

Agenda  
Tree Advisory & Education Board  
Wednesday, June 10, 2026  
6:00 PM  
Virtual Meeting

**1. ORGANIZATIONAL and GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Plain Dealer- HUTC Public Tree Planting Grant was featured on April 24, 2026 [Lakewood gets \\$50K for tree planting in low-canopy neighborhoods - cleveland.com](https://www.cleveland.com/news/2026/04/lakewood-gets-50k-for-tree-planting-in-low-canopy-neighborhoods/)
- 2026 Tree City USA Awards- Lakewood's 50th year- was held on May 14 in Strongsville, attended by City of Lakewood Forestry Staff
- Plain Dealer: Lakewood's tree giveaway was featured on May 7, 2026 [tree-planting-organizations-provide-tips-for-choosing-and-protecting-young-trees-in-northeast-ohio.html](https://www.cleveland.com/news/2026/05/tree-planting-organizations-provide-tips-for-choosing-and-protecting-young-trees-in-northeast-ohio.html)
- NPR MarketPlace: Lakewood's tree initiatives were featured on May 19, 2026 [why-cities-investing-in-trees-pays-off](https://www.npr.org/2026/05/19/why-cities-investing-in-trees-pays-off)
- 2026 North Coast Forestry Conference- Thursday, July 23, 2026- Rita Stevens to present on the topic of Growing Urban Forest
- 2026 Cuyahoga County Tree Summit- Friday, September 25

**2. MINUTES:**

- Review and approve May 2026 meeting minutes

**3. TREE GIVEAWAY:**

- FOLLOW UPS
  - Discuss approach for watering reminders, by leveraging Cleveland Tree Coalition's weekly Watering Alerts [watering-alerts](#)
  - Discuss metrics, survey and next steps
- FALL 2026
  - Discuss species availability and priorities
  - Discuss key dates- tree delivery and distribution, reservation portal, PR
  - Discuss promotional plans for September 12 Lakewood Community Festival

**4. TREE STEWARDS**

- Share learnings from Heights Tree People and Sherwood Tree Stewards initiatives
- Continue to discuss the scope and priorities for establishing a volunteer group in Lakewood

**5. ARBNET ARBORETUM CERTIFICATION**

- Update on plant labels
- Update on plans for a tree-related educational event at Cove in 2026
- Discuss next steps of application for Level 1 certification in partnership with the Cove Community Center (<https://arbnet.org/accreditation/level-i/>)

## 6. ADVISORY

- City Web Content and Organization - Discuss the tree-related content and how it might be developed to better support residents
  - Streets and Forestry: [streets-forestry](#)
  - Tree Board: [tree-advisory-and-education-board](#)
- Cuyahoga County Board of Health CCPH Model Tree Ordinance - Informational
  - <https://ojph.org/article/id/5126/>

## 6. CITY FORESTRY UPDATE

- Discuss operations and plans
- Identify and discuss requests