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SHREINER TREE CARE

FALL '26 / WINTER '27
NEWSLETTER



40 Years of Gratitude

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A Note from Steve



Greetings,

This summer, Shreiner Tree Care reached a milestone - 40 years in business! THANK YOU!

Looking back, I am deeply grateful to my wife, Meg, whose love and support helped carry me through the early years as we built both our family and our business. A special thank you to the families and businesses who have trusted us with the care of their trees for generations. To our dedicated arborists and work force, whose skills, care, and commitment have helped shape the relationships that define STC today.

I'm also excited to be working with the second generation of our family now involved in our business; Michael, Lexi, and Samantha. As the world continues to change quickly, our family values and commitment to every customer will continue to guide STC forward.

This year's spring and summer seasons brought a welcome change: consistent rainfall that helped reduce stress on trees, plants, and lawns. Even during periods that often bring drought stress, lawns stayed green and healthy. Our Plant Health Care technicians continued watching for foliar diseases and damaging insects. Overall, our landscapes are entering fall in much better condition than in recent dry years. We hope the steady rain continues through fall and into winter. We also stayed busy responding to several storm events this summer. I'm so proud of the tireless work our team performed, safely caring for our customers during their time of need.

With autumn in the air, it is time for mums, cornstalks, hay bales, pumpkins, and the spectacular fall color of the Main Line. It is also an ideal season to get outside. I encourage you to visit one of the beautiful gardens and arboretums in our community for fresh air, reflection, and inspiration.

Unfortunately, our beautiful beech trees are severely threatened by Beech Leaf Disease (BLD). This microscopic nematode affects all beech species along the Main Line. For more details on protecting your beech trees, please see the "Bugs and Blooms" section of this newsletter.

As the growing season winds down, we shift to fall and winter tree maintenance. The dormant season is an ideal time to care for your trees. Our arborists gain better access to hard-to-reach areas, making structural pruning and visual inspections of trees of all sizes easier, especially when working with disease prone species such as American elms and oaks. We typically can offer reduced costs for work during the winter months. Please contact us to schedule a visit and learn how seasonal care can benefit your trees and landscape.

Warm regards,

Steve

SPOTLIGHT:
DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ARBORISTS

Our commitment to learning continues long after an employee joins our team. We provide on-site training and study support to help team members prepare for and earn their International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist credential. In 2026, seven employees earned their certification, bringing Shreiner Tree Care's total to 23 ISA Certified Arborists. It's an investment in our team that ultimately benefits every client we serve.

We believe great service begins with great education. As a knowledge-based company, we're committed to developing our team through hands-on training, mentorship, and continuing education.

This past summer, we were proud to welcome interns from Williamson College of the Trades and Pennsylvania College of Technology. Working alongside our experienced crews, they gained valuable field experience while learning the skills needed for a career in professional arboriculture. Many of our full-time employees are graduates of these same schools, making these internships an important part of developing the next generation of arborists.



Summer Interns: Sean Nielsen, Nate Rosa, Sam Kimmel, Miles Nenstial, Finn Avon



Newly certified ISA arborists: Shane Kennedy, Christian Morton, Aaron Freeman, Keith Hernan, Sam Simms, Owen McLoone, Jack Gommer

HORTICULTURAL HISTORY
PHILADELPHIA'S 1876 CENTENNIAL

As America celebrates its 250th anniversary, many are reflecting on Philadelphia's landmark, the 1876 Centennial International Exhibition. While the fair is remembered for introducing groundbreaking inventions and welcoming millions of visitors, it also left a lasting mark on the region's landscapes.

In preparation for the Centennial, more than 20,000 trees, shrubs, and ornamental plantings transformed Fairmount Park into a world class destination. Horticultural Hall, one of the exposition's centerpiece buildings, showcased thousands of plants from around the globe and introduced visitors to new ideas in gardening, landscape design, and environmental stewardship.

The Centennial helped shape the way Americans viewed public green spaces, not simply as places of beauty, but as valuable community assets worthy of thoughtful planning and care. Those principles continue to guide arborists and landscape professionals today.

The historical remains of the Centennial can still be seen throughout modern day Fairmount Park. Several structures from the 1876 exhibition remain, including the Ohio House, the Japanese Tea House and Garden, and Memorial Hall, which now serves as the Please Touch Museum. Horticultural Hall is no longer standing, but its legacy continues with the Horticultural Center occupying where it once stood, honoring Philadelphia's tradition of celebrating plants, gardens, and horticulture.


Please Touch Museum

Nearly 150 years later, the trees in our neighborhoods, parks, and historic landscapes remain an important part of our community's heritage. At Shreiner Tree Care, we're proud to carry that legacy forward by helping preserve and care for the trees that define the places we call home.

As we celebrate our nation's past, we're reminded that planting and caring for trees is one of the most meaningful ways we can invest in its future.



Horticultural Center





Shofuso Japanese Cultural Center





Ohio House



BUGS and BLOOMS

Fall Plant Health Care

What a season it has been! The 2026 growing season brought several challenges for our landscapes, beginning with an extremely cold winter, followed by limited spring rainfall and above-average temperatures in June. These conditions placed added stress on many trees and shrubs, making thoughtful, timely care more important than ever.

