
SAVE OUR ELMS

2007-2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Great Need for New Board Members and Committee Members



SAVE OUR ELMS needs you now!

Like the elms trees in Ladd's Addition, SAVE OUR ELMS needs an injection of energetic people to help us continue our programs. Attend the Annual Membership Meeting on June 28th and volunteer your services on one of the following committees:

- ▶ **Street Tree Programs** (Planting, Pruning, Inoculation) **Toby Deming**, planting@saveourems.org
- ▶ **Community Events** (Home Tour, Education Programs, Summer Social) **Jill Gifford**, hometour@saveourems.org, 503-232-7392.
- ▶ **Fund Raising/Membership** (Grant Writing, Fund Raising, Membership/Volunteer) **Dave Kaplan**, membership@saveourems.org, 503-232-2559
- ▶ **Communications/Marketing** (Newsletter, Publications, Ads, Internet/Website) **Karen Farley**, webmaster@saveourems.org, 503-236-9848
- ▶ **SOE Affiliates** (Establish and assist Affiliate Groups to protect major groves of American elms throughout the City) **Richard Ross**, affiliates@saveourems.org, 503-235-8194

Why should you get involved? Take a walk up Ladd or Elliott Avenues from the Circle toward Hawthorne and imagine every elm tree gone. Now take away the replacement trees. That waste land could have been your view today but it isn't. Why?

When Dutch Elm disease claimed its first Ladd's Addition elm in 1990 neighbors knew they had to do something or the entire grove of 270 trees would be lost. A core group of motivated individuals developed a plan for limiting the spread of the disease and recruited a group of volunteers to put that plan into action. Enthusiasm and group effort over came the initial lack of resources. People stepped out of their comfort zone, walked from house to house knocking on doors. They introduced themselves to their neighbors and explained the problem, the goals and not only asked for donations of money, but of time and expertise as well.

Neighbors helping their neighborhood, that's one of the core ideas behind SAVE OUR ELMS. Help us maintain Ladd's Addition as an urban oasis, with its central circle, beautiful gardens and mature trees. The current board is knocking on your door and asking you to serve. SAVE OUR ELMS cannot continue if you don't. We are not asking for a lot of time just a little bit here and there, by each one of us. If you are interested in joining the Board or a committee contact, **Toby Deming**, info@saveourems.org, 503-236-0620.

Calendar of SOE Events in 2008

SOE Annual Membership Meeting & Election of Officers
June 28, 2008 8:00AM
(prior to inoculations)
Palio's Elm Room

Elm Inoculations
June 28, 2008 8:30AM
Palio's Elm Room

Fund Raising Drive
May 15, 2008

Ladd's Addition Fall Historic Home Tour
September 20, 2008
Pruning Street Trees
Fall/Winter, 2008

A Note from the Treasurer

Individual donors were a tremendous help in 2007 as SAVE OUR ELMS met the challenges of defending the elm grove against Dutch Elm Disease. Individual and corporate donors provided more than \$11,310 to buy inoculant and tree stock for the neighborhood. The Home Tour brought in \$2,785 and interest an additional \$112. Thanks to everyone!

Expenses were slightly higher than revenues in 2007 and we covered the \$815 shortfall from reserves. We spent \$12,340 on inoculant. The price for fungicide was higher in 2007 than in previous years, but future years should see some relief in pricing. Like prescription medications, the fungicide formulas have aged off of their patents and this has brought more competition to the market. Lower prices for inoculant are expected in the coming years. The new trees planted in 2007 around the neighborhood cost \$1,166 and the administrative and fund raising overhead costs were \$1,505. The overhead figure is actually over-stated as many of these costs (carried on Ladd's Addition books) are shared by other neighborhood SAVE OUR ELMS Affiliate Groups. Their contributions to these costs are reflected in the revenue lines. The final 2007 Treasurers report can be seen at www.saveourems.org.

SAVE OUR ELMS Mission Statement

- ◆ Protect and inoculate all Ladd's American Elms.
 - ◆ Community partnerships with parks, schools, local groups.
 - ◆ Public education on tree care.
 - ◆ Replant lost elms and other street trees.
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2008 Neighborhood Tree Planting a Great Success!!

SAVE OUR ELMS and neighbors have been planting street trees in Ladd's Addition since 1986 and this year we've provided the neighborhood with its 573rd street tree. A week before the annual SOE tree planting on March 15th, Multnomah County Services provided a crew of young adults with strong muscles to dig holes at the locations designated by SOE. Their efforts saved the 30-some Ladd's Addition neighbors who showed up to plant trees a lot of time and aching muscles. It also helped that Rand Benfiet, owner of Palio, generously provided all the volunteers with coffee and a huge fruit and bagel breakfast to fortify them before they set out.



