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More trees, not more grass, are associated with wellness and well-being, study suggests

By Susan Perry: MinnPost



Although residents of neighborhoods with plenty of leafy trees tend to have higher levels of psychological health and well-being, the same isn't true for people living in neighborhoods where the green space consists primarily of open areas of grass.

Many studies have found that living near a green space — land that is partly or completely covered with natural vegetation — is associated with health benefits, including lower blood pressure, reduced levels of stress and anxiety, and an increased sense of general wellbeing.

Research has even linked green space with lower Medicare expenditures.

What hasn't been clear from these stud-

ies, however, is whether all types of green space confer the same benefits. Or are some green spaces potentially more healthful than others?

A new study from Australia, published recently in JAMA Network Open, offers an answer. It found that although residents of neighborhoods with plenty of leafy trees tend to have higher levels of psychological health and well-being, the

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A Message From the President



What a fast-paced year 2019 has been. As the year continues through its final months, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the current board members that I have worked with for this year, and I extend an early welcome to Rob Calley who is the president-elect starting in January.

My year in office has included some memorable events.

- As TCC Chair, of course my hat goes off to all our climbers who participated in our Florida Chapter event in Maitland. We are always proud of their efforts and energy and we congratulate the winners who represented us up in Knoxville at the ITCC – Jason Gerrish and Alisha Amundson. I truly appreciate the volunteers that work so hard, often unseen, to put this event on each year. I rely on their input and I can't say thank you loud enough to them: Brian Gould, John Freeman, Rick Wood and Chris Coates. We have a few new TCC procedures that we are developing and hope to implement them at the March 6, 7 and 8 event. MARK YOUR CALENDAR for March 7th-8th in Kissimmee. Forms for climbers, volunteers, exhibitors and sponsors are published in the back of this issue.
- Trees Florida 2019 in Fort Lauderdale wrapped itself around Father's Day and I know some of us made it into a big family weekend at a stellar resort. Thanks, Kim Pearson, for your imaginative energy as conference host. Loved the 'pub float' and the beach bar social! Again, MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Trees Florida 2020, June 15-17 in Clearwater.
- Our seminars this year covered the gamut from January's lab class on Tree Structure and Function to our brand-new Intro to Climbing geared toward beginning climbers where they, forgive the pun, were able to learn the ropes of climbing. Keep your eyes peeled for what we have coming up in

2020.

- I attended the annual ISA Leadership Workshop held in Atlanta. During the meeting I got to meet staff members as well as see the 'new digs'. The main thought I brought back with me was ISA international headquarters staff is still working on the new transition with the move to Atlanta. They understand that there have been some issues and are working on fixing them.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve as your president during 2019! I will still be on the board through 2020 as past president.



Please let me know if you ever have questions for the [President continued on page 3](#)

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board, or suggestions for the coming year. Members are always welcome at our five board meetings; just let the Florida Chapter office know that you plan to attend.

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same isn't true for people living in neighborhoods where the green space consists primarily of open areas of grass.

In fact, people living in areas with higher percentages of bare grass tend to have higher levels of psychological stress, the study found. They also report being in poorer health.

“Our results suggest the type of green space does matter,” write the study’s authors, Thomas Astell-Burt and Xiaoqi Feng, in an online article for The Conversation. The two researchers are founding co-directors of the Population Wellbeing and Environment Research Lab at the University of Wollongong.

This finding doesn't mean, however, that existing grassy areas should be removed or plans for new ones should be scrapped, they stress.

“Large open areas of grass can be awesome for physical activity and sport,” they write, “but let’s make sure there is also plenty of tree canopy too, while also thinking about ways to get more people outdoors in green spaces.”

Study details

For the study, Astell-Burt and Feng analyzed data collected from 46,786 adults, aged 45 and older, who lived in three Australian cities: Sydney, Wollongong and Newcastle. The participants were interviewed between 2006 and 2009 and then again six years later, between 2012 and 2013. At both interviews, they were asked to rate their general health and if they had ever been diagnosed by a physician with anxiety or depression. They were also asked questions designed to assess their risk of psychological distress.

Astell-Burt and Feng then looked to see what associations, if any, existed between the participants’ health and the green space where they lived. They used satellite images to calculate the percentage of total space, including its type (trees, low-lying vegetation or grass), within a one-mile walk of the participants’ homes.

After accounting for factors that can influence general health and psychological well-being, including age, household income, educational level and marital status, the researchers found that “total green space appeared to be associated with lower odds of incident psychological distress.”

But that was true only for green spaces with significant amounts of trees.

“Adults with 30% or more of their neighborhood covered in some form of tree canopy had 31% lower odds of developing psychological distress,” compared to people living in areas with 0 to 9 percent tree canopy, the researchers explain. “The same amount of tree cover was linked to 33% lower odds of developing fair to poor general health.”

Adults living in neighborhoods with 30 percent or more of the land covered in grass, however, were 29 percent more likely to have psychological distress. And they were 53 percent more likely to report being in fair or poor general health.

