

Livingston Tree Board 2020 Summary and 2021 Goals

2020 Accomplishments

- Organized and hosted Arbor Day tree planting event at Green Acres Park in July. The city received a \$750 grant from Montana DNRC that paid for two linden trees planted near benches at the edge of the park. People from the neighborhood attended.
- Assisted with donation of five trees by local photographer Tom Murphy. Worked with Tom and Public Works to plan the planting locations in Miles and Sacajawea parks, dig the holes, plant and water the trees and install mulch and deer fencing. Tree Board press release resulted in story in the Livingston Enterprise about the opportunity for residents to donate trees.
- Completed revision of tree ordinance, leading to passage of the updated ordinance in December.
- Drafted 17-page preliminary plan for emerald ash borer that lays out scenarios for saving park and boulevard ash trees with insecticide versus removing dead trees, and includes proactive management strategies.

2021 Goals and Priorities

- Emerald ash borer plan: review staff feedback and present revised draft to the Commission. Take input from Commission and staff to create an actionable plan.
- Recommend improved information for the Tree Board website, including updated list of recommended and prohibited trees for boulevards.
- Assist with grants and planting of new trees. Pending grant for several trees in Bozeman Park near Mark's In & Out. Apply for Arbor Day grant. Explore other planting projects that could involve community volunteers.
- Draft a municipal tree management plan.
- Explore ways that volunteers can help grow Livingston's capacity for planting and caring for trees in parks and boulevards. The Tree Board is increasingly hearing from residents about a desire to help with trees.
- Assist with outreach to residents about NorthWestern Energy program for replacing severely pruned trees, including ash trees, under power lines.
- Explore update to the tree inventory.