

# TREE TALK

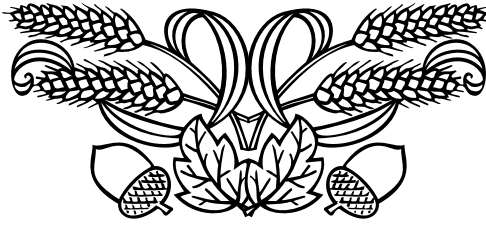


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## President's Message



Greetings to all! The end of summer is fast approaching and fall is in the air. Here in Iowa City you know fall is about here when the Hawkeye Marching Band starts their practices. You can hear the band music from one end of town to the other. I am told by my pre-teen daughters that we are looking forward to football season. Not being an avid football watcher, this is news to me. I explain that what I'm looking forward to is cooler weather.

The weather threw us a couple of curve balls this summer. First, there were thunderstorms with strong winds. We experienced considerable damage to trees within the city on two different occasions and had a smaller storm thrown in just to keep our brush chippers running. Secondly has been the lack of moisture. It's been almost eight weeks since Iowa City has seen much rain. Between the brush chippers and the water wagon, we have had little time for our trimming requests. Fall will bring better weather I'm sure.

Not only is water important for the trees, it is also imperative that we as arborists stay hydrated. If at the end of the day you find yourself lethargic, your muscles are overly sore and you lack your usual motivation there is a chance you are dehydrated. Within this newsletter, I have listed some recommendations for staying hydrated. Water should be as much a part of an arborist's safety equipment as eye and ear protection.

If you missed the last workshop, *Tools of the Trade*, you missed a good one. Vermeer Manufacturing hosted the workshop at their industrial park in Pella, Iowa. Not only are the facilities top notch, the people of Vermeer were generous with their time and talent. Sherrill Arborist Supply was present in the afternoon to demonstrate their talents and toys. Once again the Iowa Arborist Association utilized both the expertise found here in Iowa and nationally to bring its members an excellent learning experience. As always for the Certified Arborist, the workshop offered Continuing Education Units.

Our next workshop is on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

It promises to be as informative as past workshops. We will be in Des Moines and our topic will be *Urban Planting* with an emphasis on structural soils.

Hope to see you there!

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