Possible explanations

Astell-Burt and Feng offer several possible explanations for their study’s findings. One has to do with the shade

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offered by trees:

Studies are linking high temperatures with heat exhaustion and mental health impacts. Research has suggested trees, rather than other forms of green space, may be best at reducing temperatures in cities. It may also simply be more comfortable to walk outside in cooler temperatures — not to mention going for a run or bike ride, both of which are good for mental health.

The biodiversity that trees offer may also be beneficial:

Research suggests tree canopy tends to be more biodiverse than low-lying vegetation. Increased biodiversity may support better mental health by enhancing the restorative experience and also via the immunoregulatory benefits of microbial “Old Friends” — microorganisms that helped shape our immune systems but which have been largely eliminated from our urban environments.

Open areas of grass, on the other hand, are not as inviting and therefore may impede rather than enhance health:

Large areas of bare grass in cities can make built environments more spread-out and less dense. Without tree canopy to shield from the midday sun, this may increase the likelihood of people using cars for short trips instead of walking through a park or along a footpath. The result is missed opportunities for physical activity, mental restoration, and impromptu chats with neighbors. Previous work in the United States suggests this might be why higher death rates were found in greener American cities.

Limitations and implications

This is an observational study, so it can’t prove any direct cause-and-effect relationship between green spaces and psychological health. Also, the participants self-reported much of the data the study relies on, including whether they had ever been diagnosed with anxiety or depression. Such self-reports can be unreliable, particularly given the stigma often associated with mental illness.

Still, the study’s findings are interesting and suggest that future studies on the effects of green space on wellness and well-being should look at the types, not just the

amount, of those spaces.

“Population growth and the demand for more housing, amenities, and infrastructure in Sydney, Newcastle, and Wollongong is a challenge experienced in many other cities worldwide,” Astell-Burt and Feng write in their study. “Street trees in prime building locations are at a particular risk of being cut down. Shorn of tree canopy, sidewalk temperatures can be higher, sidewalks seem noisier, and walkers along them are exposed to more air pollution.”

“Our findings suggest that urban greening strategies with a remit for supporting community mental health should prioritize the protection and restoration of urban tree canopy,” they conclude. “In addition, the promotion of equal access to tree canopy may provide greater equity in mental health.”

The study can be read in full on the [JAMA Network Open website](#). ❖

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A Rider's Perspective – The 2019 Tour des Trees



Danny Lippi (left) and Cheyanne Quigley (right). Missing: Bill Veach

Danny Lippi of Advanced Tree Care, Inc. is a 3-time rider in the Tour des Trees; he shares his 'ride' with our members through his article below. The Florida Chapter funds all riders \$1000 each toward their required entry fee of \$3500 each year. Thanks, Danny Lippi, Cheyanne Quigley, and Bill Veach for riding under Team Florida!

This year's Tour des Trees was a resounding Success! I rode 425 miles and we raised \$371,575 to support tree research, endowments, arboricultural grad and undergrad students, and many other projects supported by the Treefund. It was a hard ride, with some punchy hills. I averaged seven hours/day ride time and 4,000 calories/day. My longest ride was 99 miles with over 5,000 feet of elevation climbed on that day alone. It was definitely a physical effort with a generous amount of suffering, but the camaraderie and the goal in mind helped me along the way.

Highlights included:

1. Largest known sassafras albinum in the world
2. Kentucky horses racing along side our pack as we rode by
3. Charged by a bull (briefly) that had escaped its paddock
4. Beautiful Kentucky/Tennessee rolling fields of corn and tobacco
5. Tobacco leaf curing houses filling the air with musky aroma as the leaves were dried and prepped for shipping
6. Delicious BBQ



7. Riding into and spending the night at Pennyrile Kentucky State Park

None of this could have been done without your generous donations. Thank you for sharing my passion for arboriculture and helping the Treefund continue its support of science and education.

Next year's Tour des Trees will be held in Eastern Colorado. I hope to have your support again next year!

Sincerely,

Danny Lippi



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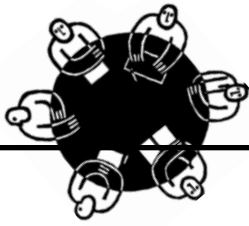
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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER



The Florida Chapter board voted to approve new board member, Jeffery Van Treese II in the position as the board Attorney Representative. Thank you, Jeffery, for agreeing to participate on our board.

REMEMBER TO VOTE!



All current Florida Chapter members have been sent an email inviting them to participate in the election of the open 2020 Florida Chapter board positions. The ballot remains open until November 29, 2019. Newly elected board members begin serving their terms on January 1, 2020.

Check your emails for the subject line **“Vote now: Florida Chapter ISA - 2020 Florida Chapter ISA Elections”**. Don’t forget to check your spam file should you not find it in your in-box. If necessary, contact jan@floridaisa.org to re-send your unique voting code.

A few Chapter members do not have an email address on file with ISA. We will send out a paper copy to those members. Paper ballots can be marked and sent back to the Florida Chapter by November 29, 2019 via fax 941-342-0463 or through the mail to Florida ISA - 7853 S. Leewynn Court - Sarasota, FL 34240.

