

MOSCOW TREE COMMISSION



Ellis Eifert
Commission Chair

Regular Meeting
~Agenda~

David Schott
Staff Liaison

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<https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/557/Tree-Commission>

Tuesday
September 5, 2023

5:00 PM

Mayors Conference Room
206 E 3rd Street

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Moscow Tree Commission August 1, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert

Presentation of minutes for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.

2. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 10 minutes)

Members of the public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the Commission. Please state your name and city of residence for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

3. Consideration of the 2025 Arbor Day Seedling Selections (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott

The Pitkin Nursery supplies Arbor Day seedlings each year to aid in celebrating Arbor Day. The nursery is beginning a sowing plan for 2025 and has requested the Tree Commission to select their 2025 seedlings for Arbor Day.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the Arbor Day seedlings for 2025; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

4. Consideration of the October 3, 2023 Moscow Tree Commission Meeting (ACTION ITEM) – David Schott

The staff liaison to the Tree Commission will be attending the 2023 PNW-ISA conference from September 30th through October 4th. The Tree Commission will discuss cancelling the October meeting or reschedule to another date.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Cancel the October 3, 2023 Tree Commission meeting; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

5. Consideration of the Tree Commission's Annual Report to City Council (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert

The Tree Commission's Annual Report to City Council is slated for November 6, 2023 in City Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. The Tree Commission will review the draft 2023 Annual Report provided by staff for content prior to the City Council meeting.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the 2023 Annual Report to City Council; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

6. Report and Discussion: Moscow's Tree Canopy – David Schott

Staff will present a report of Moscow's tree canopy. Following the report, the Tree Commission will discuss the topic.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: No action, report.

REPORTS

1. August 26, 2023 Farmers Market – All

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Next Moscow Tree Commission meeting: TBD

Annual Report to City Council: November 6, 2023

ADJOURN

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August 1, 2023

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The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM

REGULAR AGENDA

PRESENT: Ellis Eifert; Chair, David Rauk; Vice Chair; Mary Jo Hamilton, Zena Hartung, Nick Koenig
STAFF: David Schott, Melissa Fisher

1. Approval of Moscow Tree Commission June 6, 2023 Minutes (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert

Presentation of minutes for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or provide staff further direction.

Hamilton moved to approve the minutes as presented. Hartung seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: unanimous. Motion carried.

2. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 10 minutes)

None.

3. Consideration of the Upcoming August 26, 2023 Farmers Market (ACTION ITEM) – Ellis Eifert

The Tree Commission will discuss staffing and theme for the upcoming Farmers Market. Previously, the Tree Commission indicated they would focus on the Heritage Tree Program, supplemental water for mature trees, and proper pruning.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve the August 26, 2023 Farmers Market theme and staffing; or take other such action deemed appropriate.

Rauk volunteered to gather all needed materials and bring them to the Farmers Market, as well as return all materials once the market has ended. Rauk created a sign-up sheet, which was passed around during the meeting and signed by the commissioners who were planning on attending. The commissioners advised they would like to have the following at the market: a poster board with photographs of the current Heritage Trees, copies of the Tree Heritage Program Guide, Tree Heritage applications, the Moscow Tree Commission Display Banners, copies of the Supplemental Watering for Mature Trees, the Street Tree Guide poster, Tree City USA stickers and a bag of assorted candy to hand out.

Hamilton moved to utilize all materials listed above at the August 26, 2023 Farmers Market. Rauk seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes: unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Schott reported he submitted information on supplemental water for mature trees in the City of Moscow monthly utility bill. Schott also gave an update on the Arbor Day Trees that were planted in April 2023. The trees planted on the north eastern side just outside the Moscow public Library, are expected to be replaced sometime in Fall 2023. Hartung made an announcement that she will be speaking on the topic of water collection at her home, on August 7th 2023, at the Best Western.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Farmers Market: August 26, 2023

