



Minutes of Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting – March 27, 2018

Convened: 7:20 p.m. Adjourned: 8:30 p.m. 27 attendees

Meeting chaired by TGHNA President, Vicky Dean (president@towergroveheights.com)

- **Opening of meeting and welcome**

- **Newcomer recognition**

- Welcome to newcomers from 3800 Hartford and 3800 Juniata!*

- **Neighborhood Reports**

- **SLMPD 2nd District update**

- *Liaison Officer, Ed Slade (edslade@slmpd.org), reported that a robbery occurred last night on 3600 Connecticut. The residents were held up at gunpoint as they were walking up to their door by two males who had been following them. After robbing them, the perpetrators ran west on Connecticut towards Spring. According to Officer Slade, this was unusual because perpetrators usually run east towards South Grand. He described the robbers as being between 17-25 years of age and their height between 5'9"-6.0".*
 - *There has been an increase in car break-ins mostly in the larger Tower Grove South area, rather than in Tower Grove Heights.*
 - *Officer Slade urged all residents to be aware of their surroundings and to avoid cell phone distractions. Other suggestions: acknowledge others on the sidewalk by making eye contact, saying hello and walking "confidently."*
 - *If you have exterior surveillance cameras, footage obtained from them may be helpful to the police in the event of a crime on or near your property. Email Detective Sgt. John Winter (jfwinter@slmpd.org) or Detective Sgt. Karen Menendez (kamemendez@slmpd.org) with your address, phone number and location of cameras so that they can contact you to check if your cameras have captured any relevant footage. (see attachment)*
 - *Crime stat handout was distributed. (see attachment)*

- **15th Ward Aldermanic report**

- *Alderman Megan Green (megan@meganellyiaqreen.com or 314-591-9587) announced the Board of Alderman is on break until mid-April.*
 - *Another round of participatory budgeting (\$100K over two years) will begin in late April or early May. She has two graduate students to help her with the planning meeting.*
 - *Residents are encouraged to join the committee that will make project suggestions which will then be voted on at the time of the mid-term elections in November.*
 - *Past participatory budgeting projects included tree planting, increasing the 50/50 sidewalk allowance and repairs at McDonald Park which are slated to be completed next week. She will also allocate funds for a water feature in the park. A dog park will go in there as soon as an organization can be identified to manage dues, etc.*
 - *Trial speed humps (tables) will be installed on the 3600-3700 blocks heading west off of S. Grand in Tower Grove Heights. If these speed humps work well, other blocks will receive them, however, they cannot be placed on Gustine because it is a snow route.*

- **Speakers**

- Tom Ebeling, Community Forester at Forest ReLeaf (www.moreleaf.org)
 - Presented information on the Emerald Ash Borer insect that is attacking area ash trees. This infestation mostly originated from untreated shipping pallets from China in 2002 and made its way here from Detroit through ports on the Great Lakes. It arrived in Missouri in 2008 and was discovered in St. Louis in 2015.
 - Since almost 17 percent of trees maintained by the city are ash trees, the infestation has had a devastating effect on our tree population
 - The city enacted a 5-year action plan that includes removal, retention and replanting (of a variety of other types of trees).
 - Not all ash trees will be removed. They have set criteria to spare some trees. Trees marked with a green dot are ones that the city is actively treating.
 - See attachments for info on Forest ReLeaf and "Fighting Emerald Ash Borer in St. Louis."
- Mark Abbott, St. Louis Association of Community Organizations (slaco-mo.org)
 - SLACO's annual conference will be held on Saturday, April 14 at Forest Park Community College, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Cost of registration is \$33 or \$40 at the door. More info at their website.
 - "Neighborhoods United for Change" which was created after the 2014 events in Ferguson in an effort to improve race relations, will take place on Saturday, April 21. Residents can volunteer for this annual event in which north and south neighborhoods are paired up to tour each other's neighborhood, share lunch, and participate in a guided conversation about racial experiences and "why things are the way they are." Skilled facilitators will assure a high-quality conversation in which participants learn about a neighborhood that they previously might not have known much about, its resources, challenges and ways in which neighbors can help one another improve their communities. <http://www.slaco-mo.org/neighborhoods-united-for-change.html>
- Elizabeth Simons, Great Rivers Greenway Community Program Manager (<https://greatriversgreenway.org>)
 - Great Rivers Greenway is a public agency tasked with connecting the St. Louis region with greenways.
 - Along with many partners, GRG is holding a design completion to envision the Chouteau Greenway, a project to connect Forest Park to the Arch with spurs north and south to connect neighborhoods, parks, business and arts districts, employment centers, transit and cultural and educational institutions. They are seeking feedback for the Chouteau Greenway Design Competition until April 22. More information at: <https://greatriversgreenway.org/event/chouteau-greenway-feedback-opportunities/>

- **Committee Reports**

- **Treasurer – Rick Stein (treasurer@towergroveheights.com)**
 - Net worth as of January 31, 2018: \$10,807.77
 - The annual audit will be conducted on March 28.
- **Membership Secretary – Jean Iezzi (membership@towergroveheights.com)**
 - 342 memberships including nine new memberships in March.
 - A membership competition will commence in June. The street with the most memberships will get bragging rights and be awarded the "Most Members" street sign which is currently located at Hartford and Spring, recognizing Hartford as the winner of the previous competition.
- **President – Vicky Dean (president@towergroveheights.com)**
 - The Sustainable Backyard Tour will take place on Sunday, June 10, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. This is an annual free, self-guided tour of private backyards and gardens throughout the St. Louis area in which attendees can talk to gardeners about their organic methods; see chickens, beehives, rain gardens, pollinator gardens and more. More info at: <https://sustainablebackyardtour.org>

- We welcome Michelle Boston-David (bostonm@stlouis-mo.gov) who is now the full-time Neighborhood Improvement Specialist (NIS) (position formerly known as Neighborhood Stabilization Officer or NSO) for Ward 15. Until recently, she had been NIS for another ward and was only helping out on physical issues (not behavioral issues) in our ward. She will now oversee both physical and behavioral nuisance issues. She has agreed to attend future TGHNA meetings.
- **Safety Committee – Ryan Barry** (saftey@towergroveheights.com)
 - The porch light assessment is almost finished.
- **Block Captains – Debra Knox Deiermann** (blockreps@towergroveheights.com)
 - The March 12 meeting of the TGS-TGH Block Captains featured Rachel Witt, Exe. Director, South Grand CID.
 - Rachel gave an overview of upcoming event happening on South Grand. For details, see: <http://southgrand.org/events/>.
 - Many thanks to Mimi Haag, who has served as the Block Captain for a number of years of engaged service to 3600-3700 Hartford! If you live on this block and are interested in finding out more about the position, please email blockreps@towergroveheights.com. Thank you.
 - TGS-TGH Block Captains meet on second Mondays (January-November), 6:30 p.m., at Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, 4111 Connecticut. Our meetings are open to everyone.
- **Social Committee – Patrick Weber** (social@towergroveheights.com)
 - Thanks to everyone who participated in tonight's post-meeting social hour! There were many offerings of favorite dip recipes!
 - The first Heights Nights event will take place on Tuesday, April 10 at the offices of Aleto Construction Group, 3801 Connecticut, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Meet up with friends and neighbors and enjoy snacks and conversation. Free and open to all! <https://aletogroup.com/>
 - Check out the city's first potsticker-themed restaurant, Crispy Edge, 4168 Juniata, at the next Heights Night on Tuesday, May 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend! <http://crispyedge.com/>
 - Check out the calendar section on our website, www.towergroveheights.com, for Heights Nights locations, second Tuesdays, April through September.
- **Engagement Committee – Vicky Dean** (engagement@towergroveheights.com)
 - There are 2-3 people interested in joining this new committee. Email for more info.
- **Announcements**
 - Next TGSNA meeting: April 18, 6:30 p.m., Oak Hill Presbyterian Church, 4111 Connecticut
 - Next TGHNA meeting: April 24, 7:15 p.m., Center for Divine Love, 3617 Wyoming
 - Speaker: Michelle Forneris, P.E., St. Louis City Area Engineer, Missouri Department of Transportation (michelle.forneris@modot.mo.gov)
 - Thanks to the residents who communicated their concerns to Tower Grove Neighborhoods CDC, the planned re-charging stations will not be placed along S. Grand between Arsenal and Utah.

- **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Knox Deiermann
secretary@towergroveheights.com
www.towergroveheights.com

Tower Grove Heights Neighborhood Association values and seeks a diverse membership. The TGHNA Board recognizes and values the importance of inclusion.

Private Surveillance Camera Owners

For those residents of Tower Grove Heights(Tower Grove South) who own surveillance cameras and wish to supply the St Louis Metropolitan Police Department with any footage/access, please email the following Detective Sergeants with your email to include address, telephone number and location of hardware.

This is **completely** voluntary. We appreciate any assistance from citizens at anytime.

