



Winter Updates

On Monday we sent a [MLK newsletter about trees and the Jewish holiday of Tu B'Shvat](#). We forgot to mention that this was a reprint of a 2019 newsletter when the two holidays fell on the same weekend - thus the repeating dates. Sorry for any confusion!

Roxbury

57 Unrepaired Leaks

63 Repaired Leaks

29 tons of Estimated Emission

As you can see there are no gas leaks near or on the street of the median however there is a house with a Grade 1 Hazardous gas leak and a grade 2 and 3 down the street from the median.



Work from the Warren Street gas leak exploration project. The youth used the Home Energy Efficiency Team (HEET) to examine previously recorded gas leaks near their sites.

Announcing Our Teen Urban Tree Corps School Year Program

We had so much fun with the 15 teens from our Teen Urban Tree Corps summer program that we've hired them on for 10 hours a week through our new school year program. **Thanks to a grant from Boston's SuccessLink program, we're excited to welcome back 5 alum and 2 new teens.** In the coming weeks we'll be profiling their work as they look to plant trees in their neighborhoods.

Our TUTC teens started off 2022 digging into their planting plans. Writing proposal letters, selecting tree species, and learning about gas leaks and their impacts on trees, the youth have been hard at work. They have been using [iTree](#) to examine the benefits of tree species at their sites on Warren Street in Roxbury, Wildwood Street in Mattapan, and Ross Field in Hyde Park. You can read about [their plans on our website](#).

Last week, Boston University PhD Candidate and URBAN trainee Jessica Wright was a guest with the program. She spoke to the youth about gas leaks and their impact on trees. This coming week, our very own board member Liz Luc Clowes will be taking the youth on a tour of the Codman Square Micro Healing Forest. The youth visited the site in August before construction started and they are so excited to see the final product and get the chance to talk with Liz about the process of turning an abandoned lot into a beautiful urban forest!



MiniDoc

Speaking for the Trees: Equitable Greenery

“[Speaking for the Trees: Equitable Greenery](#)” is a mini-documentary by Emerson graduate Journalism students Aiden FitzGerald and Brandon Hill. The film explores the importance of trees in urban infrastructure.

SFTT Executive Director David Meshoulam, is featured and shares about the benefits of tree cover — from reducing the severity of heatwaves, to improving well-being and community bonding.

Watch Here



Join Us

Tower Hill Botanical Garden Urban Forest Symposium Fri, Feb. 4, 9 am - 3 pm

Speak for the Trees is proud to partner with the Tower Hill Botanic Garden for [its annual Urban Tree Symposium](#). Join us on Feb 4 to learn from 4 leading professionals in the field about how urban forests improve our lives. The virtual symposium is geared toward current and aspiring professionals, but all are welcome.

Register Here



Weekly Urban Forestry Seminar Series, Thursdays from Jan 20 - April 20, 11:30am-12:10pm

This free seminar series hosted jointly by the [Yale Hixon Center for Urban Ecology](#), the [Urban Resources Initiative](#), and the [Yale Forest Forum](#), will focus on urban forest management. While forested areas in cities share some structural and functional similarities with forests in rural areas, urban forestry is characterized by differing stressors, objectives, and management methods.

Register & Learn More



Virtual Course: *Drawing Trees* Thurs, Feb. 24 | 9:30-11:30am

There are so many ways to capture and think about trees. [Join artist and educator Erica Beade for a virtual course](#). She will teach about the variety and elegance of tree forms using pencil and paper. The class, offered by the Harvard Museum of Natural History, will focus on capturing the shapes and volume of trunks and branches and techniques for drawing foliage in this online workshop. All skill levels are welcome.

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