Chainsaw Safety and Pruning Workshop - October 1, 2005

Safety is critical when operating any kind of equipment. Chainsaws are now a common tool and frequently used in unsafe ways. Safe use of this tool will be presented with some demonstrations. Tree pruning is a common way chainsaws are used. The proper way to prune branches, and the reasons for the method will also be presented and demonstrated.

The workshop will be held at Kellogg Lake east of Carthage off Hwy. 96 and run from 10:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. with a bean and cornbread lunch provided.

A $5 registration is required. Register at the Carthage Parks and Recreation Office in Municipal Park (521 Robert Ellis Young Dr., Carthage, MO 64836-3913, 417-237-7035).

Make checks payable to Kellogg Lake Spring River Development. ISA CEUs are anticipated.

Missouri Community Forestry Council Photo Contest

Calling all photographers. MCFC and MDC are looking for images for the award plaque presented to Missouri Arbor Award of Excellence winners. The photo contest winner's image may be used as the focus of the award plaque.

Images must show the beauty and importance of trees along streets, in parks or yards. Landscape images of fields, woodlands, and pastures are not desired.

All submissions must be sent to Justine Gartner, Photo Contest Coordinator, MDC, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102 and received by October 31, 2005. All submitted images become property of MDC and will not be returned.

For an entry form with a complete set of contest rules and requirements contact Jon Skinner (Jon.Skinner@mdc.mo.gov, 417-629-3423) or download it at www.geocities.com/rocksandtrees/thestump/august2005/photocontest.pdf.

Know Your Trees

Late summer is a great time to practice your tree identification. You have all of the tree's signs to assist with determining the tree species. The leaves, bark, some fruit, and buds are available by this time.

It is important to learn the differences between trees not just for fun, but to learn how the different trees grow, what kind of fruit it has, how it responds to different cultural practices like pruning, and what insects and diseases may affect it. For example, a silver maple is in a yard. This is a tree that grows fast, fairly tall, has surface roots, breaks and decays easily, sprouts readily, has seeds (kids call them helicopters) that start growing everywhere, tolerates flooding. Compare that to a sugar maple which grows slower, fairly tall, has a small trunk, fewer surface roots, breaks only under great stress and decays slowly, sprouts readily, has fruit, and tolerates flooding. Bring your questions along.

There are several good references for identifying trees. They can be books, personal notes, or on the internet. They may have color images, black and white drawings, or just text descriptions. Find the one or ones that works best for you and get out and learn your trees.

Building for Greener Communities National Conference

Integrating green features into the infrastructure of a community creates a more pleasant place to live, work, and enjoy leisure time. Bringing a greener approach to the planning and management of our communities is the focus of this conference.

A key component of this greener approach is valuing the resources that are already in place. A good starting point is to retain trees and other natural features during construction and development. In fact, you will see case studies detailing the work done by the development teams that won the 2005 Building With Trees Awards of Excellence.

Occurring September 19 - 21, 2005 at the Arbor Day Farm, Nebraska City, NE, the conference is for developers, planners, builders, and others involved in the development process. Registration is $350. To register and get more information about this workshop, visit the Arbor Day Conferences web site at: www.arborday.org/greenercommunities.
Book Review

The ANSI A300 standard is a must for anyone who prunes or fertilizes trees, installs support systems, and / or lightning protection systems in trees. A300 presents the standard by which tree work performance is measured. The A300 standard comes as four separate parts: Part 1-2001 - pruning; Part 2-2004 - fertilization; Part 3-2000 - support systems; and Part 4-2002 - lightning protection systems.

The key to the standard is it provides consistent terminology, and definitions by which arborists and clients can communicate about a job. It allows, for example, a community to specify that trees identified by the city will be “cleared” of limbs down to one inch in diameter. According to section 5.6.1, this removes all dead, diseased, and broken limbs down to the specified size. Allowing bidders to all know exactly what is desired and bid appropriately.

APPRECIATION SONG

How nice of God to make this tree
With branch akimbo just for me,
And in the summer when it’s hot
To cast in shade this very spot,
Placing the trees so I can fly
Around and through them to the sky,
And offering all the fruits that shine
Scarlet and blue on bough and vine.

All this my Lord has done for me
Alone of all the beings that be.

-- E.A. HEBB

July 29 - August 4
Ozark Empire Fair, Springfield, MO www.ozarkempirefair.com/

August 4
ISA Certified Arborist Exam, Kansas Forest Service Office, Manhattan, KS Contact Eric Berg (eberg@csnet.ksu.edu), 785-532-3308, Registration Deadline July 19, Register at www.isa-arbor.com/certification/exams.aspx

August 6 - 10
2005 ISA Annual Conference & Trade Show, Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, TN Contact ISA (ISA@isa-arbor.org), 888-472-8733, Early-Bird Registration Deadline June 3, Regular deadline August 1, Register at www.isa-arbor.com

August 11
Missouri Community Forestry Council State Meeting, MDC State Office, Jefferson City, MO, 10:00 AM Contact: Justine Gartner (Justine.Gartner@mdc.mo.gov), 573-522-4115 Extn. 3116

August 11 - 21
Missouri State Fair, Sedalia, MO www.mostatefair.com/

September 19 - 21
Building for Greener Communities National Conference, Arbor Day Farm, Nebraska City, NE Contact NADF (conferences@arborday.org) 888-448-7337, Register at www.arborday.org/greenercommunities/

October 8

October 13
Missouri Community Forestry Council State Meeting, Runge Nature Center, Jefferson City, MO, 10:00 AM Contact: Justine Gartner (Justine.Gartner@mdc.mo.gov), 573-522-4115 Extn. 3116

October 22
ISA Certified Tree Worker / Climber Exam, City Park, Manhattan, KS Contact J. David Mattox (mattox@ci.manhattan.ks.us), 785-587-2757, Registration Deadline October 8, Register at www.isa-arbor.com/certification/exams.aspx

October 26
ISA Certified Arborist Exam, Jewel Box-Forest Park, St. Louis, MO Contact Jamie Frank (jamiec76@hotmail.com), 314-289-5316, Registration Deadline October 10, Register at www.isa-arbor.com/certification/exams.aspx

October 26
ISA Certified Arborist Exam, Little Rock, AR Registration Deadline October 10, Register at www.isa-arbor.com/certification/exams.aspx

No shade tree? Blame not the sun but yourself.”
- Chinese Proverb

“The Stump” web Site: www.geocities.com/rocksandtrees/thestump/
To add or remove your subscription, update your address, change contact information, or convert from the paper to the email - web version of “The Stump,” contact:
Jon Skinner
Urban Forester
Forestry Division
MO Dept. of Conservation
705 Wicks Ave., Ste. 6b
Joplin, MO 64801-5065
417-629-3423
Jon.Skinner@mdc.mo.gov

Use of names of commercial products or organizations does not imply an endorsement or recommendation by the Missouri Department of Conservation

Go to "The Stump" Index