Det. Sgt. John Winter
JFWinter@SLMPD.ORG

Det. Sgt. Karen Menendez
KAMenendez@SLMPD.ORG

Part I Crime for "March" Coding Month

Tower Grove South | District - 2

Years: 2017 & 2018

	Total Coded In Mar 2017	-- Coded Thru Mar 26 M-T-D --				Total thru Mar 2017	----- Coded Thru Mar 26 Y-T-D -----			
	2017	2017	2018	Chg.	% Chg.	2017	2017	2018	Chg	% Chg.
Total Homicide	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	2	1	100.0 %
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	2	1	100.0 %
Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
# Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Total Rape	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
Forced Rape	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
Attempted Rape	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Total Robbery	3	2	2	0	0.0 %	17	16	11	-5	-31.3 %
Highway	1	0	1	1	NA	12	11	5	-6	-54.5 %
Business	2	2	1	-1	-50.0 %	5	5	3	-2	-40.0 %
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
* Weapon	3	2	1	-1	-50.0 %	15	14	7	-7	-50.0 %
* No Weapon	0	0	1	1	NA	2	2	4	2	100.0 %
Carjacking	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	3	3	NA
Total Aggr. Assault	3	2	3	1	50.0 %	15	14	16	2	14.3 %
Firearm	1	0	0	0	0.0 %	3	2	2	0	0.0 %
Knife	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	5	5	1	-4	-80.0 %
Other	2	2	3	1	50.0 %	6	6	12	6	100.0 %
Hand/Fist/Feet	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	1	0	0.0 %
# Simple Assault	7	6	8	2	33.3 %	23	22	21	-1	-4.5 %
TOTAL PERSON CRIME	6	4	5	1	25.0 %	34	32	29	-3	-9.4 %
Total Burglary	7	4	3	-1	-25.0 %	21	18	14	-4	-22.2 %
Residence - Day	3	2	0	-2	-100.0 %	9	8	5	-3	-37.5 %
Residence - Night	0	0	3	3	NA	1	1	7	6	600.0 %
Residence - Time Unknown	3	2	0	-2	-100.0 %	7	6	1	-5	-83.3 %
Business - Day	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
Business - Night	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
Business - Time Unknown	1	0	0	0	0.0 %	2	1	1	0	0.0 %
Other - Day	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other - Night	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other - Time Unknown	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
* Force	6	3	0	-3	-100.0 %	13	10	3	-7	-70.0 %
* No Force	1	1	2	1	100.0 %	7	7	9	2	28.6 %
* Attempt	0	0	1	1	NA	1	1	2	1	100.0 %
Total Larceny	30	19	24	5	26.3 %	94	83	68	-15	-18.1 %
Pickpocket	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Purse Snatch	1	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	0	0	0	0.0 %
Shoplift	5	3	3	0	0.0 %	17	15	9	-6	-40.0 %
From Motor Vehicle	7	5	9	4	80.0 %	22	20	15	-5	-25.0 %
Motor Vehicle Parts	9	7	5	-2	-28.6 %	25	23	26	3	13.0 %
Bicycles	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	1	0	0.0 %
From Buildings	6	4	4	0	0.0 %	17	15	10	-5	-33.3 %
From Coin Operated	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other	2	0	3	3	NA	11	9	7	-2	-22.2 %
* Attempt	0	0	1	1	NA	5	5	1	-4	-80.0 %
Total Vehicle Theft	5	3	0	-3	-100.0 %	19	17	10	-7	-41.2 %
Auto	2	0	0	0	0.0 %	15	13	10	-3	-23.1 %
Truck/Bus	2	2	0	-2	-100.0 %	3	3	0	-3	-100.0 %
Motorcycle/Other	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
* Attempt	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	1	1	NA
* Joy Ride	3	2	0	-2	-100.0 %	5	4	2	-2	-50.0 %
Total Arson	1	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	0	1	1	NA
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME	43	26	27	1	3.8 %	135	118	93	-25	-21.2 %
TOTAL CRIME	49	30	32	2	6.7 %	169	150	122	-28	-18.7 %

* - These counts were included in a previous line.

- These entries are not reflected in any group totals.

VOTE: Data collection for Carjackings began in January, 2018.

CITY OF ST. LOUIS ASH TREES UNDER ATTACK

Many St. Louis City streets are lined with a mixture of tree canopies, but the ash tree is the most common. There are 15,000+ ash trees (17%) along city streets and in parks. While some streets have few ash trees, others are lined with them. Sadly, an insect is starting to kill our ash trees and this will have a tremendous impact on our streets and neighborhoods. The City of St. Louis Forestry Division is proactively acting now before stopping the insect becomes much more difficult, dangerous and costly.

INVASIVE PEST

A small green exotic wood-boring pest known as the emerald ash borer (EAB) is invading our ash trees. They have been killing ash trees in the U.S. since 2002 and now are in St. Louis. EABs are primarily transported by infested firewood moved from city to city. They burrow into ash trees and damage their veins, cutting off their water supply.



REPLANTING

Forest ReLeaf of Missouri is working with the City Forestry Division to replace ash trees that have been removed, replanting 40 different species of trees in their place.



TREATMENT

Many of the healthy large publicly-owned ash trees will be injected every two years with an organic botanical treatment to prevent the EAB from invading them.



REMOVAL

Declining ash trees will be removed before they become a public safety hazard. Dry brittle ash trees can topple over and damage people or property. In the coming weeks and months, you may see bright yellow tags on ash trees that must be removed. Questions or want to learn more? Call 314-613-7200 or visit www.stlouis-mo.gov/ash-borer

YOU CAN HELP!

We would love to have you help Forest ReLeaf replant trees. Interested or want to be kept up-to-date on the project? Sign up at www.moreleaf.org/ashreleaf Thanks!



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Charitable
Foundation

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Fighting Emerald Ash Borer in St. Louis

The City of St. Louis began preparing for an Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation in 2008, when the pest was first discovered in the state of Missouri. The first step that the city took was to update the tree inventory. The study revealed that there are approximately 15,000 Ash trees along the streets and in the parks of St. Louis. At 17% of the total trees maintained by the city, Ash is the most common species along city right-of-ways. The city has not planted any species of Ash since 2008, and prioritized the removal of Ash trees that were known to be in poor condition. Despite best efforts, Ameren utility workers discovered EAB in St. Louis on May 16, 2015.

Since that time, the City has enacted a 5-year action plan that includes removal, retention and replanting with a goal of zero net canopy loss. In May of this year contractors began removals in ward 1, which is the area surrounding the original infestation. Crews will work to remove about 2,600 trees every year for the next five years.

The City of St. Louis does not intend, however, to remove every ash tree in the city. Those ash trees that are 13 inches DBH or greater and in good or better condition will be treated by injecting the trunks with a botanical pesticide. The chemical is called TreeAzin and is produced by BioForest Technologies, Inc. in Canada. The active ingredient in TreeAzin is azadirachtin, which is extracted from neem tree seeds. Because it is a botanical compound, TreeAzin will degrade quickly in soil and runoff, minimizing the environmental impact. The compound is also safe to inject in high use public areas. Because all untreated ash trees will die, TreeAzin must be injected every two years to ensure the survival of the tree. In total, the St. Louis will retain about 1,200 ash trees that are seen as too valuable to remove (about 7% of the current ash population).

In order to replant the voids created by the extensive removal operation, the City of St. Louis will be partnering with Forest ReLeaf of Missouri (FRM), a nonprofit nursery that grows native species of trees and shrubs for planting in public spaces. Forest ReLeaf will donate a variety of 15-gallon trees, as well as help coordinate the planting of those trees. The trees will be selected from a list of approximately 40 native species that are tolerant of urban conditions and suitable for street tree plantings. Ideally, every ash tree that is removed will have a new acceptable native planted in its place, resulting in a zero net loss of canopy. Forest ReLeaf will plant 1,200 trees in ward 1 alone by the end of the year. With help from the City Forestry, community organizers, elected officials and countless volunteers, FRM will work throughout St. Louis to reforest areas devastated by EAB.

Forest ReLeaf is also conducting an extensive public relations campaign to educate the members of the communities most affected by the removal of ash trees. In many neighborhoods throughout St. Louis, most or all of the mature trees will be lost to this pest. It is important that the residents understand what has happened to the trees and what is being done to recover the loss. FRM is accomplishing this by exhibiting at community events, distributing informational flyers, reaching out to known neighborhood organizers and educating the young people of the City. Because FRM has access to elementary and middle school audiences through our educational programs, our goal is to inform the children of these neighborhoods in the hopes that they will carry the information back to their parents and grandparents and subsequently get involved in the planting efforts. These outreach methods will help ensure that individuals are well informed about the ongoing battle to maintain our urban forest in St. Louis.

To Read the City's action plan, please visit www.stlouis-mo.gov/ash-borer

Information on Forest ReLeaf's ash tree replanting efforts can be found at www.moreleaf.org/ashborer



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**“Nature is not
a place to visit.
It is home.”**

-Gary Snyder

Forest ReLeaf
OF MISSOURI

**20 YEARS &
GROWING**

*Planting trees.
Enriching communities.*

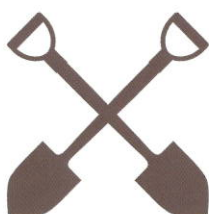


Thank YOU for an Impressive 2016!



13,701

Total Trees
Distributed



221

Total Tree
Planting
Projects



45

Native
Missouri
Species Grown



18,000

Seedlings
Potted

What do 13,701 Trees Mean for Me?



2.1 Million
in ecological benefits



657,645 lbs
of carbon absorbed
per year



19 Million
gallons of stormwater
captured per year



3.6 Million
pounds of oxygen
produced per year

Our Staff



Donna Coble
Executive Director



Scott Francis
Forestry Programs
Manager



Amy Klein
Development &
Marketing Manager



Tom Ebeling
Community Forester

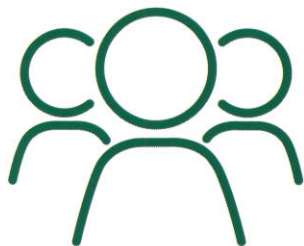


Liana Kopp
Volunteer Programs
Coordinator

Forest ReLeaf is Fueled by Volunteers!



7,000+
Volunteer
Hours Donated



400+
Volunteers

34 volunteers
worked over **50**
hours & **22**
worked over **100**
hours. Our top **5**
volunteers alone
donated over
1,800 hours!



400+ Hours
Tom Nagle

300+ Hours
Jim Flynn
Alfred Strout
Malcolm Royle

200 + Hours
John Bohney
Dave Durham
Frank Dvorak
Kay LaBanca
Ned Siegel

100+ Hours
Frank Breitenstein

Eric Buehler
Cheri Champagne

Larry Doyle
Valerie Geile
Keith Gentry
Mike Hey
Steve McCarthy
Vaughn Meister
Stewart Pagenstecher
Lee Phillion
Connie Reeves
Mike Spiegel

Become a Volunteer at moreleaf.org/volunteer



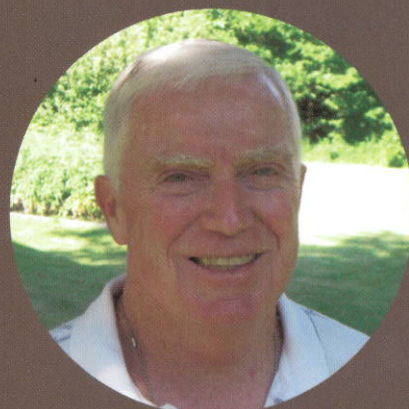
Volunteer Spotlight

Larry Doyle

Larry Doyle began volunteering with Forest ReLeaf in 2008 during a time of change in his life. He had just been remarried after being widowed and had moved from his home of 25 years in Spanish Lake to his current home in St. Paul. It was during that time that his best friend Ken Olsen, with whom he had taught for over 25 years, asked Larry to start volunteering at Forest ReLeaf with him.

