



In June, at Tacoma Ocean Fest, we learned how important trees are for our waterways, and how important water is for trees! That is why **we gave out free watering buckets to those who stopped by our booth.**

If you missed this event, don't fret! Below we explain how to keep your young trees hydrated with an easy DIY project.

From June to October, young trees need roughly 15 gallons of slow-dripped water per week for the first 3-5 years.

A common option is to use a gator bag, which costs between \$13 - \$30. These bags need to be filled up once a week and removed in the winter. A more cost-effective DIY option is to drill small holes in a five-gallon paint bucket, sit it next to the tree, and fill it up 3x a week for the same effect!

To learn more on how to keep your trees hydrated in the hot and dry months, visit our Tree Care page and watch our Youtube video, starring our Founder and Arborist, Sarah Low!

GROWING OUR TEAM

We are excited to welcome Adela Ramos, our new Director of Communications and Partnerships! Originally from Mexico City, Adela has been living in Tacoma for thirteen years, where she has grown passionate about environmental education and communication. This passion took root in her career teaching college students about the relationship between people, animals, and the environment. From 2019-2023, she directed Pacific Lutheran University's Environmental Studies Program, where she developed partnerships with local environmental organizations and led the creation of the Clover Creek Watershed Council's public archive. She is thrilled to continue growing this passion by joining the Foundation, and will support our mission by drawing on her experience with education, bilingual communication and outreach, and her commitment to cultivating a fair and healthy urban forest for everyone.



GROWING OUR HABITAT



We have come a long way in the past 4 1/2 years! As our team grows, so must the Tacoma Tree Foundation's habitat (although we promise grow it responsibly!). Recently we were able to upgrade our space at the Union Club from a single desk at a cubicle to a corner office to accommodate our growing staff! This includes an area for materials, which used to be stored in staff homes and a rented storage unit.

GROWING OUR PROGRAMS



We were recently awarded a grant from the State's Urban and Community Forestry Program to continue our Green Blocks Program with Pierce County in Parkland-Spanaway! Our proposal ranked very highly and we received the maximum award amount. Click here to see which projects were funded across Washington this year. We are excited to return to Parkland and to meet new neighbors in Spanaway!

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

Tacoma Climate Leadership Cohort 2023



This year we were once again honored to organize and host the Tacoma Climate Leadership Cohort. From June 23-25, sixteen thoughtful and engaged climate leaders from across the city gathered at UW-T to learn about the challenges and efforts involved in responding to the climate change crisis. The Cohort heard about the City's efforts to address climate change and about how to advocate for their communities from an array of speakers who addressed topics such as the climate change effects on urban environments, food justice, urban ecosystems, housing, and sustainable transportation. The Cohort is now hard at work developing their final projects, which will allow them to begin urgent work in their communities. We are excited to see their ideas at work!

Pictured to the right, our City 101 Panel speakers: Kenny Cobble (Community Engagement Coordinator), Kristin Lynette (City of Tacoma Office of Sustainability), and Joe Bushnell (Council Member, South Tacoma).

Spreading the Word



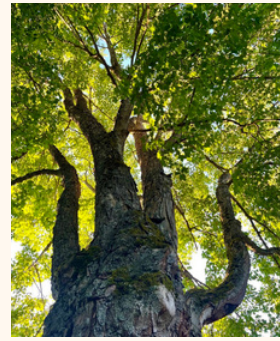
We had a great time tabling at Tacoma Pride Fest 2023! Throughout the day, we engaged in conversation with a steady stream of friendly and curious visitors, who were excited to hear more about our work, and to sign up for free tree shares and volunteer opportunities. Thanks for stopping by!

August 8th

6 pm

Bilingual Mindfulness Walk in Wright Park with Sarah Low

Join TTF founder, Sarah Low, for an evening stroll focused on living in the present moment with trees. Acompañe a nuestra fundadora, Sarah Low, en una caminata vespertina donde nos enseñará cómo vivir en el presente con ayuda de los árboles.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us this month to learn about and celebrate trees! Take a look at our calendar for the full line-up. We add new events regularly so be sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook to stay up to date! And if you want even more, we also have a Youtube channel!

July 15th 10am-12pm

McKinley Hill Work Party

Join us, Planning Tacoma, and the Eastside Neighborhoods Advisory Council of Tacoma on Saturday, July 15, at LUX Coffee (3535 McKinley Ave.) for the McKinley Work Party from 10 am-Noon. This free, family-friendly event will feature Red curb repainting, Stenciling around storm drains, and Tree planting sign-ups. For more information about the McKinley Hill Neighborhood Plan and ways to get involved, visit cityoftacoma.org/neighborhoodplanning



July 22nd 11am-3pm

Earth Gay | Dickman Mill Park

Earth Gay Tacoma will include fun and engaging ways to learn about sustainability, have fun, and restore a local park. As an official Tacoma Pride event, we strive to provide a safe and welcoming space for members of the queer community and allies to help better our community. Get a free watering bucket at the event!



August 15th GRIT CITY TREES

Informational Webinars

Join us to learn more about the City of Tacoma's annual free street tree program for Tacoma residents. In this webinar, we will help you through the application process and answer all your questions. Sign up for the webinar with neighbors to get extra support for your greening project!

ENGLISH WEBINAR 10:00 am
WEBINARIO en ESPAÑOL 11:00 am



WHAT WE'RE READING



From the TTF Blog:
[When Shade is Healthcare: Summer Heat and Tree Coverage](#)

Nature Explorers:
[How to Spot our Local Birds for Kids and Beginner Bird Watchers](#)



EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT

Enjoying T-shirt weather?

Trees have a myriad of benefits, from fresh air to decreased stress levels, trees help us thrive everyday. We think everybody deserves to see these benefits and hope you feel the same. Donate to help us pay for trees and dedicated organizers that are making having a tree in our city a reality for thousands of community members.



Green Tacoma Together T-Shirt

FROM \$25.00