Next Moscow Tree Commission meeting: September 5, 2023

Annual Report to City Council: November 6, 2023

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 PM

Tree Seedling, Arbor Day Celebration

Year	Common Name	Scientific Name	Quantity
2016	Sugar Maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	100
2016	Native Mountain Ash	<i>Sorbus scopulina</i>	100
2016	Canaan Fir	<i>Abies intermedia</i>	210
2017	Concolor Fir	<i>Abies concolor</i>	100
2017	Black Cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	150
2017	Western Paper Birch	<i>Betula papyrifera var. commutata</i>	150
2018	Concolor Fir	<i>Abies concolor</i>	100
2018	European Beach	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	106
2018	Kousa Dogwood	<i>Cornus kousa</i>	24
2019	Bristlecone Pine	<i>Pinus aristata</i>	52
2019	Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	102
2019	Rocky Mountain Maple	<i>Acer glabrum var. douglasii</i>	102
2020	COVID-19, No Seedlings	COVID-19, No Seedlings	0
2021	Sugar Maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	80
2021	Incense Cedar	<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>	80
2021	Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	75
2021	Limber Pine	<i>Pinus flexilis</i>	100
2022	Western Larch	<i>Larix occidentalis</i>	55
2022	Redoiser Dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	55
2022	Bur Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	55
2023	Black Cherry	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	50
2023	Incense Cedar	<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>	50
2023	Bigtooth Maple	<i>Acer grandidentatum</i>	50
2024	Oak, Bur-Gambel	<i>Quercus macrocarpa x gambelli</i>	
2024	Spruce, Blue (Colorado)	<i>Picea pungens</i>	
2024	Sumac, Smooth	<i>Rhus glabra</i>	
2025			
2025			
2025			

Pitkin Forest Nursery Seedling Species List Fall 2023 and Spring 2024

For availability or to place an order check our [marketplace website](#)

Or email us at seedlings@uidaho.edu

5 cui Conifers

Fir, Douglas
Larch, Western
Pine, Lodgepole
Pine, Ponderosa
Pine, Western White

20 cui Conifers

Cedar, Incense
[Cedar, Western Red](#)
Fir, Canaan
Fir, Concolor
Fir, Corkbark
Fir, Douglas
Fir, Fraser
Fir, Grand
Fir, Subalpine
Hemlock, Western
Juniper, Rocky Mountain
Larch, Western
Pine, Austrian
Pine, Limber
Pine, Lodgepole
Pine, Pinyon
Pine, Ponderosa
Pine, Scotch
Pine, Western White
Redwood, Dawn
Spruce, Blue
Spruce, Engelmann
Spruce, Norway

20 cui Shrubs

Alder, Thinleaf
[Bayberry, Northern](#)
[Ceanothus, Redstem](#)
Chokecherry
Cinquefoil, Shrubby
Currant, Golden
Dogwood, Redoiser
[Elderberry, Blue](#)
Hawthorn, Black
[Huckleberry, Mountain¹](#)
Lilac, Purple
Maple, Rocky Mountain
[Ninebark, Common](#)
Plum, American
Rose, Rugosa
Rose, Woods
Sumac, Oakleaf
[Syringa, Lewis](#)
Willow, Arctic Blue
Willow, Drummond

20 cui Deciduous Trees

Apple, Common Wild
Aspen, Quaking
Birch, Water
Birch, Western Paper
Cherry, Black
Maple, Bigtooth
Maple, Sugar
Oak, Bur
Oak, Bur-Gambel
Poplar, Idaho Hybrid
Walnut, Black

10 cui Forbs

Milkweed, Showy

20 cui Forbs

[Mallow, Globe](#)
[Sage, Purple](#)

¹ Also available in 8 cui

[Not available for Fall shipment/Pick Up. Spring Only](#)



University of Idaho

Center for Forest Nursery
and Seedling Research

Moscow Tree Commission

ANNUAL REPORT - DRAFT

Moscow City Council
November 6, 2023

Meet the Tree Commission



Ellis Eifert (Chair)



David Rauk (Vice Chair)

Meet the Tree Commission



Pam Brunsfeld (Secretary)



Mary Jo Hamilton

Meet the Tree Commission



Zena Hartung



Jeanne Leffingwell

Insert Picture: Nick
Koenig

Moscow Tree Commission

Mission Statement

The mission, or purpose, of the Moscow Tree Commission is to plan, establish and help conduct a comprehensive community forestry program for the City of Moscow. By ensuring safe, healthy trees, the community forestry program will enhance the ***quality of life*** for all that live, work and visit the City of Moscow.



Moscow Tree Commission

Structure and Duties

- Commission is responsible for providing advice to the Mayor and Council as to the preservation, protection and management of the community forest.
- Commission is charged to hear appeals from license, certification or permit applicants who are aggrieved of some action taken pursuant to the procedures set forth in Moscow City Code.
- Commission is responsible for developing and implementing educational materials and programs addressing community forestry issues.