After breakfast, the volunteers planted 33 trees in the parking strips around Ladd's Addition, including: 11 elms, 12 Emerald Queen maples, 7 Pacific maples, 1 plum, and 2 birch trees. SOE would like to thank the following volunteers for their efforts:

Lou Miles, Richard Rollins, Tom Nutt, Karen Farley, Joanne Stainbrook, Suzanne Stainbrook, Dan and Sam Rersing, Richard Jenkins, Jonathan Kelk, Dennis Puetz, Donna French, Jessica Duke, Dave Audet, Dave Kaplan, Sonia Ferreira Borth, Michael Girard, David Coit, Roger Coit, Larry Wallack, Janis Adler, Randall Benfiet, Marion and Jack Newlevant, Geoff Rogers, Erik Funke, Barry and Denise Groce, Darren Winward, Jerry Petty, Gene Stainbrook, Scott Urbatsch, Gabriel, Finn, Wyatt and Toby Deming. We apologize to anyone we inadvertently forgot to mention but are grateful for their help just the same.



We are happy to report that the last two open spots for elm trees on Larch Street have been filled. We'd like to thank all our neighbors who agree to care for street trees in the neighborhood. You make a difference and help keep Ladd's Addition a beautiful place to live.

SAVE OUR ELMS is grateful to Lou Miles for his help in the tree planting and distribution of newsletters and flyers in the neighborhood. Because of Lou, 56 street trees have been planted in Ladd's Addition in the last two years.

The list for our 2009 Ladd's Addition planting has already started. So if you have an open spot in your parking strip and would like a FREE tree provided and planted by SAVE OUR ELMS and it's volunteers, contact **Lou Miles** at **503-233-9156**.

Donation and Membership Information

We ask you a take a moment to consider our beautiful elm trees here in Ladd's Addition. The average age of these trees is 80 years. Collectively, with proper care and maintenance, these trees will continue to offer an aesthetic that accents the maturity that defines our historic neighborhood.

SAVE OUR ELMS, a neighborhood based non-profit organization is in the midst of its funding drive. We need to raise a minimum of \$15,000.00 a year to cover the cost of the purchasing inoculation materials necessary for the prevention of Dutch Elm Disease, a devastating fungus that has wiped out entire stands of elms in other areas of the country and a few in our neighborhood. Our only source of funding is donations from people like you.

Please, join us in our mission by making a direct tax deductible donation to SAVE OUR ELMS. Fill out and mail or drop off your donation to/at 1630 SE Elliott Ave. or, you may contact **Dave Kaplan**, membership coordinator, at **503-232-2559** or email membership@saveoureelms.org. Thank you for your support.

Return this portion to SAVE OUR ELMS

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email _____

*Your contact information is for internal use only.
SOE does not provide this information to any other group or agency.*

Date _____

Amount of Donation _____

\$25.00 \$50.00 \$100.00
 \$250.00 \$500.00 Other \$ _____

- I would like to help with Elm Inoculations.
- I would like to help with Tree Plantings.
- I would like more information on becoming a Board Member or Volunteer.
- I would like to help, more information, on the Historic Home Tour.

SAVE OUR ELMS
1630 SE Elliott Avenue Portland, Oregon 97214

Ask not what SAVE OUR ELMS can do for you, but what you can do for SAVE OUR ELMS!

Visit www.saveourelms.org for more information on Pruning and Neighborhood Affiliates!

Tree Pruning Initiative

Keeping American elm trees properly pruned is as important as inoculations in preventing the spread of Dutch Elm Disease. SAVE OUR ELMS, through a grant from the City's Bureau of Environmental Services, is now able to offer subsidized pruning for large street trees (of all varieties) in Ladd's Addition.