His first introduction to Forest ReLeaf was potting redbud trees in 3 gallon pots in the near freezing drizzle. At that time there were only 8-10 volunteers and all of the pots were moved around the nursery in hand carts rather than the gators we have today. Despite the less than ideal weather, being with his friend meant that he still had a good time. The other volunteers continue to be what keeps Larry coming back.

"As I thought about what to say for this bio, I realized that it has been the people of Forest ReLeaf that have kept me coming back for all these years. I've gotten to know something about their families, listened to worries about college choices and majors. I've followed the romances and weddings of the co-volunteer's kids. The work of getting trees and shrubs big and healthy for their eventual planting is important but I wouldn't have come back every year if the other volunteers were less than pleasant."



Larry & his best friend Ken Olsen working at CommuniTree Gardens Nursery

CommuniTree Gardens Nursery



Volunteers Mike Hey, Vaughn Meister, Kay LaBanca, Keith Gentry & Frank Breitenstein hard at work at the nursery

CommuniTree Gardens Continues to Grow!



Thanks to our fleet of dedicated volunteers and our staff, CommuniTree Gardens continues to flourish. The nursery is home to approximately 20,000 trees that will be given away for free through our Project CommuniTree or Priority ReLeaf programs or sold for private land through our ReLeaf Sales program.

Free trees are available each Spring & Fall for planting on public and nonprofit land. Apply at moreleaf.org/plant



At the nursery in 2016, we:

- Completed our expansion area for 7-gallon trees
- Completely reorganized our shop area
- Added 15 trees and shrubs to the arboretum at the nursery
- Hosted 11 potting days for outside groups
- Added grow zone Z14 for staging tree orders & housing overflow trees
- Hosted 12 nursery tours for outside groups & the general public
- Added a new shed salvaged from St. Louis County Parks
- Began site preparation for a prairie restoration project & a pollinator garden
- Received 7,071 volunteer hours from regular nursery volunteers

Forest ReLeaf hosted several companies & organizations including:

Bank of America
Cardinal Investment Group
Commerce Bank
Edward Jones
Enterprise Holdings
Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri
Missouri Community Forestry Council

Israel Chemical Limited (ICL)
Missouri Master Naturalists
St. Louis County Division of Youth Services
St. Louis Garden Club
True Manufacturing
Washington University

Forest ReLeaf participated in 97 outreach activities in 2016 including:

- 18 events & conferences
- 16 classes taught
- 13 nursery tours
- 10 hands-on events
- 7 staff presentations
- 4 media contacts



Project CommuniTree 2016



5,544

Free Trees
Distributed
in 2016



123

Planting
Projects



122,349

Free Trees
Distributed
To Date



400

Free Trees
Distributed
in Illinois

320



Free Trees
Distributed in
Kansas



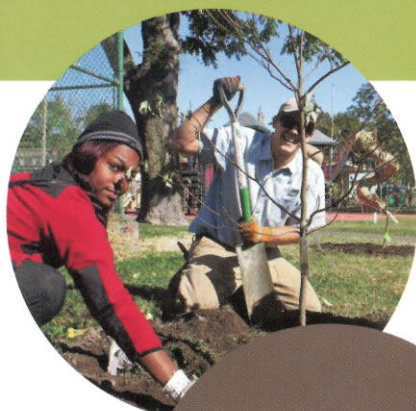
*Volunteers gather after a planting project in Lucier Park,
supported by The Whitaker Foundation!*



St. Louis Ash ReLeaf



Volunteers and residents came together to plant trees where ash trees once stood in Ward 1 of St. Louis City.



Priority ReLeaf provides larger trees for free for underserved & disaster-affected areas.

Thanks to generous funding from the Mysun Charitable Foundation and National Fish & Wildlife Foundation/ Wells Fargo, Forest ReLeaf developed and launched a coordinated replanting model designed to get neighbors involved with replacing trees that had to be removed as a result of the emerald ash borer infestation in St. Louis.

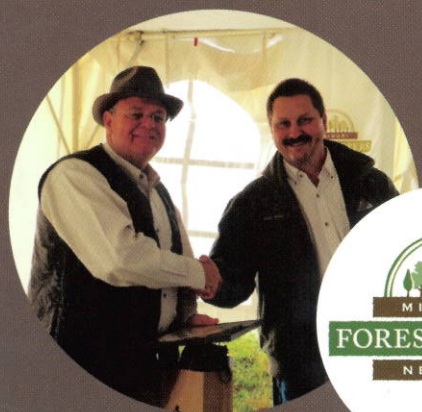
Last fall, 1,200 trees were planted in Ward 1, one of the hardest hit areas in the City of St. Louis. Four volunteer planting events – complete with donuts, hot chocolate, hotdogs and other goodies – were held in the Penrose, Kingsway East, Kingsway West and Mark Twain neighborhoods. Significant advance work went into promoting each event to encourage participation, including coordination with Alderwoman Tyus, Neighborhood Improvement Specialists and other local leaders. And we could not have done this without our friends at St. Louis Forestry!

ReLeaf Sales

Forest ReLeaf's ReLeaf Sales program offers trees to private landowners at a discounted cost. In 2016, Forest ReLeaf sold 663 trees for 48 different planting projects!

Trees sold help offset the cost of our tree giveaway programs, making your purchase even more impactful!

Missouri Forestkeepers Network



For many years Forest ReLeaf has administered the statewide Missouri Forestkeepers Network through a cooperative agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation. In 2016, this free program comprised 2,698 members. These volunteers survey tree health and reported on many activities associated with their forests and woodlands.

Last fall's annual Forestkeepers Conference was held in conjunction with the Chestnut Roast in New Franklin. Fifty Forestkeepers enjoyed the festivities and also provided valuable input for a "focus group" assessing the level of satisfaction with the program. Results showed that over 50% of Forestkeepers own more than 40 acres of land and that there is significant interest in attending field days and workshops sponsored by the Network. 93% of Forestkeepers participate in the program to learn more about how best to care for their trees and forests. Enhancements to the program are being planned to respond to Forestkeeper suggestions.

Brian Schweiss of the Missouri Department of Conservation congratulates Ralph Heck for Excellence in Mast Surveying!

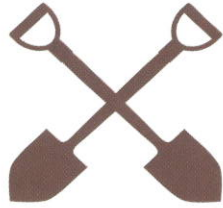
Become a Forestkeeper at forestkeepers.org

Priority ReLeaf 2016



5,514

Total Trees
Distributed



98

Total Tree
Planting
Projects



1,200

Trees Planted
to Replace
Ash Trees



8,500

Trees Donated
to Joplin
since 2011



Erin and Terrence enjoy learning to plant trees in the Mark Twain neighborhood of St. Louis City.

\$1-\$99

4 Hands Brewing Company
AmazonSmile
Renee' Benage
Diane Berry
John & Cheryl Bohney
Bill Borger
Patrick Bousquet
Kathryn Bowers
Mary Bray
Ken Buchholz
Mark & Sharon Cherry
Donna Coble
Laura Cohen
Thomas & Eloise Cohoon
Thomas & Rosemary Coover
Linda Dahlgren
Sue Dellbringge
James Devereaux
Larry & Judith Dew
Doug Dick
Aaron Dohogne
Kathleen Dolson
Diane & Bob Droegge
Elizabeth Fathman
Thomas Fortenberry
Cindy Garner
Marguerite Garrick
Justine Gartner
Ann & Barry Gleeson
Granite City Food & Brewery
Grantwood Village Tree Board
Joan Gray
Ben & Suzanne Grossman
Eric Hadley
Nancy Hartman
Greg & Valerie Hayes
David Heppermann
Lesley Hoffarth
June Hutson
Aaron Imm
John & Lois Johnson
Donald Kalicak
Pamela Kelley
Angela Kelly
Mindy Keyser
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Susan Leahy
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JoAnne Levy
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Kathy O'Neill
Melvin & Joan Ott

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Michael Padella
Stewart Pagenstecher
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Sarah Paradowski
Bryan Pearl
Anita & Gene Peetz
Bryan & Joan Peetz
Meridith Perkins
Patricia Perry
Jean Ponzi
Jason Redman
Bill & Connie Reeves
Bill Reininger
Claudia Rhodes
Susan Rick
Elizabeth Roberts
Kimberly Rodriguez
Kelly & Allen Roehrig
Barbara Rossbach
Joan Rothrock
Bob Ruck
Kim Rutledge
Margie Sandheinrich
Caroline Sant
Dale Scheman
Leslie Scheuler
Mike Schmidt
Cindy Schwartz
Anne Schweitzer
Hugh Share
Mary & David Sherfy
Beth Skelton
Barbara Smith
Gaby Smith
Bob Snyders
William Spradley
Deborah Stopsky
Dan & Lisa Stuart
Three Kings Pub
Liz Tillman
Evelyn Tullios
Linda Vawter
Kristen VonGruben
Barbara Voss
Dennis Walsh
Peggy Walsh
Michael Walsh
Tessa Wasserman
Dawn Weber
Lauren Welker
Bill Weyland
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Don White
Ray Wiesehan
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Rebecca Wilson
Doug & Anne Wolter
David Woltz
Steve Wulff
Isaac & Marilyn Young
Rita Zeitz
Lisa Zoia
Stephen Zwolak

