field trip classes were well attended. Despite the residual challenges of the Covid 19 pandemic, citizens were excited to learn more about tree care and the Tree Board did a wonderful job of delivering diverse and engaging options.