The SAVE OUR ELMS board sent out bid proposals and interviewed several qualified arborists to provide sanitation and code compliant pruning* for trees in our neighborhood parking strips. We are happy to be working with TREECOLOGY INC. who came in with the best negotiated fixed pricing for the work. Homeowners in Ladd's Addition can have the work done by TREECOLOGY at the following prices:

American Elm		Other Street Trees	
Trunk Diameter	Homeowner Cost	Trunk Diameter	Homeowner Subsidy
Under 30"	\$210.00	Between 8-18"	First \$75.00
30-36 inches	\$275.00	Over 18 inches	First \$125.00
37-42 inches	\$350.00	SOE will subsidize the homeowner's cost for pruning other street trees when they use the designated contractor.	
Over 42 inches	\$400.00		
Elms will only be pruned in the winter dormant season.			
TREECOLOGY has also agreed to a rate of \$75.00 per man-hour for any additional work requested and additional charges will apply if utilities are present. Treecology Inc. is a licensed and bonded ISA Certified Arborist. To arrange for pruning, call Treecology at 503.804.7868 or visit their web at www.treecology.com . Customers will receive a free one hour consultation from a certified arborist.			
*Sanitation pruning is the removal of dead branches over two inches in diameter. Code compliance pruning removes limbs that interfere with sidewalks and streets.			

Are you interested in having your street trees pruned next winter but still have questions? Just send an email to: pruning@saveourelms.org.

Save Our Elms Affiliate News

Eastmoreland Affiliate raised \$16,288 in 2007 to cover planting of replacement elms, tree care kits and the purchase of the inoculate needed to treat approx. 100 of their 450 mature American elm street trees.

Richmond School Affiliate raised funds for inoculations in 2007 by selling Portland Roasting coffee at school. After a presentation about SOE and DED, the Richmond Neighborhood Assoc. granted insurance coverage required for our inoculation event. In June, 20 elms on the school grounds were inoculated with the help of volunteers and Urban Forestry employees.

Mt. Tabor Affiliate had an eventful 2007, ten volunteers inoculated all the street trees plus several large volunteer elms in an empty lot owned by the Lincoln Street Church and two large street tree elms on SE 52nd Avenue. Fund-raising efforts (individual contributions from neighbors) brought in nearly \$2,000, including a first-time contribution from the Lincoln Street Church.

Grant Park Affiliate raised over \$11,300 in 2007 through direct donations and proceeds from several neighborhood Yard Sales. Nearly \$6,000 was spent on inoculant and supplies needed to inject a portion of the elm grove.

Laurelhurst Affiliate is the newest SOE neighborhood affiliate and is organizing for its 2008 elm inoculation event.

Water Those New Trees

Newly planted trees should be watered regularly during their first 2 summers. At the height of summer, 10-15 gallons should be applied each week over a 2 hour period. Too much water can choke the roots and be as harmful as too little water. Water too fast and it will just run off into the street.

If you get a 5 gallon plastic bucket and drill a small hole in the bottom, (start with one, see how fast the water runs out and if needed drill more). Place the bucket at the base of the tree and fill it with water. Do that three times each week and your new tree will be well watered.

2007-2008 SOE Board Members

- Toby Deming, President, Inoculations SE Hemlock St.
- Jacque Schatz, Treasurer SE Elliott Ave.
- Richard Ross, VP, Affiliate Liaison SE Elliott Ave.
- Dave Kaplan, VP, Membership SE Elliott Ave.
- Karen Farley, Publicity/Webmaster SE 16th Ave.
- Shauna Winder, Secretary SE Ladd Ave.
- Jill Gifford, Home Tour SE Elliott Ave.

How To Prune Your Elm

Destroy elm wood promptly by chipping, grinding, or debarking and burning. Dead elm wood with attached bark is the prime breeding ground for the Elm Bark Beetle, the carrier of Dutch Elm Disease.

Never top street trees. This invites disease and decay.

Prune elms only between October 15 and March 31. Pruning during the growing season can attract Elm Bark Beetles. A City permit is required!

Contact the Urban Forestry Division at (503) 823-4489 for permits and advice. For more information on how to prune your trees ask for a copy of [Guidelines for Mature Tree Care](#) and [Guidelines for Pruning Young Shade Trees](#).

**Volunteer.
You Can Make a Difference!!**

SAVE OUR ELMS Donations for 2007

Homesteader \$1.00 - \$49.00

Ann Mai Wechsler
JoAnn Lippert
Chloe & Michael S&quist
Darlene Peters
David C. Parker
Elizabeth & Robert Main



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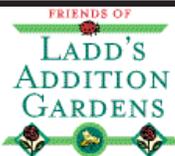
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Louis Miles
Maggie Rogers
Ameriprise
Gordon & Cheryl McDonald

Ladd's Legacy Forester \$500.00 & up.

Friends of Ladd's Addition Gardens

Joan & Graydon Miller

Starbucks Coffee



Support these neighborhood Organizations and Businesses that support SAVE OUR ELMS