Remember, voting privileges are for Florida Chapter members only. If you are an International ISA member but not a Florida Chapter member, you are not eligible to vote.

FLORIDA CHAPTER GRANT PROGRAMS APPROVED

The Florida Chapter ISA voted to approve funding for four projects for this year:



- Year 3 funding of **Epidemiology of Lethal Bronzing** – **Dr. Brian Bahder**
- **Developing management strategies to**

reduce populations of Haplaxius crudus – **Dr. Brian Bahder**

- **Comprehensive survey and species delimitation of decay fungi affecting urban trees in Florida** – **Dr. Jason Smith**
- **Direct grant for production of a “Field Guide for Detection of the Most Significant Decay Fungi on Urban Trees in Florida” (“Rot Key”)** – **Dr. Jason Smith.**

FLORIDA CHAPTER ISA UF ENDOWMENT UPDATE

Florida Chapter ISA CEO, Norm Easey, recently travelled to Gainesville to present the Chapter’s annual contribution to the UF Florida ISA Arboriculture Endowment. The contribution for 2019 was \$100,000. The intent of the Arboriculture Endowment is to endow a chairmanship for arboriculture at the University of Florida. The current value of the endowment is now \$730,000. The endowment needs to reach \$2 million before being able to endow the chair.



L-R: *Dr. Michael Gutter, Associate Dean for Extension, UF/IFAS*
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Birch Trees Helping Humans

By Pat Hagan for the Daily Mail

A bandage made from bark could transform the treatment of wounds. The soft dressing contains tiny fibers extracted from birch trees grown in Finland which are strong enough to provide a ‘scaffold’ on to which healthy new skin cells can grow. They are also super-absorbent so can mop up moisture from a wound that might otherwise allow bacteria to grow, leading to an infection.



Called FibDex, the tree-based bandage is the first of its kind to be approved for use in the UK. Research shows just one plaster is enough to help difficult wounds heal, whereas most dressings have to be changed every few days. The wood fibers also produced less scarring and greater skin elasticity - a sign of better healing - than

some conventional dressings.

The NHS spends £5 billion a year on wound care — typically wounds occur on the foot or lower leg, as a result of circulation problems arising from diabetes. Starved of the oxygen they need to heal, these ulcers can form deep, open wounds that can take years to heal. In their search for new ways to improve the healing process, scientists have turned their attention to wood — partly because it’s biocompatible, which means it does not cause the body’s immune system to react. It is also a rich source of cellulose, a fibrous material used for decades in the production of clothing, paper, plastics and even explosives — the benefit for treating wounds is its absorbency.

The FibDex bandage is made from

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Industry Shorts:

Florida’s Insurance Commissioner just announced 7.5 percent cut in the workers compensation rate beginning January 1, 2020! This represents the third consecutive year for a reduction in Florida’s workers compensation rate. Approved by the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation, this 7.5 percent cut actually exceeds the National Council on Compensation Insurance’s recommendation of a 5.4 percent rate reduction. NCCI provides Florida’s Insurance Commissioner with claim

and rate analyses on behalf of the insurance companies.

In recommending its cut, NCCI cited “technology, safer workplaces, improved risk management and a long-term shift from manufacturing to service sectors.” So, you can look forward to reduced workers comp rates beginning January 1, 2020! Source: FNGLA ❖

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nanofibrillar cellulose — tiny strands of fiber, each smaller than a human hair — extracted from silver birch trees.

Birch tree extract has been used for centuries as a remedy for wounds. It also releases a chemical, called betulin, which stimulates the growth of healthy new skin cells to repair damage. So far the bandage, developed by researchers from Helsinki University and surgeons

from Helsinki Burn Centre, has been tested on burns patients who needed major skin grafts. First a large patch of the patient’s healthy skin — at least 6in (15cm) by 2in (5cm) — was removed from another part of the body and grafted on to the burned area.

This leaves a sizeable wound where the skin has been taken from — normally this is covered in a dressing that needs changing every few days.

The results of a trial earlier this year involving 24 burns victims, published in *Advances in Wound Care*, showed the tree-based bandage healed the removal sites in two-and-a-half weeks, roughly the same as conventional dressings. But it also resulted in less scarring, a thicker layer of new skin — typically new skin that grows on a graft site is often thin and fragile — and less ‘tightness’ in the area, a common problem with large wounds after healing.

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Professor Ash Mosahebi, a specialist in plastic surgery at the Royal Free Hospital London, said the wood bandage sounded promising but added: ‘We need more data, especially for whether — as the manufacturer suggests — just one bandage really lasts the duration of the healing process.’ ❖

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New Climber Workshop a Big Success

Education Chair, Lori Ballard, informed the board that the inaugural workshop “Intro to Tree Climbing for Arborists” was a big success. The one-day event was held in Plant City. Twenty-five novice climbers were taught by five expert climbers with classroom and hands-on climbing opportunities with rope and saddle gear in the trees. The workshop is scheduled to be offered again in Fort Walton Beach on December 11th. Thank you to the tree-mendous instructors: Rob Calley, Colin Kelly, Nick Meyers, Apollo O’Neil, Carson Smith, and Kris Stultz as safety manager. If interested in sending one of your novice climbers to the next class, [click here for more information.](#)



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Florida Chapter of ISA Infuses UF/IFAS Arboriculture Research with \$320K in Grants

University of Florida NEWS RELEASE
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DAVIE, Fla. --- A lethal plant hopper species is slowly killing our Florida landscape of palm trees. Meanwhile, there are wood-decaying fungi causing several urban tree species to develop root and trunk rot affecting their stability.

