Welcome to the After the Storm Symposium

December 5, 2018
8:30AM - 4:00PM PST
What is your favorite tree?

cedar
arbutus
japanese maple

ceder
arbutus
maple
In what town or city do you currently work?

- seattle
- kent
- port angeles
- newsom
- berkeley
- richmond
- victoria
- snoqualmie
- mercer island
- fullerton
- greenville sc
- richmond
- spokane
- port townsend
- campbell river bc
- coquitlam bc
- bellevue
- portland
- vancouver
- walla walla
- walla wa
- stanwood
- richmond bc
- kirkland
- lacey
- sandy oregon
- west linn oregon
- tacoma
- sultan monroe snohomish
- washington
- stanwood wa
- vancouver wa
- oregon wa
- stanwood wa
- vancouver wa
What is your current role or job focus in this industry?

- City (or other gov’t) Arborist/Forester: 30
- Independent contractor working directly with residential/commercial: 15
- Private company contracting w/ municipality or other gov’t: 5
- Other: 11

Total: 61
What questions do you have for Evan Sussman?

- What do you mean by landscape stakes to secure tarp on a traditional roof? Can you explain further please?
- Harnessing on steep roofs?
- Do you have a form for clients to get permission from neighbors?
- Would consider a prop for the bigleaf maple?
- What’s the name of that handbook again?
- Please discuss managing peoples’ fears and risk tolerance during and after storm damage. Many homeowners want to remove the rest of a tree even though the tree has failed and is now safe. How can we convince clients that risk is low after storm?
- How do you sell the concept to a homeowner to do preventative storm potential
- I would just like to say that when working on sloped roofs in emergency situations cork boots can be very beneficial
- Are safety concerns addressed when a single arborist responds alone to a tree call? Operating a chainsaw alone in a storm?
What questions do you have for Evan Sussman?

cut em down!
What questions/comments do you have for Larry Maginnis?

- How much/often does the city perform preventative management practices? Have you been able to see the benefits over the long term in trees that remain standing? Do you feel like the city is ahead of the game or mainly "putting out fires"?

- What happens if a lone tree inspector injures themselves in a call out? Chainsaw injury for example. What are the liabilities?

- What is your favorite street tree and why?

- Has Portland been sued over falling trees?

- How do you deal with/manage private trees in alleys, over sidewalks, site lines etc.??
What is a heuristic trap?

expert halo
Which heuristic trap do you think is most applicable to cleaning up storm damage?

- Familiarity: 9
- Consistency: 1
- Exception: 3
- Expert halo: 3
- Social facilitation: 4
- Scarcity: 7
Which heuristic trap do you think is most applicable to general tree work?

- Familiarity: 2
- Consistency: 1
- Exception: 1
- Expert halo: 0
- Social facilitation: 0
- Scarcity: 0
What questions/comments do you have for Allen Taylor?

How do you deal with customer's fear factors?

What is the most serious/costly mistake you have seen regarding tree work?

What are your thoughts on battery powered topping saws?

Is the list of resources that was on screen a moment ago going to be available?

Excellent presentation!
What questions/comments do you have for Robin Landucci?

What is the primary funding source of your program?

What demand on resources is upon Surrey for contractor monitoring on quality, safety compliance? Any lessons learned?

Campbell River, happy to shelter the lower mainland from wind events in the future, great presentation!

So a public tree fallen/interfering with private property. The home owner pays for the removal on their side/off building? Can you provide a copy of the form for permission to go on private ppt? Does it absolve city of liability?

Typically do the home owners go after the City for costs associated with removing City tree from their house since the City won’t remove the tree.

What is wind firming?

Who is responsible for maintaining street trees? The City or adjacent property owner?

How many service requests do you get per year and how many employees do you have doing inspections?

What tree varieties are you moving away from replanting and moving towards regarding street trees?
What questions/comments do you have for Robin Landucci?

EMC funding: eligibility? What can it be used towards?

Do you work with the planning department to avoid exposure to inner forest?

On the EMBC site I can only see flood and wildfire? Which applies to trees and storms? does the city have to declare a state of emergency to qualify?

Can you elaborate on why you didn’t think you should have removed tree in the picture?

I have been working in the region since 1983 and in my experience there is far less cottons than big leaf maples, cottonwoods have a large percent of limb failures and they are larger sized limbs that fail. FYI I am a BCMA MA and RCA with TRAQ.

More concerned trees SW of home (and E in Kent area) root decay pathogens low tolerance, Trunk decay moderate, Limb failures mod/high tolerance, lower tolerance trees that split homes to foundation.

acer
Which trees does the PNWT FD have the most tree failure reports for?

- **Acer macrophyllum, Bigleaf maple**: 21 reports
- **Alnus rubra, red alder**: 3 reports
- **Arbutus menziesii, Madrone**: 0 reports
- **Populus trichocarpa, black cottonwood**: 19 reports
- **Pseudotsuga menziesii, Douglas fir**: 10 reports
What is your TRA bias?

- Retain trees: 40
- Remove trees: 12
- Be apathetic: 9
What questions/comments do you have for Chris Rippey?

- What is retrenching, specifically?
- Really great presentation, thanks!
- Do you get a GeoTech evaluation done before removing a tree on a steep bank that may be stabilizing the bank?
- How do you feel about Seattle city protection rules on private property?
- Why do you seem to not like certain tree types as much as others?
- I work at a golf course with hundreds of acres of forests and can't wait to start to add to your tree failure database!
- Which trees would you recommend be planted on steep slopes to retain the slope?
- Does the failure database control for species frequency?
What questions/comments do you have for Chris Rippey?

- Is retrenching a prescribed pruning method?
- The botanists changed the name of Black Cottonwood. It’s now Populus balsimifera ssp. trichocarpa.
- How do we access the database info. When I try to open the tree failure website it goes to a go daddy website.
- It is beneficial (in Canada) to carry errors and omissions insurance if you are doing Arb Reports and Tree inspections. It doesn't absolve liability in cases of gross negligence, but does allow for more leeway when trees fall due to adverse weather.
- What level of liability is a consulting arborist liable for in Washington/USA?
- I couldn’t access your database??
- Best resource for learning how to sound a tree?
- Great presentation! I look forward to arborists across our region to start feeding data into your database.
- Will there be an app for the database?
What questions/comments do you have for Chris Rippey?

go to the pnw page and download the app, it works fine

So true

Great class.

Trauma / First aid kits
What questions/comments do you have for Micki McNaughton?

- What are your thoughts on pollarding as a practice to allow for the retention of mature trees in urban settings?
- Are there times you would retain a tree that lost more than 50% of its crown?
- How can we prepare for a flood situation?
- Are arborists, insurance companies or other parties using drones to help with the evaluation of trees? If so, what are the benefits of using drones?
- You mentioned current tree inventories and insurance value reimbursement. What is considered a "current" inventory by insurance standards? 1 yr, 3 yrs, 10 yrs?

Thank you!!