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John & Ann Bieller
Bob & Linda Brandewiede
Larry & Joanie Branson
Frank Breitenstein
Virginia Busch
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Cathy deJong
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James Ebeling
Ken & Dorothy Edscorn
Ann Eggebrecht
Jeremy Fandrich
Forest Park Golf Course
Deborah Frank
Friends of the Zoo
Justin Fujarski
Dave & Valerie Geile
Joan Gettemeyer
Mary Lou Green
Meggan Hargrave
Judith Harmon
James Harris
David Heppermann
Herbert Huebner
Kenneth Johnson
Georgia Johnston
Skip Kincaid
Janet Kourik
Stephanie Kreis
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Mignon LaMar
Susan Lammert
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Richard & Rebecca Luer
Joy Marcus
Beth Skelton
Bruce McGregor
Sandra Morris
Michael Olenjack
Petersburg Tree Committee
Ryia Ross Peterson
GW & SB Philpott
Grant Purkey
Linda Riekes
Lisa Riojas
Christine Rogers
Norma Schechter
Schlafly Saint Louis Brewery
Mary Ann Shaw
Ned Siegel
Still 630 - St Louis Distillery
Robert Stuart
Jesse Stuart
Thomson Reuters My
Community Program
Kristin Tunis
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Sheila Voss
Barbara Washington
Cori & Al Westcott
Bud & Peggy Wilson
Karla Wilson

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Susan Block
Carol Brownson
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Shawn Cornell
Andy Cross
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Ann Earley
Elizabeth Fathman
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Go Ape Treetop Adventure
Rob Hibbard

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Richard Lesage
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Mainline Group Architecture
Mason Ridge Garden Club
Vaughn Meister
Mary Neal
Michael Nolfo
Jeanne Ortega
Tom Ott
Rick Schenk
Wendy Schlesinger
David Slane
St. Peters Cemetery
John & Denise Workman

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John & Therese Bezdichek
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Garden Association
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\$1,000-\$4,999

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Eugene Brunk
Dan & Connie Burkhardt
Tom & Joni Byrne
Mary Carmody
Carol Eder
Christopher Erker
Franciscan Sisters of Mary
Patrick Geraty
Tiffany Gibbs
Rob Hibbard
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Lee & Dennis Phillion
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Vinyl Images
Sheila Voss
Maria Wilmas

\$5,000-\$9,999

Anonymous
John & Catherine Milton

\$10,000+

Treecycler

Corporate Matching

Ameren Corporation Charitable Trust
Benevity Community Impact Fund
Boeing Company's Gift Match Program

Foundation & Corporate Funding

Ameren Corporation Charitable Trust
Boeing ECF
Commerce Bancshares Foundation
Edward Chase Garvey Memorial Foundation
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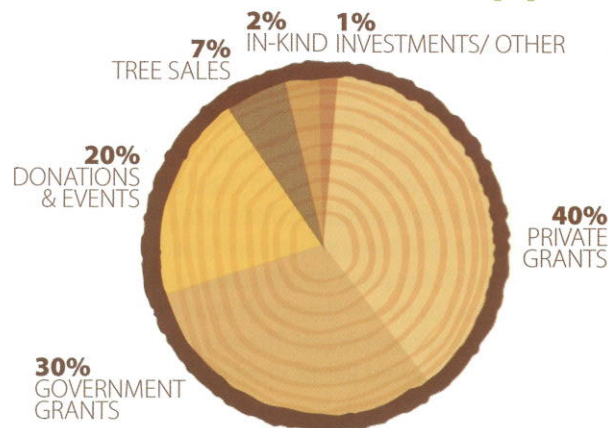
Missouri Department of Conservation

In Kind Donations

4 Hands Brewing Company	Old Bakery Beer Company
Amy Avery	Tom Ott
Elizabeth Bertram	Perennial Artisan Ales
John & Therese Bezdichek	Huck Roberts
Dan & Connie Burkhardt	Schlaflly - The St. Louis Brewery
Cane's Chicken Fingers	Wendy Schlesinger
Robert Charity	Mike Schmidt
Coopers Hawk	Elise Schweitzer
Chandler Hill	Gordon Schweitzer
Shawn Cornell	Bob Snyders
Andy Cross	Mike Spiegel
Larry & Elaine Doyle	Still 630
Rob & Sue Dreyer	St. Louis Earth Day
Frank Dvorak	Urban Chestnut
Lawton P. Drury	Brewing Company
Earthbound Beer	Vinyl Images
Carol Eder	Waterway Gas & Wash
Edg-Clif Winery	Williams, Venker & Sanders Law Firm
Forest Park Golf Course	Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center
Go Ape Treetop Adventure	
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Financials

2016 Revenue & Support



Revenue & Support

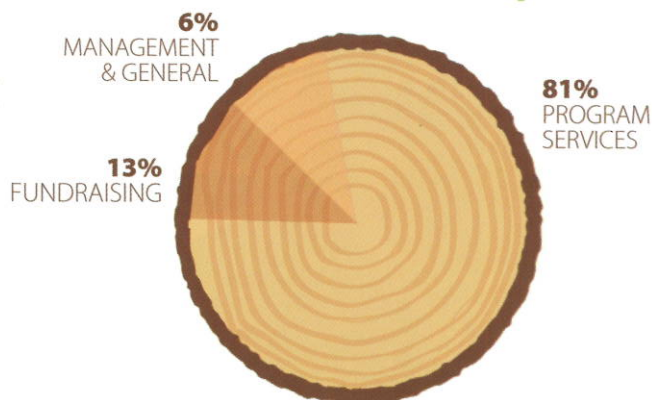
	\$
Government Grants	206,000
Private Grants	281,920
Donations & Events	137,037
In-Kind	17,236
Tree Sales	47,361
Investments/Other	6,687
Total	696,241



Source:

Devereaux & Company Independent Auditor's Report dated May 4, 2017. Forest ReLeaf of Missouri meets all charity standards of the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance.

2016 Functional Expenses



Expenses

	\$
Management & General	42,611
Program Services	535,449
Fundraising	84,780
Total	662,840
Net Assets at Start of Year	213,532
Net Assets at End of Year	246,933
Change in Net Assets	33,401

Program Services Breakdown



Gift of Trees

In Celebration:

Ann Eggebrecht
Terry Allen
Ivy Jane Arlette Pruessner
Ellie June Rose Pruesner
Penelope Beaché
Jesse Stuart
Thomas Fortenberry
Mark Lacey
Dan and Lisa Stuart
Lauren Welker
Don White
Lauren Welker
Linda Grant
William Grant

Kathlena
Nicole Higginbotham
Steve & Debra Bruce
Katie Militello
Kenneth C. Olsen
Dave Olsen
Kenneth Olsen
Jennifer & Alan Polniak
Aamantha Kleekamp
Michael Ramsey
Kim Rutledge
Elizabeth Wolkoff
Barbara & Bill Wolkoff

In Honor:

Rob Hibbard
Christine Cavallini
Jesse Stuart
Jeremy Fandrich
Jason Redman
Wendy Schlesinger
Catherine Jeltis
Eric Jeltis
Karen Malkin
Karen Malkin
Robert Charity
Mary Neal
Sara Norris
William Norris

In Memory:

Amos Beinke
Lynn Beinke
Noah Wehnes
Frank Breitenstein
Glory Wolfram
Kathie & Calvin Brennan
Gwen Rogers
Tom
Willie Stepney's Mother
Devereux & Company
Regis Voss
Jill Essner
Augustin Mahfood
Stacey Elster

John Lillicrap
Doris Lillicrap
Mike Russo
Paul & Suzanne Nauert
Austin Buttry
Robert Johnson
Stricklen & Dreyer



CommuniTree Jubilee



Pictured above: Friends enjoy the festivities at CommuniTree Jubilee.



Pictured right: Board Member Sheila Voss paints Board Member David Dresner's Face.

On June 3, 2016 Forest ReLeaf hosted its CommuniTree Jubilee — a night of magic, face painting, fortune telling and carousel rides at Faust Park in St. Louis County. More than 150 supporters joined in the fun, a fundraiser chaired by John and Corki Moller.

Major event sponsors were The Katy Land Trust and Shade Tree Service Company. Lisa Allen, Missouri State Forester, spoke to the guests about our long term relationship with the Missouri Department of Conservation. Eric Hadley, Director of Little Creek Nature Center in the Ferguson Florissant School District, shared moving stories about how his students have been impacted by trees — thousands of which have been supplied by Forest ReLeaf. The event raised more than \$20,000 for Forest ReLeaf's programming!

ArborMeisters

Forest ReLeaf once again hosted the popular ArborMeisters Homebrew and Craft Beer Festival on September 17, 2016 at CommuniTree Gardens Nursery!

ArborMeisters challenges homebrewers to incorporate tree ingredients into their brews and lets attendees vote on their favorites. Scott Kurtz brought home the coveted ArborMeisters trophy with his Shield Maiden Whiskey Barrel Mead featuring maple syrup and prepared using an oak barrel.

Other creative homebrews included Beer-B-Q, an applewood smoked blonde, the Bruce Sprucesteen Pale Ale with spruce tips and the Modern Sahti with juniper branches and berries. Craft brewers including Urban Chestnut, O'Fallon Brewery, Earthbound Brewing, and Granite City also joined the festivities!

Get your brews ready and mark your calendars for ArborMeisters' return on Saturday, September 23, 2017!



Pictured above: Earthbound Brewing at ArborMeisters.



Pictured left: A homebrewer pours one of their creative brews.

Weeding Happy Hour & Crawl the Grove

Embracing the Summer heat, Forest ReLeaf's Young Friends Committee has begun the tradition of hosting a Weeding Happy Hour each July! Started in 2015, the event draws over 30 young professionals from across the region to weed more than 3,000 container trees and shrubs. The workday is followed by a potluck nacho bar and socializing. Pulling weeds is a neverending task at the nursey, so not only is this event fun, it is incredibly helpful in caring for our trees!

The Young Friends Committee hosted their 5th Annual Crawl the Grove on December 10, 2016. The annual fundraiser engages over 100 attendees in a festive afternoon of learning about Forest ReLeaf and enjoying local brews. This years stops included Urban Chestnut, O'Shay's Pub, The Gramophone, and HandleBar and raised over \$3,500 for Forest ReLeaf!



Forest ReLeaf's Young Friends packed local bars for the 5th Annual Crawl the Grove!

Plant4Peace

Forest ReLeaf presented the third annual Plant4Peace in partnership with the St. Louis President of the Board of Alderman, Lewis Reed, on October 23, 2016. Plant4Peace has become an annual region-wide community tree planting for peace, understanding and unity. People from all over the region came together to plant over 500 trees on one day.

