

I-Trees



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Welcome to I-Trees

Welcome to the first issue of *I-Trees*, an e-newsletter from the Illinois Arborist Association. *I-Trees* is produced to support the **Illinois Trees** print publication IAA members receive quarterly and will be sent between issues of **Illinois Trees**. The newsletter will feature timely information concerning events, education sessions and other opportunities for private and municipal arborists across the state. Each issue will also highlight a specific IAA benefit to help you take full advantage of your membership.

Your input is always welcomed in *I-Trees*. Please send any comments or article ideas to iaa@wi.rr.com.

IAA Day of Education



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The IAA Day of Education will be Wednesday, Dec. 1 at the Holiday Inn Select in Tinley Park, Ill. The agenda is still being finalized, but some highlights include:

- Structural Engineer John Duntemann will bring attendees his internationally-respected presentation on trees and structural integrity.
- Illinois entomologist Fred Miller will provide a 2010-11 pest update.
- A speakers' panel will focus on dealing with angry residents.
- Insurance company representatives will be available to discuss health and other insurance needs.

Cost for the day is just \$100 and includes breakfast, lunch and cookie breaks. A total of 4.75 CEUs are available to attendees. For more information on the IAA Day of Education, visit <http://www.illinoisarborist.org/A%20Day%20of%20Education%20FINAL%202022.pdf>.

Working for IAA in Springfield



Lobbyist Paula Purdue assisted IAA members at the annual Legislative Day in Springfield, including meeting with Gov. Pat Quinn.

Did you know IAA is working for you in the halls of the state capitol in Springfield? Since 2008, Paula Purdue – a registered lobbyist with several clients – has served IAA members by educating legislators and promoting arborist-friendly legislation. No business or industry succeeds today without some government influence. Having a lobbyist representing IAA means arborists are helping shape the decisions that impact them.

Purdue is currently researching how to change an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) statute directly affecting commercial tree care companies who grind and sell leaf mulch. The IEPA is attempting to stop Kramer Tree Specialists, West Chicago, Ill., from producing leaf mulch because leaves are viewed as “yard waste” and must be hauled off to a transfer station or a composting center, even though multiple scientists at

Morton Arboretum have studies showing leaf mulch is beneficial for trees. Instead of individual members paying attorneys to challenge this or other statutes on a case-by-case basis, Purdue serves all IAA members collectively in addressing an issue she is confident will be decided in the arborists' favor.

Focus on Benefits – Social Networking

Are you connected? IAA is, and can be found throughout the Internet. IAA news and information is being promoted and shared by members from Facebook to Twitter and from You Tube to LinkedIn.



- Become a Facebook friend and share and post information, or view the photo albums from the Summer Conference or Tour des Trees.
- Follow IAA on Twitter at iaawir.com.
- IAA videos can be found on You Tube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/illinoisarborist>.
- Join the discussion on LinkedIn with other IAA members by registering for the IAA Group.

Upcoming events

- Oct. 21 - NEMF Meeting (Mount Prospect Public Works Dept.)
- Nov. 15 - Exam Day for Certified Arborist, Municipal Specialist and Utility Specialist (Downers Grove Public Works Dept.)
- Nov. 18 - NEMF Meeting: Soil Modification on Parkways to Promote New Tree Growth
Speaker: Bryant Scharenbroch. (The Morton Arboretum)
- Dec. 8 - Exam Day for Certified Arborist, Municipal Specialist, Utility Specialist (Glen Ellyn Public Works Dept.)
- Dec. 16 - NEMF Meeting: An In-depth Presentation about Lombard's Tree Mapping Program
Speaker: Dan Price. (Village of Lombard)
- Each Tuesday from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Jan. 25 through Mar. 22 - Exam March 29. Arborist Certification Classes and Exam (Round Lake Beach Civic Center, Round Lake Beach, Ill.) Download registration form at: <http://www.illinoisarborist.org/Round%20Lake%20Beach%20Flyer%20Final.pdf>.
- Each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jan. 29 through Feb. 26 - Exam March 5. Arborist Certification Classes and Exam (Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Ill.) Download registration form at: <http://www.illinoisarborist.org/Springfield%20Cert%20Classes%20Brochure%202022.pdf>.

