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Free trees for all Portlanders continue Portland Parks & Recreation's Urban Forestry division's mission to grow, preserve, and protect the city's urban forest. Photo courtesy Portland Parks & Recreation.

Free Yard Tree Events

City promotes trees to help climate

Portland Parks & Recreation's Urban Forestry division is giving away 1,800 free yard trees at five events this fall.

The Yard Tree Giveaway series helps to increase tree cover across the city. Anyone living in Portland is eligible for up to two free trees to plant on private property.

Advance registration is required at portland.gov/free-yard-trees.

"All Portlanders have felt the effects of another re-

cord-breaking year for extreme heat," notes Portland Parks Commissioner Carmen Rubio. "And science shows that trees play a substantial role in the fight against climate change. One way to cool our City and mitigate these impacts is to plant large-growing trees."

PP&R offers 16 types of free trees to choose from - large-growing, native, and evergreen trees, all of which provide the most benefits to the environment.

After registering, neighbors pick up trees, mulch, and a watering bucket at one of five Saturday drive-thru events. Staff will also deliver and plant trees for people who need accom-

modation.

Since the first Yard Tree Giveaway event in 2017, Urban Forestry has given away more than 3,000 trees.

Science shows that trees play a substantial role in the fight against climate change by removing carbon dioxide and other particulate matter from the air. They help consumers conserve energy by significantly cooling neighborhoods during the summer months.

Trees also reduce stress levels and buffer noise. Trees improve our health and provide essential services for all Portlanders. They clean the air, and provide shade for people, animals, plants, and homes.

Demand Grows for Civil Engineers

New PCC degree to grow industry

The field of civil engineering has been pandemic proof and able to grow its business despite other industries being hampered by the impacts of the virus. As a result, jobs in this field continue to grow and the need for trained workers is increasing.

In response, Portland Community College has created the Civil and Construction Engineering Technology (CCET) program, offering a two-year Associate of Science degree that provides technician training for employment within the public and private infrastructure construction and maintenance fields.

The curriculum, which replaces the former Civil and Mechanical Engineering Technology Program,

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Portland Community College instructor Tara Nelson supervises student Zachary McKay during a civil and mechanical engineering materials testing lab.