In 2016, Plant4Peace spread to New Orleans with the NOLA Tree Project planting trees on the same day, to continue reforestation efforts post Hurricane Katrina.

Plant4Peace was a part of St. Louis University's Make A Difference Day. 12 students came to Forest Park to help Forest ReLeaf staff load trees into our truck for deliveries and sort trees for pick up.

Forest ReLeaf looks forward to the continued growth of this event! Plant4Peace is scheduled for October 21-22, 2017.



Pictured above: Students volunteered as part of SLU's Make a Difference Day.

Pictured left: A tree recipient takes her tree home!

Tree City USA-40th Anniversary!

2016 marked the 40th anniversary of Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program. To commemorate this milestone, Forest ReLeaf partnered with Missouri Department of Conservation and Missouri Botanical Garden to host a special reception on September 12.

Garden president, Peter Wyse-Jackson, welcomed the Tree City participants and Dan Lambe, president of Arbor Day Foundation, provided a keynote address to attendees, congratulating each on their participation in the program. Guests then enjoyed a special reception at Missouri Botanical Garden's Ridgeway Center, as well as tours of the Garden led by urban foresters.



Pictured above: Arbor Day Foundation President Dan Lambe with Forest ReLeaf's Executive Director, Donna Coble.

Pictured right: Webster Groves celebrates 33 years as a Tree City.

Plant MOre Trees: Vision 20/20

Under the direction of Missouri Community Forestry Council's communications committee, Community Forester Tom Ebeling is spreading the word about Vision 20/20 and the Plant MOre Trees app to local municipalities and tree planting organizations. The goals for this initiative tool are to provide a means for the general public to engage in urban forestry efforts, to accurately record the locations of trees that are planted and to show the ecological and monetary value of the trees that are being planted.

The Plant MOre Trees app, is a user friendly, GIS-based tree plotting tool that provides the general public, as well as non-profit and private entities, with a means to record where and when they plant a tree. Not only does the tool allow an individual to record the location of a tree, but it also asks for information such as species, size, and the type of nursery stock. This information will be crucial for evaluating the success of planting projects. The tool also provides several calculations pertaining to ecosystem services provided by the trees, including the amount of energy savings obtained or the carbon sequestered.

The app is funded by a TRIM grant from the Missouri Department of Conservation and was developed by Plan-it Geo. Plant MOre Trees is accessible from any web-capable device at <http://pg-cloud.com/PlantMOreTrees.org/>





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In 2017, Forest ReLeaf will distribute our
200,000th tree
since our inception in 1993!



ARBORMEISTERS

HOME BREW + CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL RETURNS ON
SEPTEMBER 23 AT COMMUNITREE GARDENS NURSERY!

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT MORELEAF.ORG



Private Surveillance Camera Owners

For those residents of Tower Grove Heights(Tower Grove South) who own surveillance cameras and wish to supply the St Louis Metropolitan Police Department with any footage/access, please email the following Detective Sergeants with your email to include address, telephone number and location of hardware.

This is **completely** voluntary. We appreciate any assistance from citizens at anytime.

Det. Sgt. John Winter
JFWinter@SLMPD.ORG

Det. Sgt. Karen Menendez
KAMenendez@SLMPD.ORG

Part I Crime for "March" Coding Month

Tower Grove South | District - 2

Years: 2017 & 2018

	Total Coded In Mar 2017	-- Coded Thru Mar 26 M-T-D --				Total thru Mar 2017	----- Coded Thru Mar 26 Y-T-D -----			
	2017	2017	2018	Chg.	% Chg.	2017	2017	2018	Chg	% Chg.
Total Homicide	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	2	1	100.0 %
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	2	1	100.0 %
Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
# Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Total Rape	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
Forced Rape	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
Attempted Rape	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Total Robbery	3	2	2	0	0.0 %	17	16	11	-5	-31.3 %
Highway	1	0	1	1	NA	12	11	5	-6	-54.5 %
Business	2	2	1	-1	-50.0 %	5	5	3	-2	-40.0 %
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
* Weapon	3	2	1	-1	-50.0 %	15	14	7	-7	-50.0 %
* No Weapon	0	0	1	1	NA	2	2	4	2	100.0 %
Carjacking	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	3	3	NA
Total Aggr. Assault	3	2	3	1	50.0 %	15	14	16	2	14.3 %
Firearm	1	0	0	0	0.0 %	3	2	2	0	0.0 %
Knife	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	5	5	1	-4	-80.0 %
Other	2	2	3	1	50.0 %	6	6	12	6	100.0 %
Hand/Fist/Feet	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	1	0	0.0 %
# Simple Assault	7	6	8	2	33.3 %	23	22	21	-1	-4.5 %
TOTAL PERSON CRIME	6	4	5	1	25.0 %	34	32	29	-3	-9.4 %
Total Burglary	7	4	3	-1	-25.0 %	21	18	14	-4	-22.2 %
Residence - Day	3	2	0	-2	-100.0 %	9	8	5	-3	-37.5 %
Residence - Night	0	0	3	3	NA	1	1	7	6	600.0 %
Residence - Time Unknown	3	2	0	-2	-100.0 %	7	6	1	-5	-83.3 %
Business - Day	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
Business - Night	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
Business - Time Unknown	1	0	0	0	0.0 %	2	1	1	0	0.0 %
Other - Day	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other - Night	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other - Time Unknown	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
* Force	6	3	0	-3	-100.0 %	13	10	3	-7	-70.0 %
* No Force	1	1	2	1	100.0 %	7	7	9	2	28.6 %
* Attempt	0	0	1	1	NA	1	1	2	1	100.0 %
Total Larceny	30	19	24	5	26.3 %	94	83	68	-15	-18.1 %
Pickpocket	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Purse Snatch	1	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	0	0	0	0.0 %
Shoplift	5	3	3	0	0.0 %	17	15	9	-6	-40.0 %
From Motor Vehicle	7	5	9	4	80.0 %	22	20	15	-5	-25.0 %
Motor Vehicle Parts	9	7	5	-2	-28.6 %	25	23	26	3	13.0 %
Bicycles	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	1	1	0	0.0 %
From Buildings	6	4	4	0	0.0 %	17	15	10	-5	-33.3 %
From Coin Operated	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
Other	2	0	3	3	NA	11	9	7	-2	-22.2 %
* Attempt	0	0	1	1	NA	5	5	1	-4	-80.0 %
Total Vehicle Theft	5	3	0	-3	-100.0 %	19	17	10	-7	-41.2 %
Auto	2	0	0	0	0.0 %	15	13	10	-3	-23.1 %
Truck/Bus	2	2	0	-2	-100.0 %	3	3	0	-3	-100.0 %
Motorcycle/Other	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %	1	1	0	-1	-100.0 %
* Attempt	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	0	0	1	1	NA
* Joy Ride	3	2	0	-2	-100.0 %	5	4	2	-2	-50.0 %
Total Arson	1	0	0	0	0.0 %	1	0	1	1	NA
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME	43	26	27	1	3.8 %	135	118	93	-25	-21.2 %
TOTAL CRIME	49	30	32	2	6.7 %	169	150	122	-28	-18.7 %

* - These counts were included in a previous line.

- These entries are not reflected in any group totals.

VOTE: Data collection for Carjackings began in January, 2018.

CITY OF ST. LOUIS ASH TREES UNDER ATTACK

Many St. Louis City streets are lined with a mixture of tree canopies, but the ash tree is the most common. There are 15,000+ ash trees (17%) along city streets and in parks. While some streets have few ash trees, others are lined with them. Sadly, an insect is starting to kill our ash trees and this will have a tremendous impact on our streets and neighborhoods. The City of St. Louis Forestry Division is proactively acting now before stopping the insect becomes much more difficult, dangerous and costly.

INVASIVE PEST

A small green exotic wood-boring pest known as the emerald ash borer (EAB) is invading our ash trees. They have been killing ash trees in the U.S. since 2002 and now are in St. Louis. EABs are primarily transported by infested firewood moved from city to city. They burrow into ash trees and damage their veins, cutting off their water supply.



REPLANTING

Forest ReLeaf of Missouri is working with the City Forestry Division to replace ash trees that have been removed, replanting 40 different species of trees in their place.



TREATMENT

Many of the healthy large publicly-owned ash trees will be injected every two years with an organic botanical treatment to prevent the EAB from invading them.



REMOVAL

Declining ash trees will be removed before they become a public safety hazard. Dry brittle ash trees can topple over and damage people or property. In the coming weeks and months, you may see bright yellow tags on ash trees that must be removed. Questions or want to learn more? Call 314-613-7200 or visit www.stlouis-mo.gov/ash-borer

YOU CAN HELP!

We would love to have you help Forest ReLeaf replant trees. Interested or want to be kept up-to-date on the project? Sign up at www.moreleaf.org/ashreleaf. Thanks!



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Fighting Emerald Ash Borer in St. Louis

The City of St. Louis began preparing for an Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation in 2008, when the pest was first discovered in the state of Missouri. The first step that the city took was to update the tree inventory. The study revealed that there are approximately 15,000 Ash trees along the streets and in the parks of St. Louis. At 17% of the total trees maintained by the city, Ash is the most common species along city right-of-ways. The city has not planted any species of Ash since 2008, and prioritized the removal of Ash trees that were known to be in poor condition. Despite best efforts, Ameren utility workers discovered EAB in St. Louis on May 16, 2015.

Since that time, the City has enacted a 5-year action plan that includes removal, retention and replanting with a goal of zero net canopy loss. In May of this year contractors began removals in ward 1, which is the area surrounding the original infestation. Crews will work to remove about 2,600 trees every year for the next five years.

The City of St. Louis does not intend, however, to remove every ash tree in the city. Those ash trees that are 13 inches DBH or greater and in good or better condition will be treated by injecting the trunks with a botanical pesticide. The chemical is called TreeAzin and is produced by BioForest Technologies, Inc. in Canada. The active ingredient in TreeAzin is azadirachtin, which is extracted from neem tree seeds. Because it is a botanical compound, TreeAzin will degrade quickly in soil and runoff, minimizing the environmental impact. The compound is also safe to inject in high use public areas. Because all untreated ash trees will die, TreeAzin must be injected every two years to ensure the survival of the tree. In total, the St. Louis will retain about 1,200 ash trees that are seen as too valuable to remove (about 7% of the current ash population).