While scientists at the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) are working on identifying and finding solutions to these conditions and invasive pests, the need for funding is constant as is the research.

The Florida Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) is infusing much-needed grant dollars in the amount of \$320,000 over the next three years so that there is a better understanding, faster diagnoses, better treatments, and perhaps even cures for these complex illnesses depleting our urban tree canopies.

“We are proud to award this year’s grants to two UF/IFAS researchers to advance their research and programs on lethal bronzing in palm trees and wood decaying fungi,” said Norm Easey, CEO of the Florida Chapter of ISA.

Brian Bahder, assistant professor of vector entomology at Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center at UF/IFAS is receiving \$150,000 over the next three years to work on control strategies for lethal bronzing. This is in addition to a \$90,000 grant already awarded by Florida Chapter of ISA to Bahder’s research which is in its third year.

Lethal bronzing is a bacterial disease (called a phytoplasma) that is transmitted by a plant hopper causing significant palm losses throughout much of Florida. Once infected, the palm leaves lead to wilting, and eventually death. There are 16 species of palm trees currently effected by the bacteria.



Dr. Brian Bahder

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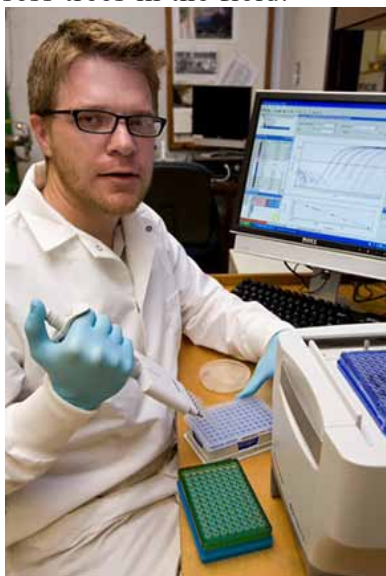
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“The support I have obtained from the Florida Chapter of ISA is absolutely crucial to my research program and will go a long way towards fighting LBD in Florida and helping to save our state tree,” said Bahder.

Jason Smith, an associate professor of forest pathology and State Forest Health Extension Specialist at UF/IFAS, is the recipient of two grants, one in the amount of \$100,000 for the next three years to determine what fungi destabilize trees. Smith has been awarded an additional \$40,000 grant to develop a photographic guide that depicts the types of fungi that decay trees. The guide is designed for arborists who regularly assess trees in the field.



Dr. Jason Smith

“The research we were able to conduct on Ganoderma, as a result of Florida ISA’s funding, has had a profound impact on our understanding of how the fungi decays wood. It also furthered our understanding of one Ganoderma species distribution in North America,” said Smith.

ISA is a professional organization dedicated to

providing continuing education for arborists, to promoting tree care research, and to serving tree care consumers around the world. The Florida Chapter of ISA shares this same dedication with additional commitment to serving the needs particular to Florida’s professional arborists and tree care consumers. Its mission is to promote the scientifically based practice of arboriculture through research, education and public awareness.

“ISA is a membership association of arborists,” said Norm Easey, Florida Chapter of ISA CEO. “Our member arborists work in a variety of fields including commercial, municipal, consulting, and utility arboriculture plus in the field of education and other fields in which professionals work with trees. ISA provides a

platform for them arborists to have certification and continuing education. Florida ISA also conducts research on topics that are of interest to our members in the field of arboriculture here in Florida.”

The Florida Chapter of ISA is no stranger to UF/IFAS. It has been a strong supporter of research at UF/IFAS. It has pledged more than \$1 million for research and the teaching of arboricultural sciences classes in UF/IFAS College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The arboriculture endowment, which helps fund positions such as this, was created in 2009, Easey said.

“Through the years ISA has supported research in the areas of tree risk assessment, Ganoderma, impacts of root removal on tree stability, and tree support systems impacting the likelihood of tree failure,” added Easey.

Florida ISA also maintains an endowment at UF/IFAS that supports teaching, research and Extension programs at UF/IFAS, exclusively for the arboriculture program. In addition to making an annual \$100,000 installment to the Arboriculture Endowment, Florida ISA also recently delivered \$3,000 in climbing gear for the UF/IFAS CALS students researching arboriculture in the department of environmental horticulture.

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TREE Fund names Russell King as its new President and Chief Executive Officer

Naperville, IL, October 28, 2019 – Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund) is pleased to welcome its new President and CEO, Russell King, who is taking the reins at the Naperville, Illinois-based nonprofit organization on October 28. King's hire followed an extensive national search to replace J. Eric Smith, who is retiring as President and CEO after four years' service to the organization.

