

# **Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership**

## **Annual Report**

### **2009**

## **Introduction**

The Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership was established in 1998 to promote the selection, planting and care of trees on public and private lands within the Juneau Community. The partnership is working towards the establishment of a community forestry program for the Juneau borough. The partnership was incorporated in Alaska in 2003 as a 501 c (3) nonprofit corporation. It is governed by an uncompensated Board of Directors and is funded through individual, corporate, state and local government donations and grants.

## **What We Do**

- Promote the planting and care of trees in the Capital City.
- Sponsor programs and workshops to help people learn about trees and their care.
- Work with local schools and youth groups to promote the understanding and love of trees.
- Provide tree and forestry-related services and expertise to the community such as Arbor Day projects.
- Facilitate partnerships among businesses, local government, nonprofit groups, and homeowners with the goal of a community forestry program.

## **Board of Directors and Officers**

Joshua Dupere, Chair, has been involved in the partnership since 1998.

Jeff Barnard, Vice-Chair, has been active in the partnership since 1998 and is a biologist with the U.S. Forest Service.

Terry Laskey, Treasurer, active in the partnership since 2004, operates a garden business in Juneau.

Carol Scafturon, Secretary, has been active in the partnership since 2004. Carol became interested in JUFP while serving as Director of Visitor Information Services for the Juneau Convention & Visitors Bureau. Her primary interest is in the development of "tree walk pamphlets."

Elizabeth Bochynski, has been active in the partnership since 2004. She is former member of the Alaska Community Forestry Council.

Chris Mertl was a co-founder of the Juneau Tree Committee in 1998 (which later became JUFP). He is a landscape architect and a certified arborist

Mike Scott, involved in the partnership since 1999, is Streets Superintendent for the City and Borough of Juneau

Sondra Stanway, active in the partnership since 1999, is a retired librarian with an interest in trees and conservation issues.

.Dixie Weiss, School District Liaison, has been involved in the partnership since 2004.

## **Membership**

Annual Dues are the following:

- ❑ \$20.00 Standard Membership
- ❑ \$350.00 Lifetime Membership
- ❑ \$5.00 Student
- ❑ Or any donation including volunteer hours

There are 15 active volunteers from the community. In addition, JUFPP provides information to over 110 local e-mail addresses.

Volunteers worked a total of approximately 406 hours throughout the year on tree-related projects.

## **Treasurer's Report**

January 1, 2009 bank balance: \$4,942.74

December 31, 2009: \$6116.96

## **Monthly meetings**

We met for approximately one hour on the following dates:

Jan. 14th

Feb. 18th

March 19th

April 15<sup>th</sup>

May 13th

Sept. 16th

Oct. 14<sup>rd</sup>

Nov. 19th

## **Arbor Day Activities and Tree City USA Ceremony**

- Arbor Day was held July 17<sup>th</sup> at Joe Juneau's gravesite in the Evergreen Cemetery. About 14 people attended, including Mayor Bruce Botelho, Marc Matsil, Director of Juneau

Parks and Rec., and Brian Davies, Parks and Rec. employee who assisted with the planting. Remarks by both the Mayor and Marc Matsil. Michael Penn from the Juneau Empire took photos.

- Planted a European Beech for the ceremony and three additional trees at a later date.
- The Juneau Arbor Day proclamation was read by the Mayor.
- Provided free Shantung Maples (*Acer truncatum*) to JUPF members.
- Gave away JUPF T-shirts as recognition for those who volunteer with JUPF on a regular basis.
- Refreshments.

**Partners for the event included:**

- Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership
- City and Borough of Juneau: Parks and Recreation
- City and Borough of Juneau: Office of the Mayor
- City and Borough of Juneau: Jenson Arboretum
- Juneau Master Gardeners
- The general public (approx 14)
- Local media: Juneau Empire

## **Summer Tree Maintenance**

Beginning in May, JUPF members met to work at sites throughout Juneau in an effort to maintain the trees previously planted by the partnership. Volunteers put in approximately 28.5 hours of work during this period, pruning, weeding, mulching, etc. They were Jeff Barnard, Elizabeth Bochynski, Josha Dupere, Chris Mertl, Mark Millea, Carol Scafturon, and Sondra Stanway.

The schedule was as follows:

May 2—Millennium Grove  
June 10—Yacht Club  
June 27—Treadwell Arena  
July 8—Cathedral Park  
July 25—Wayside Park (DIPAC)

## **Grants**

- JUPF received \$250 from Holland America as an Arbor Day grant.
- JUPF received \$850 from the Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources, Division of Community Forestry, to fund two JUPF members' expenses to attend the Jim Flott one-day course in Sitka on Monday, Aug 24. The subject was Trees: biology, planting and pruning.

## **Publications**

The partnership produced the following:

- A Guide to Juneau's Native Trees.
- In progress: a brochure for children showing native and the most common ornamental trees and shrubs grown in the Juneau area.
- A May pre-Arbor Day newsletter that was emailed to all addresses in our membership database.

## **Our Blog**

We started our blog, Urban Forestry News and Views, in January, 2008. It serves as the internet presence for our group. We post informative tree-related articles, news of upcoming events, as well as links to Partnership Publications and links to affiliated community groups. Find the blog at <http://juneautrees.wordpress.com/>

## **Community Outreach:**

- Hosted a booth at the Juneau Homebuilder's Association Home Show, Friday Feb 27-Sunday March 1. Volunteers distributed tree-related information and made contacts with the public.
- Hosted a booth at Earth Day, April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center. (MGVC) Twenty-one children participated in a tree quiz, tree-planting, and took home serviceberries.
- Participated in the Forest Service's May Arbor Day program at the MGVC. Demonstrated tree planting methods and provided free Serviceberries for the kids attending.
- Members hosted a table at the annual Community Plant Sale in May. Distributed information about planting and caring for trees.
- Girl Scouts camp, Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Volunteers spent 3 hours at the camp, working with 42 girls in teams of 14. Gave an introductory talk which was followed by a tree quiz, a tree-planting demonstration and a short tree walk.
- Obtained Tree City USA status for the sixth straight year.
- Provided free trees to all our members.



Arbor Day at Evergreen Cemetary



Earth Day at the MGVC



Arbor Day at MGVC



Juneau Home Show