In order to replant the voids created by the extensive removal operation, the City of St. Louis will be partnering with Forest ReLeaf of Missouri (FRM), a nonprofit nursery that grows native species of trees and shrubs for planting in public spaces. Forest ReLeaf will donate a variety of 15-gallon trees, as well as help coordinate the planting of those trees. The trees will be selected from a list of approximately 40 native species that are tolerant of urban conditions and suitable for street tree plantings. Ideally, every ash tree that is removed will have a new acceptable native planted in its place, resulting in a zero net loss of canopy. Forest ReLeaf will plant 1,200 trees in ward 1 alone by the end of the year. With help from the City Forestry, community organizers, elected officials and countless volunteers, FRM will work throughout St. Louis to reforest areas devastated by EAB.

Forest ReLeaf is also conducting an extensive public relations campaign to educate the members of the communities most affected by the removal of ash trees. In many neighborhoods throughout St. Louis, most or all of the mature trees will be lost to this pest. It is important that the residents understand what has happened to the trees and what is being done to recover the loss. FRM is accomplishing this by exhibiting at community events, distributing informational flyers, reaching out to known neighborhood organizers and educating the young people of the City. Because FRM has access to elementary and middle school audiences through our educational programs, our goal is to inform the children of these neighborhoods in the hopes that they will carry the information back to their parents and grandparents and subsequently get involved in the planting efforts. These outreach methods will help ensure that individuals are well informed about the ongoing battle to maintain our urban forest in St. Louis.

To Read the City's action plan, please visit www.stlouis-mo.gov/ash-borer

Information on Forest ReLeaf's ash tree replanting efforts can be found at www.moreleaf.org/ashborer



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“Nature is not
a place to visit.
It is home.”

-Gary Snyder

Forest ReLeaf
OF MISSOURI

20 YEARS &
GROWING

Planting trees.
Enriching communities.

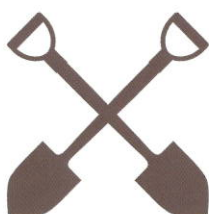


Thank YOU for an Impressive 2016!



13,701

Total Trees
Distributed



221

Total Tree
Planting
Projects



45

Native
Missouri
Species Grown



18,000

Seedlings
Potted

What do 13,701 Trees Mean for Me?



2.1 Million
in ecological benefits



657,645 lbs
of carbon absorbed
per year



19 Million
gallons of stormwater
captured per year



3.6 Million
pounds of oxygen
produced per year

Our Staff



Donna Coble
Executive Director



Scott Francis
Forestry Programs
Manager



Amy Klein
Development &
Marketing Manager



Tom Ebeling
Community Forester

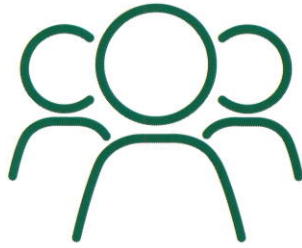


Liana Kopp
Volunteer Programs
Coordinator

Forest ReLeaf is Fueled by Volunteers!



7,000+
Volunteer
Hours Donated



400+
Volunteers

34 volunteers
worked over **50**
hours & **22**
worked over **100**
hours. Our top **5**
volunteers alone
donated over
1,800 hours!



400+ Hours
Tom Nagle

300+ Hours
Jim Flynn
Alfred Strout
Malcolm Royle

200 + Hours
John Bohney
Dave Durham
Frank Dvorak
Kay LaBanca
Ned Siegel

100+ Hours
Frank Breitenstein

Eric Buehler
Cheri Champagne
Larry Doyle
Valerie Geile
Keith Gentry
Mike Hey
Steve McCarthy
Vaughn Meister
Stewart Pagenstecher
Lee Phillion
Connie Reeves
Mike Spiegel

Become a Volunteer at moreleaf.org/volunteer



Volunteer Spotlight

Larry Doyle

Larry Doyle began volunteering with Forest ReLeaf in 2008 during a time of change in his life. He had just been remarried after being widowed and had moved from his home of 25 years in Spanish Lake to his current home in St. Paul. It was during that time that his best friend Ken Olsen, with whom he had taught for over 25 years, asked Larry to start volunteering at Forest ReLeaf with him.

His first introduction to Forest ReLeaf was potting redbud trees in 3 gallon pots in the near freezing drizzle. At that time there were only 8-10 volunteers and all of the pots were moved around the nursery in hand carts rather than the gators we have today. Despite the less than ideal weather, being with his friend meant that he still had a good time. The other volunteers continue to be what keeps Larry coming back.

"As I thought about what to say for this bio, I realized that it has been the people of Forest ReLeaf that have kept me coming back for all these years. I've gotten to know something about their families, listened to worries about college choices and majors. I've followed the romances and weddings of the co-volunteer's kids. The work of getting trees and shrubs big and healthy for their eventual planting is important but I wouldn't have come back every year if the other volunteers were less than pleasant."



Larry & his best friend Ken Olsen working at CommuniTree Gardens Nursery

CommuniTree Gardens Nursery



Volunteers Mike Hey, Vaughn Meister, Kay LaBanca, Keith Gentry & Frank Breitenstein hard at work at the nursery

CommuniTree Gardens Continues to Grow!



Thanks to our fleet of dedicated volunteers and our staff, CommuniTree Gardens continues to flourish. The nursery is home to approximately 20,000 trees that will be given away for free through our Project CommuniTree or Priority ReLeaf programs or sold for private land through our ReLeaf Sales program.

Free trees are available each Spring & Fall for planting on public and nonprofit land. Apply at moreleaf.org/plant



At the nursery in 2016, we:

- Completed our expansion area for 7-gallon trees
- Completely reorganized our shop area
- Added 15 trees and shrubs to the arboretum at the nursery
- Hosted 11 potting days for outside groups
- Added grow zone Z14 for staging tree orders & housing overflow trees
- Hosted 12 nursery tours for outside groups & the general public
- Added a new shed salvaged from St. Louis County Parks
- Began site preparation for a prairie restoration project & a pollinator garden
- Received 7,071 volunteer hours from regular nursery volunteers

Forest ReLeaf hosted several companies & organizations including:

Bank of America
Cardinal Investment Group
Commerce Bank
Edward Jones
Enterprise Holdings
Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri
Missouri Community Forestry Council

Israel Chemical Limited (ICL)
Missouri Master Naturalists
St. Louis County Division of Youth Services
St. Louis Garden Club
True Manufacturing
Washington University

Forest ReLeaf participated in 97 outreach activities in 2016 including:

- 18 events & conferences
- 16 classes taught
- 13 nursery tours
- 10 hands-on events
- 7 staff presentations
- 4 media contacts



Project CommuniTree 2016



5,544

Free Trees
Distributed
in 2016



123

Planting
Projects



122,349

Free Trees
Distributed
To Date



400

Free Trees
Distributed
in Illinois

320



Free Trees
Distributed in
Kansas



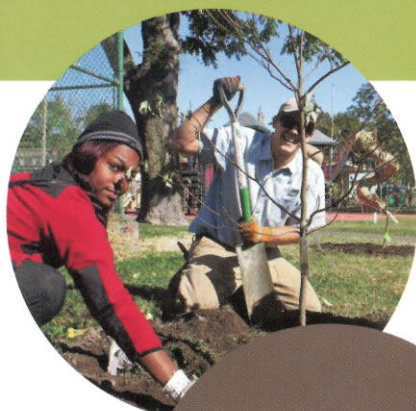
*Volunteers gather after a planting project in Lucier Park,
supported by The Whitaker Foundation!*



St. Louis Ash ReLeaf



Volunteers and residents came together to plant trees where ash trees once stood in Ward 1 of St. Louis City.



Priority ReLeaf provides larger trees for free for underserved & disaster-affected areas.

Thanks to generous funding from the Mysun Charitable Foundation and National Fish & Wildlife Foundation/ Wells Fargo, Forest ReLeaf developed and launched a coordinated replanting model designed to get neighbors involved with replacing trees that had to be removed as a result of the emerald ash borer infestation in St. Louis.

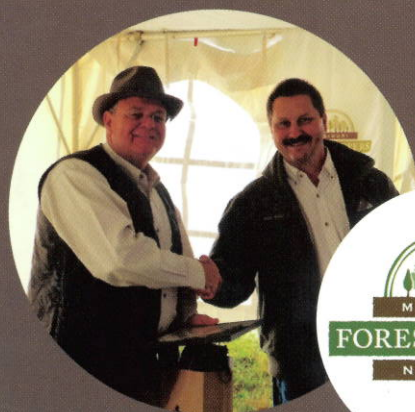
Last fall, 1,200 trees were planted in Ward 1, one of the hardest hit areas in the City of St. Louis. Four volunteer planting events – complete with donuts, hot chocolate, hotdogs and other goodies – were held in the Penrose, Kingsway East, Kingsway West and Mark Twain neighborhoods. Significant advance work went into promoting each event to encourage participation, including coordination with Alderwoman Tyus, Neighborhood Improvement Specialists and other local leaders. And we could not have done this without our friends at St. Louis Forestry!

ReLeaf Sales

Forest ReLeaf's ReLeaf Sales program offers trees to private landowners at a discounted cost. In 2016, Forest ReLeaf sold 663 trees for 48 different planting projects!

Trees sold help offset the cost of our tree giveaway programs, making your purchase even more impactful!

Missouri Forestkeepers Network



For many years Forest ReLeaf has administered the statewide Missouri Forestkeepers Network through a cooperative agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation. In 2016, this free program comprised 2,698 members. These volunteers survey tree health and reported on many activities associated with their forests and woodlands.

Last fall's annual Forestkeepers Conference was held in conjunction with the Chestnut Roast in New Franklin. Fifty Forestkeepers enjoyed the festivities and also provided valuable input for a "focus group" assessing the level of satisfaction with the program. Results showed that over 50% of Forestkeepers own more than 40 acres of land and that there is significant interest in attending field days and workshops sponsored by the Network. 93% of Forestkeepers participate in the program to learn more about how best to care for their trees and forests. Enhancements to the program are being planned to respond to Forestkeeper suggestions.

