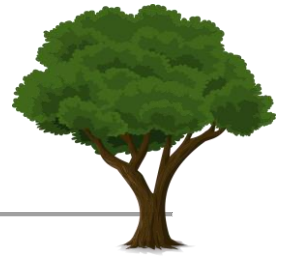


2025 Community Forestry Workshop

presented by Montgomery Township and Bartlett Tree Experts
November 7, 2025



Welcome Remarks:

***Brett Reilly, Arborist Representative
Bartlett Tree Experts***

Need Bio

Encouraging a Safety Culture at Work:

***Fred Fisher, Regional Safety Manager Northeast Region
Bartlett Tree Experts – Region 3 (NJ and PA)***

Mr. Fisher has 31 yrs. experience in the green industry with 20 years of tenure with Bartlett Tree Experts in the Safety and Training field helping to keep workers in the tree care industry better educated and working safely.

ISA Board Certified Master Arborist
Certified Tree Care Safety Professional through the TCIA
Certified Red Cross Instructor of First Aid and CPR
Certified Tree Risk Assessor through TCIA

Mr. Fisher will present developing a strong safety culture in the workplace including a discussion on the steps that can help everyone feel engaged with safety in the workplace

Insect and Disease Update:

***Margaret Pickoff, Horticulture Educator
Penn State Extension Bucks County***

Ms. Pickoff is a Horticulture Educator. She holds a Master of Science degree in Plant, Soil, and Environmental Sciences from the University of Maine.

Ms. Pickoff will give a review of major insect pests and plant diseases observed in the Pennsylvania landscape in the 2025 season, based on Penn State diagnostic laboratory data and firsthand observation. She will conclude with a discussion of new and emerging issues, including beech leaf disease and box tree moth.

Drought Management:

Jeff Van Dusen, Bartlett Tree Experts

Mr. Van Dusen has more than 20 years of experience in the green industry in landscaping and landscape design, ornamental horticulture, plant healthcare, and arboriculture as a subcontract climber, climbing arborist, and crew leader. Now as field consulting arborist, he performs inventories, tree risk assessments, and writes management plans, tree and shrub care plans, tree preservation reports, and planting plans. Mr. Van Dusen has been with Bartlett for nine years, is an ISA Certified Arborist and is ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified.

PA Pesticide Regulatory Update:

David Paar & Courtney Chappellear, Plant Industry Inspection Technicians (PIIT)

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

Mr. David Paar is currently a Plant Industry Inspection Technician. His territories are Schuylkill and Berks counties. He is responsible for agronomic product inspections, pesticide investigations and inspections, proctoring pesticide exams, as well as monitoring and giving presentations at update meetings.

Mr. Parr has earned A.S. and B.S. degrees in Forest Technology and Forest Biology from Penn State and has worked in the arboriculture industry over the past 20 years as an ISA Certified Arborist and Plant Health Care IPM Specialist. In February of 2023, David started in his current position for the PDA.

Ms. Chappellear is currently a Plant Industry Inspection Technician. Her territory is Berks, Montgomery, and Chester counties. She is responsible for agronomic product inspections, pesticide investigations/inspections, proctoring pesticide exams, Chemsweep, and monitoring and giving presentations at update meetings. Courtney received her B.S. in Wildlife Conservation Biology with a Minor in Environmental and Plant Biology in 2020 from Ohio University. Courtney has previously worked in the Microbiology field from 2021-2023. In October of 2023 started her current position with the PDA.

Treating Diseases/Pest Focus on Box Tree Moth:

Kevin Chase

Mr. Kevin Chase conducts entomological research on a variety of tree and shrub insect pests across North America, the United Kingdom and Ireland. Some of the major insect groups Kevin works with are scale insects, invasive caterpillars, bark beetles and wood boring insects. Kevin is also involved in **trailing (training?)** biological control agents and safer products for both human applicators and non-target insects.

Based in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Kevin's applied research focuses on integrated pest management of ornamental pests on the urban landscape. He researches how biological control can be used in plant health care programs as well as how to manage new invasive insect pests as they move across the globe.

Tree Planting Choices and Where to Plant:

Street Tree and Developmental Pruning:

Joe McGowan

Bartlett Tree Experts

Mr. McGowan began his career with Bartlett Tree Experts at the age of 27, bringing no prior experience to the field. Over the past decade, Joe has progressed through various roles within the company, starting as a ground person and moving up to climber, crew leader and local office safety coordinator. Currently, Joe serves as the Mid-Atlantic Training Coordinator for Division 15, where he oversees and manages training across 11 locations in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. His hands-on approach ensures that crews receive practical, on-the-job training to maintain safety and excellence in arboriculture.

Mr. McGowan will discuss the benefit and care of street trees in communities and developmental pruning of young trees to help them develop a strong structure and proper branching.

Invasive Plants:

Jeff Van Dusen, Field Consulting Arborist

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