



Tree News

May 2023

Arbor Week Kicks Off

Stay tuned to SOS Trees on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SOSTreesCoalition> or on our website to see what is going on. You can help by sharing the daily “Did You Know” tree posts on your site. For more information and a complete listing go to [SOS Trees Arbor Week](#)



Volunteer Opportunities (We need your help)

Volunteers Needed for Tree Planting Thursday June 1st, 9 am - 3 pm. This year SOS Trees Coalition has partnered with Sutherland School, One Tree Planted, Zak's Home Hardware and Building Centre and Dutch Growers to plant trees and incorporate a living outdoor classroom area. This event will be students planting, however we do need volunteers to coach the students planting and help with other tasks. If you can help us from 9-12 or 12-3 or all day join us. Volunteer Sign Up [here](#).



More than 275,000 trees to be planted in Montreal region as part of federal climate change fight. [cbc news](#)

Saskatoon plants an average of about 700 trees per year, equal to the number of city trees that are removed. What can you do to help increase funding for Saskatoon’s urban forest? If you would like to help increase funding for Saskatoon trees let us know, [email us](#).

Items of interest

Moveable forest in the Netherlands

Over 100 days this summer, teams of volunteers pushed large and small trees along a 2.1-mile (3.5-kilometer) route as part of [Arcadia](#), a triennial arts festival in Friesland. Read more:

https://dirt.asla.org/2022/08/22/a-walking-forest-in-the-netherlands/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=the-dirt&fbclid=IwAR3_BJKPRJeWlUg_6MF3rW3rEQbxwJAFwoQT6IWmvuHShMetNBdJeyKA--Q

Park People is conducting a survey...

on how you have been using parks and green spaces in your city or municipality, and [we want to hear from you](#).

[Click here to begin the survey](#).

Your responses will inform our 2023 Canadian City Parks Report, and we will share the findings with municipal parks staff and our network of park professionals and enthusiasts across Canada. Past Park People survey results have been cited in stories in the CBC, Globe and Mail, Walrus Magazine, Montreal Gazette, and more.

As a thank you, at the end of the survey, you'll have the opportunity to enter a draw for one of three \$100 gift cards. [The survey will end on May 23, 2023](#).

News From EcoFriendly West

Green Schoolyards America offers an online resource library for planting, using, and maintaining schoolyard forests. [[Green Schoolyards](#)]

"In greener living environments, depression, diabetes, ADHD, migraines, high blood pressure and premature births are less common." [[Pop-Up City](#)]

The Community Trees Matter Network's website offers a variety of resources from graphics to videos to help community groups protect urban forests. Do take a look at the [Trees are Vital for our Survival](#) graphic. [[Creatively United Community](#)]

Legal Primer – Natural Asset Management by Local Governments in Canada highlights potential legal issues and liability for local governments, as well as legal tools to help ensure nature and the services it provides are protected. [[Municipal Natural Assets Initiative](#)]

Corridors along rivers and creeks with abundant mature trees and deadwood help [pileated woodpeckers](#) adapt to their increasingly fragmented urban environment. Woodpeckers maintain tree health by keeping insect populations in check and provide nest cavities for other birds. [[Earth](#)]

We look forward to seeing you at an Arbor Week event.

Arbor Week 2023 offers something for everyone including:

SASK. ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY'S SUSTAINABLE SPEAKER SERIES

LEARN WHAT TREES TO GROW IN AN URBAN YARD

PLEIN AIR ART IN THE PARK

YOGA UNDER THE TREES!

U OF S WEBINAR: LEAFY NEIGHBOURHOODS, HAPPY RESIDENTS

PATTERSON ARBORETUM TOUR for people with visual impairment

TREES: GOOD FOR THE SOUL

PATTERSON ARBORETUM TOUR

REMAI FILM NIGHT - "CALL OF THE FOREST"

INDIGENOUS YOUTH NIGHT

PRUNING WORKSHOP

SPRING BIRD COUNT & THE ESSENTIAL TREES FOR THEIR WELLBEING

SOMETHING ON SUNDAYS at the Remai, for children

TREE-THEMED SESSIONS AT THE LIBRARY

MEEWASIN TREE AND SHRUB PLANTING

TREE PLANTING at Sutherland School

Zak's Tree Planting in Martensville

QR CODE SELF GUIDED TREE TOUR

TREE-THEMED SESSIONS AT THE LIBRARY

[More details & Schedule of Events](#) Join us at as many events as you like, bring your neighbour or friends or plant a tree in your yard. If you don't have room to plant a tree, become a \$100 Tree Sponsor and we will plant a tree for you.

QR code Tree Tour Available for your Community Event

If you are planning an event or if your school is interested in using the QR code audio tree tour, contact us at trees@sostrees.ca for more information.



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 the City tree protection bylaw, increased City tree planting and monitoring 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 and sending our [membership form](#) PDF format. Payment can be mailed or sent to us via [e-transfer](#).

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 Canadian not for profit registered charity. Thanks to the financial support of our members and donors we are able to continue to advocate for the trees in Saskatchewan. For additional information on how you can help go to: <https://www.sostrees.ca>*