King is a seasoned nonprofit executive with over 25 years' experience in the public sector, including multiple chief executive roles. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from San Diego State University, an MBA from LaSalle University, and is a graduate of the University of Delaware's Institute for Organization Management. He is the author of four books, a long-time contributor to numerous online and traditional print media outlets, and has an extensive community service resume, including election to the Verona (Wisconsin) Area Board of Education.

"We are truly delighted to have hired Russell to serve as our new President and CEO," says TREE Fund Board Chair Steven D. Geist, BCMA, RCA. "He is a deeply

experienced nonprofit executive, with formidable leadership, development, communications and financial skills. Russell has a proven track record of leading growth and transformation in the nonprofit sector, and the Search Committee truly admired his deep hands-on, mission-driven, servant leadership experiences throughout his career. We are confident that he will sustain and build on our recent successes under Eric's administration, and we look forward to working together to benefit our urban and community forests and the skilled professionals who care for them."

"Communication, collaboration, diversity, and servant leadership have been, and remain, the keys to my success with those I serve, whether staff, board members, donors, or the communities we support," says King. "Although the depth and breadth of my experience and education may have uniquely qualified me for this role, what most defines me is the passion with which I immerse myself in a worthy cause. When I take on a mission, it becomes my driving force, my raison d'être. I now look forward to putting my abilities to work on behalf of TREE Fund." ❖

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ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification RENEWAL COURSE & EXAM

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Thursday, May 14, 2020: 8 AM - 5 PM
Friday, May 15, 2020: 8 AM - noon
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From Your TREE Fund Liaison Chair - Eric H. Hoyer

TREE Fund News

The annual Tour des Trees bike ride was held Sept. 16-20 through 440 miles of the hills of Kentucky and Tennessee and hosted by the Southern Chapter. The ride was shortened to five days this year and will be the new pattern going forward. Each Tour rider is required to raise a minimum of \$3,500. The three Florida riders - Cheyanne Quigley, Danny Lippi, and Bill Veach - all exceeded that goal and raised a total of \$11,916.93. The 80 riders, as of October 1, had raised a total of \$385,000. Because of generous sponsors who cover the expense of the ride, all money raised by the riders goes to support the TREE Fund. Since its inception in 2002, the TREE Fund has provided \$4.3 million in grants and scholarships to promote arboriculture and urban forestry. The Tour des Trees is the largest single annual fundraiser for the TREE Fund so most of that \$4.3 million is a result of the Tour.

The Florida Chapter supports each Tour rider by providing \$1,000 toward the \$3,500 each rider must raise. At the Trees Florida Conference in June, the Chapter raised \$7,421 for the TREE Fund through the Silent Auction, heads and tails “fandana” sales, the ring toss, and direct donations. Thus, the Chapter gets credit for \$10,421 as its 2019 contribution to the TREE Fund.

On a personal note, I am retiring as your TREE Fund liaison at the end of 2019. I have enjoyed serving as Chapter liaison for the past six years. The Chapter will be in good hands though, as Bill Armstrong has graciously stepped forward as my TREE Fund liaison replacement starting January 1, 2020. I appreciate the generous support the Chapter has provided to the TREE Fund during my tenure and I’m sure Bill will enjoy the same level of support. ❖

Happy Holidays from The Florida Chapter ISA




Utility Forester Supervisor

CNUC is currently seeking a Utility Forester Supervisor in the surrounding areas of Ocala and Orlando, FL. Individual must be a Certified Arborist, have a minimum of two years of experience in a management or leadership position, and a minimum of 5 years of experience in the utility line clearance industry.

To apply, please send a copy of your resume to hr@cnutility.com or submit an application on our website at cnutility.com/careers.



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Consultant's Corner

by Joe Samnik, Expert Forensic Arborist



GOOD FENCES MAKE GOOD NEIGHBORS. TREES AND NEIGHBOR DISPUTES.

I'm not an attorney and certainly not qualified to give legal advice. However, after scores of litigated cases where I served as an expert witness, I can offer some significant take-home lessons for anyone involved with a neighbor who is a poor steward of their trees, causing you a nightmare of possible consequences as a result.

The first issue regarding trees and neighbors is always reduced to who owns the tree. At the simplest level, with one tree and two neighbors, in all cases, the land on which the trunk is wholly located is the owner of the tree. If the trunk stands partially on the land of two or more people, then things become more complicated as the tree typically belongs to all property owners in equal amounts. Ownership comes with coveted rights, rights that courts of law take very seriously.

So, what to do if your neighbor's tree is causing you grief and worry as the limbs or roots of their tree threaten your property or your life? Self-help is the answer, and in many situations, if not most all situations, it's the only available remedy.

However, self-help comes with rules that may be legally enforced. In almost every state, the rules for self-help include but are not necessarily limited to the following components:

1. You may not remove the tree entirely.
2. You may prune roots or limbs that encroach over, under, or upon your property.
3. You cannot cause irreparable damage to your neighbor's tree by cutting or pruning the crown or the roots.
4. You may not trespass. This includes leaning over the property line, even just a little bit, to make a pruning cut.