Moscow's Community Forest

A Green Infrastructure

“the physical components of interrelated systems providing commodities and services essential to enable, sustain, or enhance societal living conditions”



Benefits

- Public health
- Traffic calming
- Reduces energy demand
- Water conservation
- Stormwater mitigation
- Enhanced public space
- Urban wildlife
- Enhance business
- Increase property values

2023 Accomplishments

- Arbor Day Celebration at the Moscow Public Library
- Annual Seedling Giveaway. Seedlings grown by Franklin H. Pitkin Forest Nursery: Black Cherry, Incense Cedar, Bigtooth Maple
- Tree City USA (30th) and Growth Award (22nd)





City of Moscow 2023 Arbor Day & Tree Planting Ceremony



*presented by the City of Moscow and the
Moscow Tree Commission*

Friday, April 28
11:00a.m. – 12:00p.m.

Moscow Public Library
110 S Jefferson Street

<i>Welcome & introduction</i>	<i>Ellis Eifert, Chair, Moscow Tree Commission</i>
<i>Arbor Day Proclamation</i>	<i>Gina Taruscio, City Council Liaison</i>
<i>Presentation of the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA and Growth Awards</i>	<i>Robert Barkley, Forestry Specialist, Idaho Department of Lands</i>
<i>Presentation of how the Moscow Library builds community</i>	<i>Chris Sokol, Director, Latah County Library District</i>
<i>Storytime children will give a reading based on The Lorax by Dr. Seuss</i>	<i>Stacie Echanove, Youth Services Manager, Latah County Library</i>

**Following the ceremony, all are invited to help plant 2
Persian Ironwood trees on the north side of the library.**

**MOSCOW TREE
COMMISSION**



We speak for trees
-Dr. Seuss, The Lorax





TREE CITY USA®
Arbor Day Foundation

FREE tree seedlings will also be available on Saturday, May 6th from 9a.m. to 12p.m. at the Tree Commission's booth during Moscow's Farmers Market (while supplies last).

2023 Accomplishments

- Two Farmers Markets
- Tree Cookie Ornament Workshop for the Holidays
- Development of the Moscow Heritage Tree Banner for Public Outreach



Heritage Tree Program Launch

- 2023 was the first year of the Moscow Heritage Tree Program



Moscow Heritage Tree Program Guide

Resolution 2021-21, Approved November 15, 2021

Moscow is justly proud of its beautiful tree-lined streets, particularly in older historic neighborhoods, and works to create the same quality of urban forest in new areas of the city as they develop. To highlight our city's investment in trees, the Moscow Tree Commission has created the Moscow Heritage Tree Program to inspire and educate our community about our urban forest.

A Heritage Tree is one that is notable for its large size, age, health or form, or is uncommon in Moscow. It may also be a tree with an interesting story or connection to Moscow's history. To be eligible, trees must be sufficiently visible from the public right of way. The public must be respectful of the private property owner's personal privacy and enjoy the tree from the public right of way. Owners of trees included in the Moscow Heritage Tree Program have signed a Property Owner Agreement Form.

Scan here to go to the Moscow Heritage Tree Website

The City of Moscow has been recognized as a Tree City USA since 1994. This national honor is through the National Arbor Day Foundation in recognition of the importance of an urban tree canopy.

MOSCOW TREE COMMISSION

GOAL

Create a Heritage Tree Program to inspire and educate our community about our urban forest.

Celebrate the benefits of mature trees by highlighting Moscow's Heritage Trees.

Connect people to the natural beauty of trees as they grow and mature.

Showcase examples and varieties of trees that grow well in our local conditions to promote planting the next generation of Heritage Trees.

Uplift and celebrate the role trees play in the urban environment.

MOSCOW TREE COMMISSION



MOSCOW HERITAGE TREE PROGRAM

What is a "Heritage Tree"?

A Heritage Tree is one that is notable for its large size, age, health or form, or is uncommon in Moscow.

It may also be a tree with an interesting story or connection to Moscow's history.

To be eligible, trees must be sufficiently visible from the public right of way.

Nominations shall include the Property Owner Agreement Form.

Program Goals:

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HOW TO NOMINATE A HERITAGE TREE

STEP 1:

Fill out the Moscow Heritage Tree Program Nomination form and the Moscow Heritage Tree Program Property Owner Agreement Form (these forms can be found on our website).

STEP 2:

Submit both forms to the city of Moscow Community Forestry Administrator at tree@ci.moscow.id.us. Or, mail to the City of Moscow, Attn: Community Forestry Administrator, PO Box 9203, Moscow, ID 83843.

STEP 3:

The staff liaison of the Tree Commission will prepare the nomination and present it to the Moscow Tree Commission for their consideration and approval or denial.