Throughout the season, our Plant Health Care Team carefully monitored your landscape and responded to each plant's individual needs. Supplemental feeding and other targeted treatments helped many plants recover and build strength. As July and August brought more consistent rainfall, we were encouraged to see stronger growth and improved plant health.

As we welcome the cooler days of fall, we are proud of the progress your landscape has made and grateful to have played a part in it. Thank you for trusting us to care for your trees and shrubs throughout the seasons.

We look forward to continuing to help your landscape thrive in 2027!

Thank you,
The PHC Team



Sam Simms, John Sauter, Wesley Abler, Aaron Freeman, Sean Maloney

Caring for the Main Line's Trees . . . Since 1986

Beech Leaf Disease: The Threat Continues

Beech Leaf Disease (BLD) continues to threaten beech trees throughout our region. Caused by a microscopic nematode, BLD affects all species of beech trees and can lead to premature defoliation, canopy dieback, and ultimately tree death within 5 years.



We are Actively Protecting Beech Trees

Early awareness is an important key to protecting beech trees. We're committed to helping our community recognize the signs of BLD, understand its impact, and learn how proper tree care can help protect them.

Through partnerships with local organizations and arboretums, our arborists are able to share information through educational presentations, workshops, and guided walks. These opportunities allow us to bring our knowledge directly to the community and encourage homeowners to spot the signs and take action early.

By sharing this knowledge, we can help our community better understand and respond to this growing threat.

Be on Alert for the Box Tree Moth (Cydalima Perspectalis)


Caterpillar Form


Adult Moth

A box tree moth is an invasive pest that feeds on boxwoods and can cause significant defoliation, dieback, and even plant death if left untreated. Look for chewed or thinning foliage, webbing, and frass (caterpillar droppings) among the leaves.

Additional Information

Scan QR Code to Learn More About Beech Leaf Disease

IT'S FALL Y'ALL!

GET OUT & EXPLORE THE MAIN LINE'S BEAUTIFUL GARDENS

There's no better time to enjoy the beauty of our region than by visiting one of the Main Line's many public gardens.

Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens (Devon) – A 48-acre garden known for its stunning collection of native plants, azaleas, and rhododendrons. Free admission year-round.

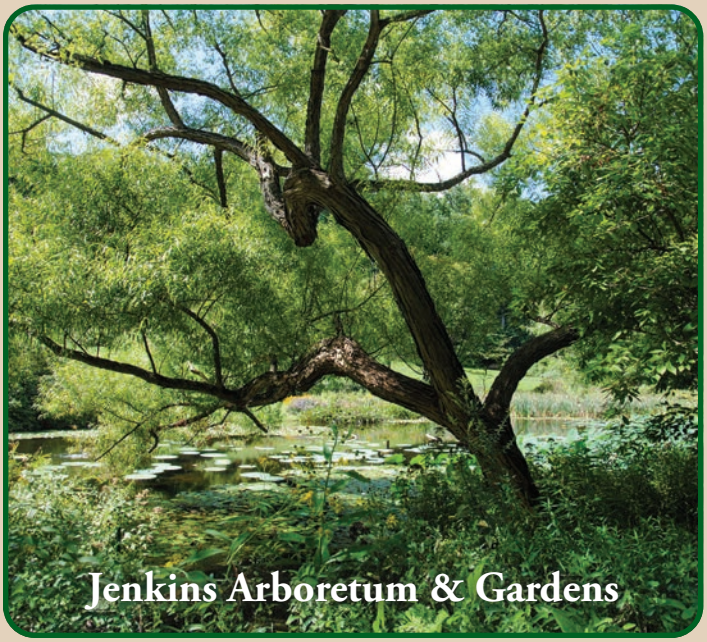
Morris Arboretum & Gardens (Philadelphia) – Part of the University of Pennsylvania, this 92-acre arboretum features rare trees, the famous Out-on-a-Limb canopy walk, and gardens for every season.

Chanticleer Garden (Wayne) – Consistently ranked among America's finest gardens, Chanticleer is celebrated for its imaginative plant combinations and exceptional garden design.

Stoneleigh: A Natural Garden (Villanova) – A newer public garden featuring native plants, historic trees, and sustainable landscapes on a beautiful former estate.

Longwood Gardens (Kennett Square) – Just a short drive from the Main Line, Longwood offers breathtaking displays of flowers, fountains, woodlands, and one of the world's premier horticultural experiences.

Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College (Swarthmore) – A 300-acre living plant collection featuring beautifully designed gardens, mature trees, and seasonal displays throughout the campus. Admission is free and the grounds are open to the public year-round.



Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens



Stoneleigh

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LOOKING BACK...
SHREINER TREE CARE TURNS 40!

This year, Shreiner Tree Care proudly celebrates 40 years of caring for trees, serving our customers, and growing alongside our community since 1986. We are grateful for the relationships we've built over four decades and look forward to continuing to grow for years to come. Thank you for being part of our journey!









































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Leading the Way in Arboriculture Since 1986



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