Trespass also includes the application of chemicals on your side of the property line that may drift or encroach onto your neighbor's tree. Courts take a hard line on trespass. Don't trespass.

5. In almost all states, except Hawaii, you must pay for the self-help work. You foot the bill.

So, what should you do if your neighbor's tree is encroaching over, upon, or under your property causing damage to your home, other fixtures, possibly threatening the life or lives of people occupying the home?

1. The first step is an obvious one but crucial to the outcome of the matter especially if consternation is at play which it typically is. Communicate with your neighbor. Meet face-to-face with your neighbor and discuss your fears regarding their tree and your property. Follow up with a written communiqué sent registered mail, return receipt requested. Yes, this is a pain and it's time-consuming, but it will pay off in the outcome of the matter. Should your neighbor happen to be reasonable (the odds are against you on this one), you may even get your neighbor to pay for some of the remedial work on the subject tree. Play nice in the sandbox. This is not the time for screaming, cursing, or disturbing the peace. Remember your mother's admonishment: You can catch more bees with honey than with vinegar. Moms are always right.
2. Take pictures of the subject tree. Lots of pictures. When you think you have taken enough pictures, take more. Be certain to capture the property line with a profile photograph of the tree

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encroaching over, upon, or under your property. If damage has already occurred, like the lifting of a sidewalk, driveway, or pool deck, then pictures are vital to the successful outcome of the matter.

3. Keep a daily log. This does not have to be fancy, typed, or bound. Dates and occurrences must be recorded, and it's better to have too much information than not enough. This daily log will play an integral part in the successful resolution of the matter should the matter escalate into courtroom drama. This daily log will end up being read or recorded into the record should the matter escalate into legal territory.
4. Call your insurance agent put them on notice of what is going on. Down the road, your insurance company will or has the extreme potential of playing heavily into this matter. If significant damage, personal injury, and, yes, even death come into play, your insurance company must have the necessary information to defend you, or, conversely, represent you as a plaintiff in the matter.
5. Look for a professional arborist. There are a few, but not many, arborists who have obtained the credentials to investigate the subject tree in the matter, render an opinion in a written report, and testify in court. More important than credentials, however, is experience. The short list of qualified professional arborists with the credentials to testify on your behalf is further reduced by the experience of managing situations such as the one at hand. You are going to have to do legwork. Make telephone calls. Interview potential consulting candidates. Make certain this arborist is the right fit for you.

6. As to an attorney, if this matter occurs before any property damage, personal injury, or death occurs, you can manage this matter yourself in Small Claims Court should a face-to-face meeting not resolve the matter. However, if significant damage, personal injury, or death has occurred, you are going to need an attorney. If your insurance company is managing this matter, it will have the attorney that you need.

As to the monetary damages that associate themselves with neighbor disputes, there is a basic rule: Anyone who cuts down, injures, or causes a tree irreparable damage without permission owes compensation to the owner of the tree. Compensation is a subject that stands alone and could fill a two-day seminar with information. Remember, to have the legal right to compensation for a damaged or dead tree, the owner's property must be damaged. So, if a neighbor pruned your tree that overhangs his property and does a horrible job at it, rendering the tree a frightful mess, you have no rights for compensation unless a portion of the tree on your property was damaged or unless the pruning can be shown to have caused irreparable harm to the entire tree. Second, the tree subject to the dispute must not have the potential to create an immediate or imminent danger to you.

Most of us have one thing in common, neighbors. We have another commonality, once our rear tires cross our driveway onto our property, we seem to lose all logical perspective of dispute resolution. So remember your mom's sage advice, you can catch more bees with honey than you can with vinegar. ❖



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Florida Chapter ISA - 2019 Education Schedule

*The schedule below is tentative and subject to changes.

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Date	Seminar/Class	Location (s)	Open for Registration
December 6, 2019	Arborist Safety & Climbing	Sarasota	Register
December 11, 2019	Intro to Tree Climbing	Fort Walton Beach	Register
December 12, 2019	Arborist Safety & Climbing	Fort Walton Beach	Register
January 7, 2020	Adv Arb. -Functional Tree Biology	Orlando	
January 9, 2020	Adv Arb. -Functional Tree Biology	Miami	
March 6, 2020	Outdoor Tree School	Kissimmee	
May 12, 2020	TRAQ Renewal 1-day	Fort Lauderdale	Register
May 13-15, 2020	TRAQ Full course: 3-days	Fort Lauderdale	Register

Welcome!

New Florida Chapter Members

Here are the individuals that joined the Florida Chapter during the third quarter of 2019. If you see a name from your area of the state, look up their phone number online* and give them a call. Introduce yourself and find out what aspect of arboriculture the new member is involved in. Let's make the Florida Chapter friendlier. We're all working in different ways for the same goals. Get to know other Chapter members. You might make some helpful connections for the future.