Brian Schweiss of the Missouri Department of Conservation congratulates Ralph Heck for Excellence in Mast Surveying!

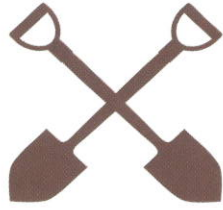
Become a Forestkeeper at forestkeepers.org

Priority ReLeaf 2016



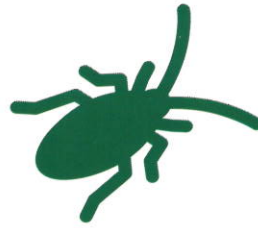
5,514

Total Trees
Distributed



98

Total Tree
Planting
Projects



1,200

Trees Planted
to Replace
Ash Trees



8,500

Trees Donated
to Joplin
since 2011



Erin and Terrence enjoy learning to plant trees in the Mark Twain neighborhood of St. Louis City.

\$1-\$99

4 Hands Brewing Company
AmazonSmile
Renee' Benage
Diane Berry
John & Cheryl Bohney
Bill Borger
Patrick Bousquet
Kathryn Bowers
Mary Bray
Ken Buchholz
Mark & Sharon Cherry
Donna Coble
Laura Cohen
Thomas & Eloise Cohoon
Thomas & Rosemary Coover
Linda Dahlgren
Sue Dellbringge
James Devereaux
Larry & Judith Dew
Doug Dick
Aaron Dohogne
Kathleen Dolson
Diane & Bob Droegge
Elizabeth Fathman
Thomas Fortenberry
Cindy Garner
Marguerite Garrick
Justine Gartner
Ann & Barry Gleeson
Granite City Food & Brewery
Grantwood Village Tree Board
Joan Gray
Ben & Suzanne Grossman
Eric Hadley
Nancy Hartman
Greg & Valerie Hayes
David Heppermann
Lesley Hoffarth
June Hutson
Aaron Imm
John & Lois Johnson
Donald Kalicak
Pamela Kelley
Angela Kelly
Mindy Keyser
James & Pat Koepfer
Linda Kram
Heather & Shawn Land
Susan Leahy
Karen Leonard
JoAnne Levy
Leslie Lewis
Doris Lillicrap
Living Land & Waters
Maurice & Ernesta Lonsway
Steve Lovell
Kellie Marciulonis
Sarah Martin
Steve & Jane McCarthy
Catherine McClellan
John & Norma McGuirk
Mary Mierkowski
Maxine Mirowitz
Vicki Misloski
Sandra Morris
Joan Murphy
Jen Myerscough
Ken Olsen
Kathy O'Neill
Melvin & Joan Ott

Tom Ott
Michael Padella
Stewart Pagenstecher
Deborah Palmer
Sarah Paradowski
Bryan Pearl
Anita & Gene Peetz
Bryan & Joan Peetz
Meridith Perkins
Patricia Perry
Jean Ponzi
Jason Redman
Bill & Connie Reeves
Bill Reininger
Claudia Rhodes
Susan Rick
Elizabeth Roberts
Kimberly Rodriguez
Kelly & Allen Roehrig
Barbara Rossbach
Joan Rothrock
Bob Ruck
Kim Rutledge
Margie Sandheinrich
Caroline Sant
Dale Scheman
Leslie Scheuler
Mike Schmidt
Cindy Schwartz
Anne Schweitzer
Hugh Share
Mary & David Sherfy
Beth Skelton
Barbara Smith
Gaby Smith
Bob Snyders
William Spradley
Deborah Stopsky
Dan & Lisa Stuart
Three Kings Pub
Liz Tillman
Evelyn Tullios
Linda Vawter
Kristen VonGruben
Barbara Voss
Dennis Walsh
Peggy Walsh
Michael Walsh
Tessa Wasserman
Dawn Weber
Lauren Welker
Bill Weyland
Tuell & Marilyn White
Don White
Ray Wiesehan
Edmund Wilkinson
Rebecca Wilson
Doug & Anne Wolter
David Woltz
Steve Wulff
Isaac & Marilyn Young
Rita Zeitz
Lisa Zoia
Stephen Zwolak

\$100-\$249

John & Ann Bieller
Bob & Linda Brandewiede
Larry & Joanie Branson
Frank Breitenstein
Virginia Busch
Julie & David Catron

Matt Chapman
Anthony & Diane Cutaia
Cathy deJong
Lawton P. Drury
James Ebeling
Ken & Dorothy Edscorn
Ann Eggebrecht
Jeremy Fandrich
Forest Park Golf Course
Deborah Frank
Friends of the Zoo
Justin Fujarski
Dave & Valerie Geile
Joan Gettemeyer
Mary Lou Green
Meggan Hargrave
Judith Harmon
James Harris
David Heppermann
Herbert Huebner
Kenneth Johnson
Georgia Johnston
Skip Kincaid
Janet Kourik
Stephanie Kreis
Mark Lacey
Mignon LaMar
Susan Lammert
Robert & Peggy Lee
Martha & Alan Lemley
Richard & Rebecca Luer
Joy Marcus
Beth Skelton
Bruce McGregor
Sandra Morris
Michael Olenjack
Petersburg Tree Committee
Ryia Ross Peterson
GW & SB Philpott
Grant Purkey
Linda Riekes
Lisa Riojas
Christine Rogers
Norma Schechter
Schlafly Saint Louis Brewery
Mary Ann Shaw
Ned Siegel
Still 630 - St Louis Distillery
Robert Stuart
Jesse Stuart
Thomson Reuters My
Community Program
Kristin Tunis
Vinyl Images
Sheila Voss
Barbara Washington
Cori & Al Westcott
Bud & Peggy Wilson
Karla Wilson

\$250-\$449

Susan Block
Carol Brownson
Jeff & Chris Comotto
Shawn Cornell
Andy Cross
Droegge Tree Care, Inc.
Ann Earley
Elizabeth Fathman
Gateway Circulation Services
Go Ape Treetop Adventure
Rob Hibbard

Ayesha Iqbal
Richard Lesage
Cindy & John Lewis
LIVE Nation
Lohr Distributing Company
Mainline Group Architecture
Mason Ridge Garden Club
Vaughn Meister
Mary Neal
Michael Nolfo
Jeanne Ortega
Tom Ott
Rick Schenk
Wendy Schlesinger
David Slane
St. Peters Cemetery
John & Denise Workman

\$500-\$999

Mark Banaszak
John & Therese Bezdichek
Bioforest
Dave Brewer
Eve Cooney
Rob & Sue Dreyer
Edward Jones
Larry & Linda Krumrey
Landesign
Cindy Lewis
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Monsanto Fund
Linda Pallmann
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Vickie & Ken Ressler
Elise Schweitzer
Michael Spiegel
St. Louis County Parks Dept.
Katrina Stierholz
Alfred & Kathleen Strout
Webster Groves Women's
Garden Association
Williams, Venker & Sanders
Law Firm

\$1,000-\$4,999

Bellefontaine Cemetery
John & Therese Bezdichek
Eugene Brunk
Dan & Connie Burkhardt
Tom & Joni Byrne
Mary Carmody
Carol Eder
Christopher Erker
Franciscan Sisters of Mary
Patrick Geraty
Tiffany Gibbs
Rob Hibbard
John & Corki Moller
Lee & Dennis Phillion
MaryKay Schumacher
Gordon Schweitzer, III
Shade Tree Service Company
Mary & David Sherfy
Sleeve a Message
Michael Spiegel
St. Louis Composting Inc.
Vinyl Images
Sheila Voss
Maria Wilmas

\$5,000-\$9,999

Anonymous
John & Catherine Milton

\$10,000+

Treecycler

Corporate Matching

Ameren Corporation Charitable Trust
Benevity Community Impact Fund
Boeing Company's Gift Match Program

Foundation & Corporate Funding

Ameren Corporation Charitable Trust
Boeing ECF
Commerce Bancshares Foundation
Edward Chase Garvey Memorial Foundation
Emerson Charitable Trust
E Reuben & Gladys Flora Grant
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Missouri American Water
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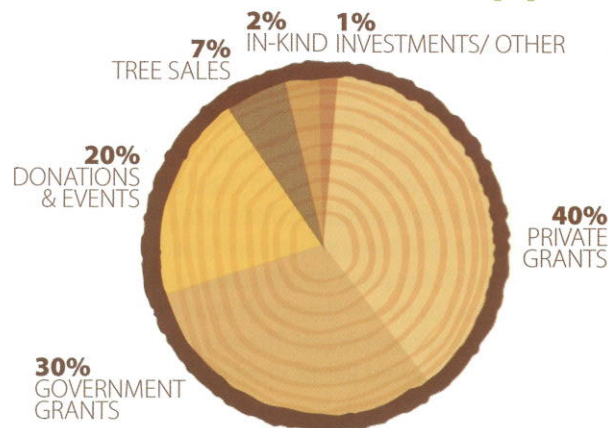
Missouri Department of Conservation

In Kind Donations

4 Hands Brewing Company	Old Bakery Beer Company
Amy Avery	Tom Ott
Elizabeth Bertram	Perennial Artisan Ales
John & Therese Bezdichek	Huck Roberts
Dan & Connie Burkhardt	Schlaflly - The St. Louis Brewery
Cane's Chicken Fingers	Wendy Schlesinger
Robert Charity	Mike Schmidt
Coopers Hawk	Elise Schweitzer
Chandler Hill	Gordon Schweitzer
Shawn Cornell	Bob Snyders
Andy Cross	Mike Spiegel
Larry & Elaine Doyle	Still 630
Rob & Sue Dreyer	St. Louis Earth Day
Frank Dvorak	Urban Chestnut
Lawton P. Drury	Brewing Company
Earthbound Beer	Vinyl Images
Carol Eder	Waterway Gas & Wash
Edg-Clif Winery	Williams, Venker & Sanders Law Firm
Forest Park Golf Course	Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center
Go Ape Treetop Adventure	
Granite City Food & Brewery	
LIVE Nation	
Lohr Distributing Company	
Yvette Luedde	
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O'Fallon Brewery	

Financials

2016 Revenue & Support



Revenue & Support

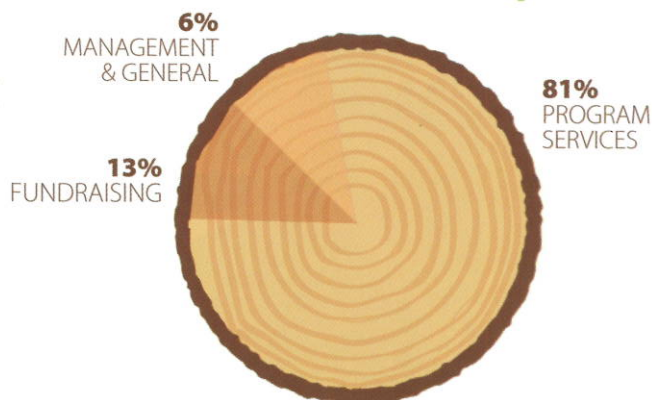
	\$
Government Grants	206,000
Private Grants	281,920
Donations & Events	137,037
In-Kind	17,236
Tree Sales	47,361
Investments/Other	6,687
Total	696,241



Source:

Devereaux & Company Independent Auditor's Report dated May 4, 2017. Forest ReLeaf of Missouri meets all charity standards of the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance.

