

Tips on how to protect trees from damage during construction

Large trees often suffer during construction, whether by a housing development among native trees or the installation of a sidewalk. Many of the symptoms that develop after construction (brown leaves, thinning foliage, die-back, and death) result from damaged roots. Much of this

could be avoided through a better understanding of how tree roots grow.

There is a common misconception that the root systems of large trees consist of deep taproots plus some side roots that extend out into the dripline (or the outer branch spread). Research indicates

that tree root systems are more likely to be shallow and wide-spreading.

To prevent construction damage to valuable trees, take the following precautions.

1. Put up a barrier to keep equipment away from the tree. At least the area within

the dripline should be protected. But, since roots spread so far, it is quite possible to harm the root system although no soil is disturbed in the dripline.

2. Avoid grade changes around the roots. Adding soil can suffocate roots, and lowering the grade can destroy

many of the absorbing roots. Destruction of the large buttress roots could cause the tree to fall.

3. If underground pipes or cables must be placed near trees, tunnel under the roots instead of cutting a trench through them.

Group will study problems facing Vernonia women

The women of Vernonia are invited to participate in an enjoyable, brainstorming discussion at the next Women's Aglow meeting, Monday, February 24.

With the theme "Share Our Hearts", ideas will be explored to discover what the

real, often unmet, needs are for Vernonia women today.

"We want to find out what we, as a network of caring women, can do to reach this community. Come share your input. We need to hear from you," said local president, Kay Green.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 24, at the Vernonia Senior Citizens Center. All women 18 or older are welcome. Music and refreshments will complement the evening.

Music/games slated

Music night continues at Vernonia Grange on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. All those interested in playing or hearing music are invited to join in. On February 27, a potluck

dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the music afterward.

Card and game nights are held on the first and third Saturdays, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to come and have a good time!

Arts & Crafts Society

The Society of Arts and Crafts extends an open invitation to their next luncheon and business meeting on Thursday, March 13 at 1:00 p.m., at the New China Restaurant. Included in the invitation are "paint togethers", held every Wednesday.

For more information call Barbara 429-6696, Beverly 429-6300, or Arletta 429-2991.

Learn pruning and mushroom growing

Oregon State University Extension Service will offer a Fruit Tree Pruning Class on February 22, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Columbia Heights Assembly of God Church, 3609 Columbia Heights, Longview. Included will be a lecture and walk to a nearby home orchard.

A Master Gardener Meeting: Growing Mushrooms at Home, will take place Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Extension Office in St. Helens. It is open to all interested people.

For more information, call the Extension Office at (503) 397-3462.



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Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Ladies' Bible Study, Mon. 7:30 p.m.
Women's Fellowship, 2nd & 4th
Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.
Every Wednesday:
Ladies' Bible Study, 9:15 a.m.
Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Michael Jackson, Pastor
662 Jefferson
Vernonia, 429-6353

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study,
1st & 3rd Mon. 7:00 p.m.
Women's Ministry,
Alternate Wed. 7:00 p.m.

FOURSQUARE CHURCH

Pastor Paul Pastor
850 Madison Avenue
Vernonia, 429-1103

Sunday Services
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School

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D.J. Dickey, Pastor
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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

John Cahill, Pastor
952 Washington Avenue
Vernonia, 429-1161

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Visitation, Monday 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

VERNONIA EVANGELICAL BIBLE CHURCH

Grant Williams, Pastor
957 State Avenue
Vernonia, 429-6790

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Children's Church w/Nursery
Evening Fellowship 6:00 p.m.
Nursery Care
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Bible Studies, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

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Roger Kruger, Pastor, 397-6883
2nd Ave. and Nehalem St.
Vernonia, 429-1941

Sabbath School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

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