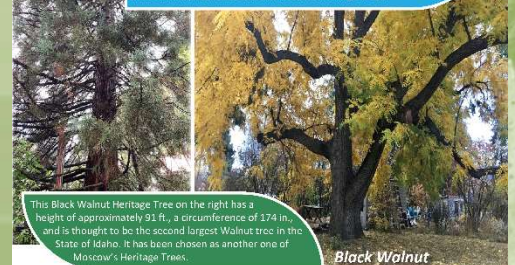


What will designation of a Heritage Tree mean?

The nominated Heritage Tree will be featured in the Moscow Heritage Tree Program Guide and include a map of the tree's location, a photograph of the tree, and an explanation of why it is a Moscow Heritage Tree. The tree will be listed in an online version of the Moscow Heritage Tree Program Guide.

Giant Sequoia

The Giant Sequoia, pictured on the left, was originally purchased as a seedling in Berkeley, California. It was transported all the way to its current home in Moscow, Idaho in 1995. The tree is estimated to be approximately 35 years old and has a circumference of 126 inches. It has been officially named as one of Moscow's Heritage Trees.



This Black Walnut Heritage Tree on the right has a height of approximately 91 ft., a circumference of 174 in., and is thought to be the second largest Walnut tree in the State of Idaho. It has been chosen as another one of Moscow's Heritage Trees.

Black Walnut

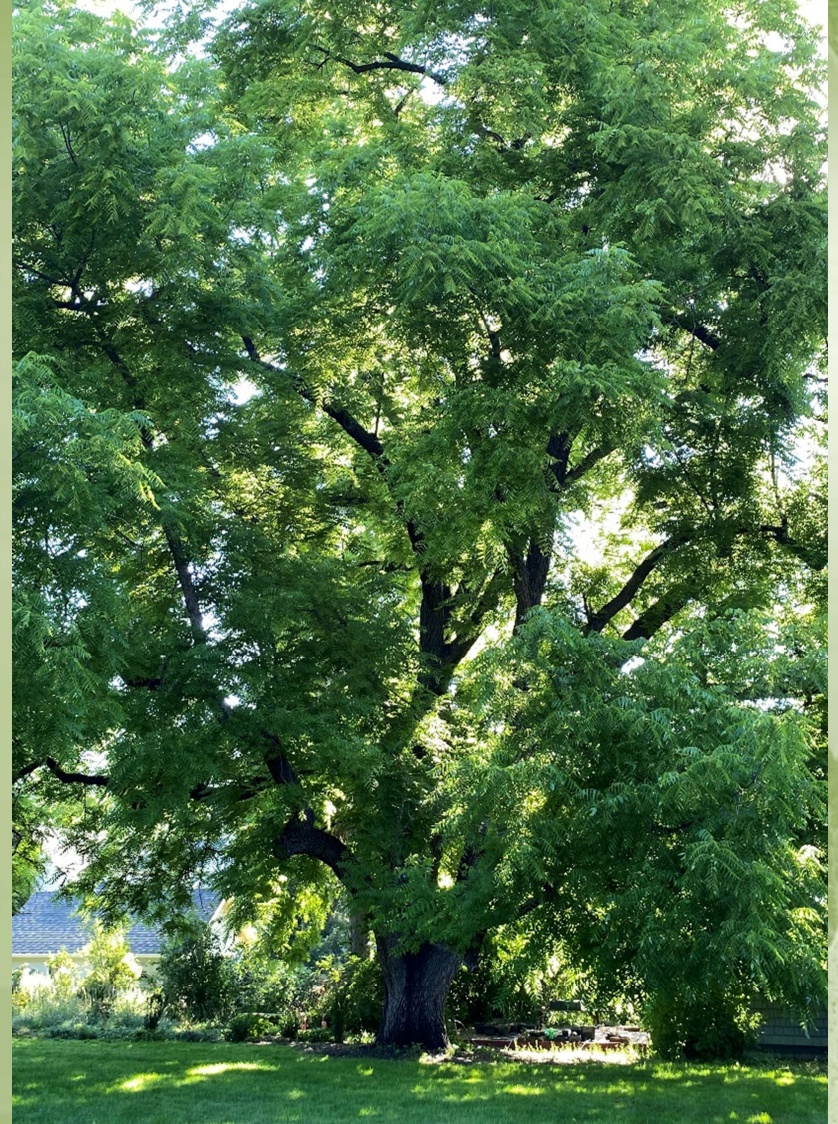
Scan this QR code with your smart phone to visit our website and learn more about Moscow's Heritage Tree Program:



Current Moscow Heritage Trees



Red Oak, *Quercus rubra*



Black Walnut, *Juglans nigra*

2022 Moscow Heritage Trees



American Elm, *Ulmus americana*



Giant Sequoia, *Sequoiadendron giganteum*

Questions and Comments

