



**CITY OF  
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ARKANSAS**

*100 W. Rock St, Suite 246  
Fayetteville, AR 72701*

**Urban Forestry Advisory Board Agenda**

**Jordan Annex Room 246 / Virtual Meeting Via Zoom  
Wednesday, July 1, 2026  
4:00 PM**

**Members**

***Land Development Rep. Vacant (Exp: 12/27)  
University of Arkansas Rep. Caroline Wahlgreen (Exp: 12/27)  
Tree Service Rep. Joseph Fox (Exp: 12/26)  
Resident at Large Rep. Carlo Bertani (Exp: 12/27)  
Resident at Large Rep. Joe Donahue (Exp: 12/26)  
Resident at Large Rep. Kate Shirley (Exp: 12/26)  
Resident at Large Rep. Taz Zinck (Exp: 12/26)***

**City Staff**

***Urban Forester John Scott  
Urban Forester Willa Thomason  
Urban Forester Bethany Douglas***

## Zoom Information

**Webinar ID:** 812 9203 9009

**Registration Link:** [https://fayetteville-ar.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_rO6tooqBTYCF71NG98X2LA](https://fayetteville-ar.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rO6tooqBTYCF71NG98X2LA)

## Call to Order

## Roll Call

## Minutes

Approval of the June, Urban Forestry Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

## Reports and Presentations

## Unfinished Business

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### **Emerald Ash Borer Treatment Update**

Current treatment locations include:

- Lake Fayetteville
- Gulley Park
- Wilson Park
- Holland Park
- Bryce Davis
- Byarri Park
- Sweet Briar
- Niokaska Trail
- Clabber Creek

We are also planning to move forward with treatment at Mt. Kessler. Once that is completed, our treatment efforts for the year should be largely wrapped up.

Remaining parks still needing attention include:

- Mt. Sequoyah Woods
- Lake Sequoyah
- Centennial Park

## New Business

### **Fall Tree Planting Project – 279 new trees and some replacement trees.**

- **Broyles Avenue (near the wastewater treatment facility and prairie)**

Planting new trees to enhance the corridor and support the surrounding prairie ecosystem.

- **Covington Park**

Installing street trees for interested neighbors after seeing successful plantings nearby.

- **Cobblestone**

Replacing dead maples with native species and adding trees to streets currently lacking canopy.

- **Niokaska Trail**

Planting a small number of trees at select locations to improve shading and trail aesthetics.

- **Rodney Ryan Park**

Adding several new trees within the park.

- **Bryce Davis Park**

Planting approximately 20 new trees to expand shade and diversify the landscape.

- **David Lashley Park**

Adding both new canopy trees and understory species to improve structure and habitat.

- **Cato Springs (along the Greenway)**

Installing trees to create shade and provide visual screening for trail users.

- **Bus Stop Project**

Evaluating all bus stops to determine where trees can be added near the new shelters to improve comfort and shade.

### **Adding *Celastrus orbiculatus* (Asian bittersweet) to the invasive species list.**

Would the board like to add anything else at this time?

## Announcements

We need to choose our *Amazing Trees of Fayetteville* nominees. I'm sharing this with the Fayetteville Community Foresters.

Guidelines:

- The tree must be located on City property.

- No nominations from Wilson— we already have two there.

- Please avoid repeating any previous nominees.

As you're out in our parks, keep an eye out for unique, impressive, or especially large trees that could be great candidates.

## Adjournment

## **NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE**

*Urban Forestry Advisory Board meetings may be attended in-person or virtually. Community members have the opportunity to address the board at a designated time during the meeting.*

*Citizens may propose items to be included in the board's agenda. To submit an item for consideration, e-mail the [Urban Forestry Advisory Board team](#) at least one week prior to the meeting.*

*As a courtesy, please turn off all cell phones and pagers.*