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PRESS RELEASE

Urban Forestry Events Featured in March

The public is invited to join Missoula Parks and Recreation for two urban forestry special events during the first week of March. Citizens can learn more about caring for urban trees at a free "Tree Talk" on Thursday, March 3, at 6:15 p.m. at the Missoula Public Library. On Wednesday, March 2, Friends of Missoula Parks, a local non-profit which supports park and trail projects, is hosting a fundraiser for the urban forestry program at Kettlehouse Brewing Co.

The March 3 "Tree Talk" is sponsored by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and the U.S. Forest Service. Certified arborist Mike Garvey will lead the two-hour presentation about the importance of a healthy urban forest, identifying invasive and destructive insects and diseases, tree selection and maintenance, plus tips for improving the vigor and hardiness of urban trees. Continuing education credits are available for arborists and pesticide applicators.

The March 2 Friends of Missoula Parks fundraiser is from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Kettlehouse Brewing, 313 N. 1st St. W., and will feature socializing, door prizes and a chance to learn more about Missoula's urban forestry program.

Citizens are also invited to the 19th annual Run For The Trees on Saturday, April 2. For details and registration information, please visit www.runforthetrees.org.

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