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| Jacob Begley, Titusville FL | Phillip Knowles, Boynton Beach FL | Ruben Rivera, Arecibo PR |
| Deena Bell, Miami FL | Thomas Konar, Valrico FL | Marcelino Rivera, Daytona Beach FL |
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| Matthew Campbell, West Palm Beach FL | Michele Laskowski, San Francisco CA | Justin Rogers, Parkland FL |
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| Fatemeh Fazeli, Edmonton AB | Julia Murphy, Saint Petersburg FL | Allison Vuyovich, Andalusia AL |
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Letters to the Editor

We welcome your thoughts about Florida Arborist articles, about your Florida Chapter, or about tree issues in general.

Email your letters to:
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Please remember: Letters should be no longer than 300 words. We reserve the right to condense letters, or to edit as necessary.



An invitation to all members
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Call 941-342-0153
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Up-coming 2020 Board Meeting - Dates & Locations

- February 21, 2020: Orlando
- April 17, 2020: Orlando
- June 14, 2020: Clearwater
- September 18, 2020: Orlando
- November 13, 2020: Orlando

Arborist Certification Committee Report

By Norm Easey, Florida Certification Liaison

[Click here to view all scheduled exams](#); clicking on the “state” column will group all Florida exams together for easy searching. The ISA Certified Arborist exam is also available at Pearson Testing Centers throughout Florida.

See the ISA International website www.isa-arbor.com for more information about the various ISA arborist credentials and how to earn them.

Florida Chapter currently has 2023 Certified Arborists.

The Florida Chapter would like to congratulate the following 30 Florida or Florida Chapter individuals for earning their certifications as Board Certified Master Arborist, Certified Arborist, Municipal Specialist, and Utility Specialist:

Board Certified Master Arborist

Wyatt E. Brauer, Lakeland, FL

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 Julia Murphy, Saint Petersburg, FL
 Stanley Oliver, Miami, FL
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Tyler Palmer, Palm Bay, FL
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 Sherry Salcido, Crawfordville, FL
 Yista Urbina Tapia, Miami, FL
 Mason Michael Ward, Englewood, FL
 Ryan N Watley, Hobe Sound, FL

Municipal Specialist

Phillip Rodney Knowles, Boynton Beach, FL

Utility Specialist

John Alan Tedder, Tallahassee, FL



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EXHIBITOR FORM: Saturday only
Florida Chapter Tree Climbing Championship

See www.floridaisa.org for full details on dates, location and due date.
Fill out and send this Exhibitor Form; the park may require further items.



Please PRINT or TYPE:

Contact Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ EMail Address _____

Please list the names of the individuals (and tee shirt sizes) who will be representing your company (registration is for two representatives per exhibitor booth for **Saturday only**)

Name on badge 1 _____ Tee Shirt size _____

Name on badge 2 _____ Tee Shirt size _____

Lunch preference: Regular lunch Vegetarian lunch

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Outdoor Exhibitor space for Equipment/Trucks/Displays \$ 400.00
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- Exhibitor BREAKSOWN is when competition ends or 30 minutes before sunset
- Exhibitors provided space for one (1) large truck or two (2) small pieces of equipment, or an outdoor display.
- Exhibitors will be provided on-site signage and recognition in the Field Day program
- Each park has its individual rules regarding active selling of goods and services; please inquire.

*see Exhibition rules attached to this form or at www.floridaisa.org

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CLIMBER ENTRY FORM (Limited to 40 climbers: max of 4 from out-of-state)
Florida Chapter Tree Climbing Championship and Field Day
 See www.floridaisa.org for full details on dates, location and due date.
 Fill out and send BOTH this climber form AND the climber waiver.



SPACE IS LIMITED/First-come, First-served!

CHECK DUE DATE ON www.floridaisa.org

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NEW: I have been a Florida TCC competitor in the past (years _____). Applicants who have NOT been a previous TCC competitor must qualify during gear check by demonstrating safe climbing abilities. Applicants who fail to qualify will receive a full refund of registration fees.

T-Shirt size (register early so we can provide your requested size) _____

E-Mail Address (for contacting and to send a receipt) _____

Gender: Male Female

Lunch preference: Regular lunch Vegetarian lunch

OPTIONAL EDUCATIONAL EVENT

The Outdoor Tree School is being offered on Friday (the day before the climbing event) FREE OF CHARGE to all registered competitors. Space may be limited - we cannot always guarantee available space.

See www.floridaisa.org for location and time.

Registration fees for non-competitors to attend class: \$55-Florida Chapter Member or \$65-Nonmember)

- YES! You plan to attend the Outdoor Tree School on Friday for free as a climber.
 - Regular lunch Vegetarian lunch
- NO, you do NOT plan to attend the Outdoor Tree School.