2016 Functional Expenses



Expenses

	\$
Management & General	42,611
Program Services	535,449
Fundraising	84,780
Total	662,840
Net Assets at Start of Year	213,532
Net Assets at End of Year	246,933
Change in Net Assets	33,401

Program Services Breakdown



Gift of Trees

In Celebration:

Ann Eggebrecht
Terry Allen
Ivy Jane Arlette Pruessner
Ellie June Rose Pruesner
Penelope Beaché
Jesse Stuart
Thomas Fortenberry
Mark Lacey
Dan and Lisa Stuart
Lauren Welker
Don White
Lauren Welker
Linda Grant
William Grant

Kathlena
Nicole Higginbotham
Steve & Debra Bruce
Katie Militello
Kenneth C. Olsen
Dave Olsen
Kenneth Olsen
Jennifer & Alan Polniak
Aamantha Kleekamp
Michael Ramsey
Kim Rutledge
Elizabeth Wolkoff
Barbara & Bill Wolkoff

In Honor:

Rob Hibbard
Christine Cavallini
Jesse Stuart
Jeremy Fandrich
Jason Redman
Wendy Schlesinger
Catherine Jeltis
Eric Jeltis
Karen Malkin
Karen Malkin
Robert Charity
Mary Neal
Sara Norris
William Norris

In Memory:

Amos Beinke
Lynn Beinke
Noah Wehnes
Frank Breitenstein
Glory Wolfram
Kathie & Calvin Brennan
Gwen Rogers
Tom
Willie Stepney's Mother
Devereux & Company
Regis Voss
Jill Essner
Augustin Mahfood
Stacey Elster

John Lillicrap
Doris Lillicrap
Mike Russo
Paul & Suzanne Nauert
Austin Buttry
Robert Johnson
Stricklen & Dreyer



CommuniTree Jubilee



Pictured above: Friends enjoy the festivities at CommuniTree Jubilee.



Pictured right: Board Member Sheila Voss paints Board Member David Dresner's Face.

On June 3, 2016 Forest ReLeaf hosted its CommuniTree Jubilee — a night of magic, face painting, fortune telling and carousel rides at Faust Park in St. Louis County. More than 150 supporters joined in the fun, a fundraiser chaired by John and Corki Moller.

Major event sponsors were The Katy Land Trust and Shade Tree Service Company. Lisa Allen, Missouri State Forester, spoke to the guests about our long term relationship with the Missouri Department of Conservation. Eric Hadley, Director of Little Creek Nature Center in the Ferguson Florissant School District, shared moving stories about how his students have been impacted by trees — thousands of which have been supplied by Forest ReLeaf. The event raised more than \$20,000 for Forest ReLeaf's programming!

ArborMeisters

Forest ReLeaf once again hosted the popular ArborMeisters Homebrew and Craft Beer Festival on September 17, 2016 at CommuniTree Gardens Nursery!

ArborMeisters challenges homebrewers to incorporate tree ingredients into their brews and lets attendees vote on their favorites. Scott Kurtz brought home the coveted ArborMeisters trophy with his Shield Maiden Whiskey Barrel Mead featuring maple syrup and prepared using an oak barrel.

Other creative homebrews included Beer-B-Q, an applewood smoked blonde, the Bruce Sprucesteen Pale Ale with spruce tips and the Modern Sahti with juniper branches and berries. Craft brewers including Urban Chestnut, O'Fallon Brewery, Earthbound Brewing, and Granite City also joined the festivities!

Get your brews ready and mark your calendars for ArborMeisters' return on Saturday, September 23, 2017!



Pictured above: Earthbound Brewing at ArborMeisters.



Pictured left: A homebrewer pours one of their creative brews.

Weeding Happy Hour & Crawl the Grove

Embracing the Summer heat, Forest ReLeaf's Young Friends Committee has begun the tradition of hosting a Weeding Happy Hour each July! Started in 2015, the event draws over 30 young professionals from across the region to weed more than 3,000 container trees and shrubs. The workday is followed by a potluck nacho bar and socializing. Pulling weeds is a neverending task at the nursey, so not only is this event fun, it is incredibly helpful in caring for our trees!

The Young Friends Committee hosted their 5th Annual Crawl the Grove on December 10, 2016. The annual fundraiser engages over 100 attendees in a festive afternoon of learning about Forest ReLeaf and enjoying local brews. This years stops included Urban Chestnut, O'Shay's Pub, The Gramophone, and HandleBar and raised over \$3,500 for Forest ReLeaf!



Forest ReLeaf's Young Friends packed local bars for the 5th Annual Crawl the Grove!

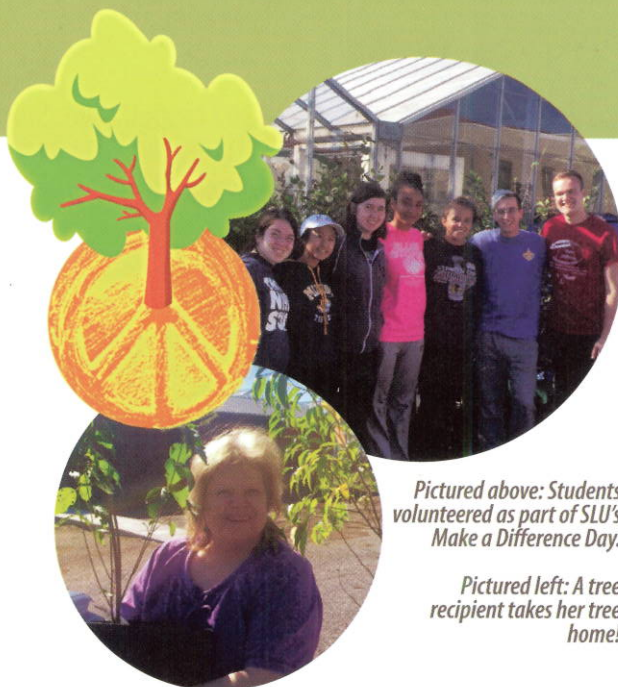
Plant4Peace

Forest ReLeaf presented the third annual Plant4Peace in partnership with the St. Louis President of the Board of Alderman, Lewis Reed, on October 23, 2016. Plant4Peace has become an annual region-wide community tree planting for peace, understanding and unity. People from all over the region came together to plant over 500 trees on one day.

In 2016, Plant4Peace spread to New Orleans with the NOLA Tree Project planting trees on the same day, to continue reforestation efforts post Hurricane Katrina.

Plant4Peace was a part of St. Louis University's Make A Difference Day. 12 students came to Forest Park to help Forest ReLeaf staff load trees into our truck for deliveries and sort trees for pick up.

Forest ReLeaf looks forward to the continued growth of this event! Plant4Peace is scheduled for October 21-22, 2017.



Pictured above: Students volunteered as part of SLU's Make a Difference Day.

Pictured left: A tree recipient takes her tree home!

Tree City USA-40th Anniversary!

2016 marked the 40th anniversary of Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program. To commemorate this milestone, Forest ReLeaf partnered with Missouri Department of Conservation and Missouri Botanical Garden to host a special reception on September 12.

Garden president, Peter Wyse-Jackson, welcomed the Tree City participants and Dan Lambe, president of Arbor Day Foundation, provided a keynote address to attendees, congratulating each on their participation in the program. Guests then enjoyed a special reception at Missouri Botanical Garden's Ridgeway Center, as well as tours of the Garden led by urban foresters.



Pictured above: Arbor Day Foundation President Dan Lambe with Forest ReLeaf's Executive Director, Donna Coble.

Pictured right: Webster Groves celebrates 33 years as a Tree City.

Plant MOre Trees: Vision 20/20

Under the direction of Missouri Community Forestry Council's communications committee, Community Forester Tom Ebeling is spreading the word about Vision 20/20 and the Plant MOre Trees app to local municipalities and tree planting organizations. The goals for this initiative tool are to provide a means for the general public to engage in urban forestry efforts, to accurately record the locations of trees that are planted and to show the ecological and monetary value of the trees that are being planted.

The Plant MOre Trees app, is a user friendly, GIS-based tree plotting tool that provides the general public, as well as non-profit and private entities, with a means to record where and when they plant a tree. Not only does the tool allow an individual to record the location of a tree, but it also asks for information such as species, size, and the type of nursery stock. This information will be crucial for evaluating the success of planting projects. The tool also provides several calculations pertaining to ecosystem services provided by the trees, including the amount of energy savings obtained or the carbon sequestered.

The app is funded by a TRIM grant from the Missouri Department of Conservation and was developed by Plan-it Geo. Plant MOre Trees is accessible from any web-capable device at <http://pg-cloud.com/PlantMOreTrees.org/>





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In 2017, Forest ReLeaf will distribute our
200,000th tree
since our inception in 1993!



ARBORMEISTERS

HOME BREW + CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL RETURNS ON
SEPTEMBER 23 AT COMMUNITREE GARDENS NURSERY!

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT MORELEAF.ORG

