

Spring is here... and Arbor Week is just around the corner

We're kicking things off a month early at Brookline Booksmith from March 24-26



We love trees. Trees are noble, beautiful, and promote wellbeing. They protect us, filter our air and foster a sense of community. Books and trees are entwined; as we honor books, we must nurture trees. Speak for the Trees is proud to partner with Brookline Booksmith this week, March 24th-26th, promoting tree related books as we gear up for Arbor Week.

Visit Brookline Booksmith

We're (still) hiring!



Seeking 2 Summer Interns

Every spring, summer, and fall semester we seek interns to help with communication and event planting. These interns work closely with staff to write newsletters, blog posts, and social media and assist with event coordination. This position is 30 hours / week from mid May through end of August. Pay is \$16 - \$18 / hour

Join our team as an intern

Are you interested in working outdoors this summer?

Speak for the Trees is hiring team leaders and Boston teens for our 6 -week summer <u>Teen Urban Tree Corps (TUTC) program</u>. TUTC has been one of our core programs programs over the past 4 years and we are thrilled to run it again this summer. Find out more and apply today at the links below.



Team Leaders are young adults, ages 19-24, who supervise youth in caring for Boston's tree canopy by engaging in tree identification, climbing, plantings, watering and more. This is a paid position of \$17-\$20/hr for 30 hours a week starting in mid June and running through early August. Find out more and apply on our website.

Apply to be a Team Leader



Are you a Boston teen, ages 14-18, interested in learning how to improve Boston's environment? Join us in caring for Boston's trees, learning about careers in forestry, visiting some of Boston's best green spaces, and more! Paid \$15/hr for 25 hours a week throughout the six-week program from late June through early August.

Apply to be a Teen Participant

Full Time Positions



Tree Care Associate

We're seeking a Tree Care Associate to help water and care for trees throughout the city. This is an exciting opportunity to work outdoors in the community, building and sustaining Boston's urban forest. The Tree Care Associate will be supplied with a pickup truck that is outfitted with a watering tank and pump. As needed, they will also assist at tree planting and giveaway events.

Apply to be a Tree Care
Associate



Associate Director

The Associate Director will direct and oversee programs. Working closely with the staff, they will oversee the daily operations of current projects, the development of new projects, the evaluation of current projects,

the creation of metrics for project assessment and will assist in collaboration across the organization and in ensuring that projects are on schedule and on budget.

Apply to be Associate Director

Thank you to our departing board members

We wanted to take a moment to thank two departing board members, Atyia Martin our Board Chair and Joseph Stein, our Treasurer. For the past 3 years Atyia and Joe have leaned in, stepped up, and provided guidance to our organization. When they joined in January 2020 none of us knew what lay around the corner. Their insight, hard work, and leadership will be sorely missed. Thank you Atyia and Joe for all of your work. We know this isn't "good-bye", but rather "see you around."



"I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Board for the opportunity to work alongside such an impressive group of individuals, passionate about protecting the environment, the power of trees, and social justice. Together, we have accomplished numerous achievements that have contributed to our community and the environment."

- Dr. S. Atyia Martin



"I am proud of the achievements we have created together. I look forward to the future growth of this great organization."

- Joseph Stein

Board Member Openings

Passionate about racial, social, and environmental justice and equity?
We are actively growing our board and are seeking to expand an engaged and diverse board to help grow the organization's impact and reach.

Learn more about board opportunities

Speak for the Trees in the News



Mayor Wu praises the work of Speak for the Trees on GBH News

"A great, amazing community partner organization called Speak for the Trees has already identified and mapped out basically every single tree pit that exists in a sidewalk in the city... [so we know] where trees should be planted." Tune in at minute 20 of the recording.

Listen Here at ~20 minutes



"What we've been looking to do is increase tree canopy cover by 5% in the area that we have targeted," Gaertner said. "For example, Chelsea is the densest city in the state, and we've found a way to plant thousands of trees in Chelsea. So overcoming the difficulties is certainly possible."

Introducing the bill that would bring more trees to the cities of Massachusetts

An Act Establishing the Municipal Reforestation Program would allocate funding to cities and towns for the exclusive purpose of planting more native trees in neighborhoods in an attempt to limit carbon dioxide emissions, improve public health and strengthen biodiversity.

Read the story

#TreeTuesday on Instagram

Do you like learning about trees?
Follow our newest Instagram series, "Let's Talk Trees Tuesday"

Coming at you with regular tree stories, facts, and general information about trees that we are super excited to share with you. Follow us on Instagram. Have a story you want to share? DM us!



Our weekly posts include not only tree facts, but also personal stories about trees and their importance to not only the environment, but also individuals. This weeks story comes from one of our MassCEC interns, Lisa Penfield.



This week's Tree Talk Tuesday was put together by our amazing Teen Urban Tree Corps team! This weeks topic highlights the Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive wood boring beetle. To reduce spread and report siting, download Boston's 311 App.

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