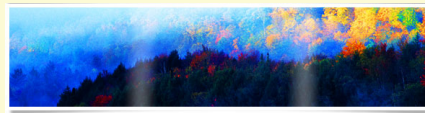


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***Our Mission: To enhance the quality of life through the  
Stewardship of our Commonwealth's urban and community trees.***



## **Recent Events and News**

- On May 30th, 90 participants attended the **Northern Virginia Urban Forest Roundtable- "Noticing Trees- An Essential Piece of the Landscape Puzzle"** in Alexandria, Virginia. Thank you to all of the attendees, talented speakers, and our hosts.
- **Trees Virginia Awarded 5 Academic Scholarships** to undergraduate and graduate students across the Commonwealth. **Congratulations to:** Laney Philips (Northern VA Community College), Nick Dawson (Mountain Gateway Community College), Leah Germain (University of Virginia), Ethan Elder (Virginia Tech), Sarah Pritchard (Virginia Tech).
- Trees Virginia supported several communities for Arbor Day this year through the **Arbor Day Tree Planting Initiative**, which reimburses communities for the cost of a new tree. Some of the communities who took part in the initiative included Virginia State University, Roanoke College, City of Lexington, City of Danville, Town of Abingdon, Town of Marion, City of Suffolk, and the City of Waynesboro.

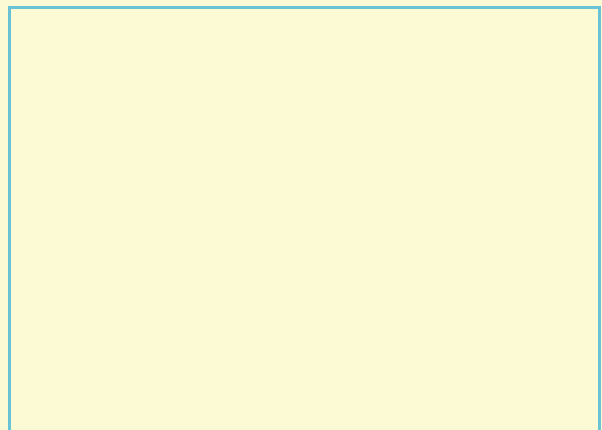
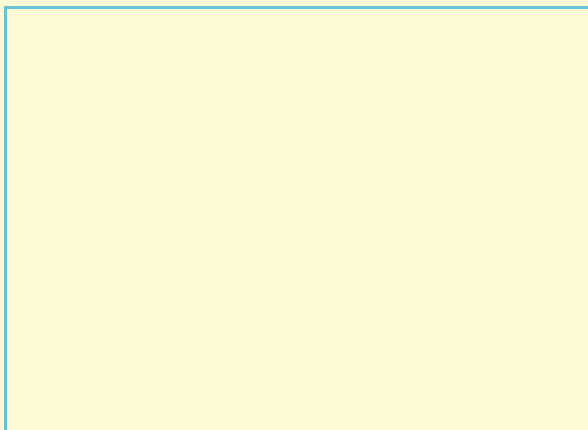




Photo: Paul Josey. Proper Mulch Ring after year 5.

## "How Much Mulch?!"

**Tree Care: Watering and Mulching**

*Article by Paul B Josey*

"Similar to people, when very young and old, trees need extra care during these critical chapters of life. Watering and mulching trees during their first 5 years is essential for a tree's long term survival and growth."

*How much water?*

*How much mulch?*

*How long do you mulch and monitor new trees?*

Find out the answers from Paul B. Josey. Read his full article here:

**READ "How Much Mulch?!"**



Photo: Delaney Long

## The Majesty and Myth of Mature Trees: Beneficial Giants or Deadly Threats?

*Article by Celia Raney*

"When a big storm hits, it's all too common to see dramatic images of massive trees crashing down, wreaking havoc on homes and cars. Such scenes can make anyone a bit wary of those towering giants in their backyard. But before you rush to cut down that old oak or maple, let's take a closer look at the real story of large mature trees. They're not just potential hazards; they're incredibly valuable assets to our environment and our lives."

Read Celia's Full Article here:

**READ "The Majesty and Myth of Mature Trees"**



## "Going Natural"

***Garden like mother nature to enhance the biodiversity of your lawn.***

By Susan Higgins

Check out this article by Susan Higgins in Richmond Magazine, featuring tips from landscape architect Anna Aquino, on how to use good practices and plant selection to increase biodiversity in your home landscape.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**The 2024 Waynesboro Tree Care Workshop** will be held on Friday, September 13th, in Waynesboro, Virginia. Registration opening soon. Individual registration is \$85. Stay tuned on our website and look for an announcement regarding open registration.

**Eco Friendly Gardening in a Changing Climate Symposium** is a daylong symposium with presentations to address climate change made by national practitioners, organized by the Rapidan River Master Gardeners serving four counties in Virginia's Northern Piedmont.

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