Quote of the Month

"People have forgotten this truth," the fox said. "But you mustn't forget it. You become responsible forever for what you've tamed." - Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, The Little Prince

Coordinator's Corner

November and storm season go hand in hand. Are you prepared?

Read more.

Small Town Volunteers Clean Up Ritzville
When a powerful September windstorm blew through the Columbia Basin, many trees in Ritzville (population 1,700) were damaged or wind thrown. Read how a volunteer effort cleared the damage and began planting the town’s next urban forest.

Read more.

Timely Tree Tips: Storm Preparedness

Major storms can inflict severe damage in a short period of time. But with every storm, some trees survive with only minor damage. Learn to prepare for storms.

Read more.

Planting Diversity: A Tree to Try

Need a tree that will perform well in gravelly, cobbly, fast-draining glacial soils? This unusual tree may be just the ticket.

Read more.

Tacoma is Tree-mendous!

A new tree planting program, called Diversitree, was launched this year at Tacoma’s Arbor Day celebration. Very soon, more than 200 trees will be planted in the Hilltop community.

Read more.
Planning to Plant - Check your soil pH

Why is it that some plants and trees just perform better than others? A soil test can provide the answer.

Read more

Council Communique - Arid Lands and Trees

Can trees live in arid lands? They can, if you plant the right tree in the right place, that is.

Read more.

Washington Community Forestry Council Awards

Nominate an exceptional leader, innovator or cooperator for an award to recognize their work in urban and community forestry.

Read more.

Web-ucation: Links to help you learn

What is the urban forest you ask? Well, it's those pleasant remnant stands of forest that speckle the urban landscape.

You'll enjoy the DeepRoot blog and its great information about urban soils and tree planting. Presented in an accessible format, most articles are written by James Urban. Look beyond the sales pitches for products such as SilvaCells—although it is interesting to see the latest applications of that technology—and you'll find many interesting articles.

To get a big dose of James Urban's expertise with urban soils, view his webinar, "Using Trees and Soils to Manage Urban Stormwater." It's a valuable hour-and-a-half that can help you make the case for urban forestry as an important element of stormwater design in your community.

Excellent discussions about research that documents the benefits of urban forestry were presented at a National Research Council symposium last February, "Urban Forestry: Toward an Ecosystem Services Research Agenda." All presentations and panel discussions are available for viewing online.

The Technical Advisory Service for Attorneys website is, as its title suggests, an online resource for attorneys and lawyers to research little-known points of law. There is at least one topic, however, that is of interest to those of us concerned with trees in urban settings: "Trees and Litigation: Considerations for Defendant and Plaintiff Cases." Useful information as we move...
forward with planning and managing not only trees, but future risk and liability.

**Calendar of Events, Activities, and Opportunities**
Learn about upcoming professional development opportunities, fall Arbor Day events, classes, workshops and more. [Read more](#)

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