REGISTRATION FEES

- \$75 - Florida Chapter ISA member price
- \$125 - nonmember price **includes membership in Florida Chapter ISA for 1 year
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**FC-TCC Tree Climbing Championship
Competition Waiver Form**



Please PRINT Clearly

Contestant's Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Employed by: _____

Phone: (___) _____ Email: _____

Number of years you have climbed: _____

Waiver and Hold-Harmless by Contestant

In consideration of acceptance of my application for entry as a contestant in the Climbing Championship, I hereby waive any and all claims I may have at anytime, and any and all claims which might otherwise be made by, or on behalf of, or on account of me, or by me, or by any person or entity in any way as my subrogee against the property owner and the International Society of Arboriculture, its officers, directors, employees, agents, members, guests, invitees, and any person who would be lawfully entitled to indemnification from them for any liability to, or on behalf of, or on account of me, for any injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever arising on account of or in consequence of my activities or participation in the Climbing Championship, or in any other way related to the Climbing Championship. I further agree to hold the property owner and the International Society of Arboriculture, its officers, directors, employees, agents, members, guests and invitees, safe and harmless from any expense for defense, settlement, payment of damages, or other expenses related in any way to injuries sustained by me in any way related to the Climbing Championship. I recognize and assume all risks and danger involved in my participation, and will not under any circumstances rely upon the care, attention or assurance of anyone other than myself for matters relating to my safety.

Dated _____ Signature of Contestant _____

Certification and Waiver by Employer of Contestant

I hereby certify that I am the employer or a duly authorized representative of the employer of the above-named individual planning to participate in the Climbing Championship, and that the employer has encouraged this participation. I further certify that I have satisfactorily confirmed that the employee will be covered by statutory protection levels of Workers Compensation Insurance or the equivalent, for any injuries sustained in the course of participation. The employer hereby waives any and all subrogation claims it may have against the property owner and the International Society of Arboriculture, its officers, directors, employees, agents, members, guests, or invitees, as a result of any compensation or their benefits or expenses incurred or paid by it, its insurance carrier, or otherwise on its behalf, in the event any claim or injury results from this participation, and will hold the property owner and the International Society of Arboriculture, its officers, directors, employees, agents, members, guests, and invitees safe and harmless from any expense for defense, settlement, payment of damages and other expenses relating in any way by this employee. I further certify that I am duly authorized to execute this Certification and Waiver on behalf of the employer and that any and all necessary resolutions have been duly passed and adopted by the employer.

The exact name and address of the employer, and state of incorporation (if applicable):

Dated _____

Signature of Employer or Authorized Representative _____

**Mail, fax or email (you may submit as an email attachment) this completed competition waiver form
along with the competition registration form and payment to:
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JUDGE & VOLUNTEER FORM
Florida Chapter Tree Climbing Championship

See www.floridaisa.org for full details on dates, location and due date.
Fill out and send BOTH this volunteer form AND the volunteer waiver.



Please PRINT or TYPE:

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # (_____) _____ T-Shirt size (volunteer early so we can provide your requested size) _____

E-Mail Address (for contacting) _____

Allergies? Yes No Please list if yes: _____

Have you ever volunteered at any TCC event before? Yes No

List year(s): _____

Are you First Aid/CPR Certified? Yes No

Do you have experience as a gear check technician? Yes No

List any specific qualifications or past experience: _____

Lunch preference: Regular lunch Vegetarian lunch

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFER TO VOLUNTEER!

I am able to help:

- as a judge
- with site pre-pruning
- with site preparation the week prior to competition
- with registration
- with timing and record keeping
- with awards
- at the FC-TCC dinner on day of the competition
- other _____

Submit this Volunteer Form and the Volunteer Waiver form to:

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**FC-TCC TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP
VOLUNTEER WAIVER FORM**



Please PRINT Clearly

Volunteer's Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Employed by: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Waiver and Hold-Harmless by Volunteer

In consideration of acceptance of my offer to be a volunteer for the Climbing Championship, I hereby waive any and all claims I may have at anytime, and any and all claims which might otherwise be made by, or on behalf of, or on account of me, or by me, or by any person or entity in any way as my subrogee against the property owner and the International Society of Arboriculture, its officers, directors, employees, agents, members, guests, invitees, and any person who would be lawfully entitled to indemnification from them for any liability to, or on behalf of, or on account of me, for any injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever arising on account of or in consequence of my activities or participation in the Climbing Championship, or in any other way related to the Climbing Championship. I further agree to hold the property owner and the International Society of Arboriculture, its officers, directors, employees, agents, members, guests and invitees, safe and harmless from any expense for defense, settlement, payment of damages, or other expenses related in any way to injuries sustained by me in any way related to the Climbing Championship. I recognize and assume all risks and danger involved in my participation, and will not under any circumstances rely upon the care, attention or assurance of anyone other than myself for matters relating to my safety.

Dated _____ Signature of Volunteer _____

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Arborist Code of Ethics

Strive for continuous self-development by increasing their qualifications and technical proficiency by staying abreast of technological and scientific developments affecting the profession.

Not misuse or omit material facts in promoting technical information, products or services if the effect would be to mislead or misrepresent.

Hold paramount the safety and health of all people, and endeavor to protect property and the environment in the performances of professional responsibilities.

Accurately and fairly represent their capabilities, qualifications and experience and those of their employees and/or agents.

Subscribe to fair and honest business practices in dealing with clients, suppliers, employees and other professionals.

Support the improvement of professional services and products through encouraging research and development.

Observe the standards and promote adherence to the ethics embodied in this code.



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