

Tree Steward Training 2019

Week one – Wednesday, February 27, 2019

- **Welcome** - Franco Granillo, Parks Administrator and Jimmy Zabriskie, Community Forester, Parks and Recreation Department, City of Las Cruces
- **Volunteer registration/orientation** Ryan Steinmetz, CLC Volunteer Network
- **Safely Working with Trees** Oscar Mestas, Urban Forester, Texas Forest Service, Retired, ISA Certified Arborist, ISA Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist, Tree Risk Assessment Qualified, USFS Urban Forestry Strike Team, Red Card Wildland Firefighter Public Information Officer; Jimmy Zabriskie, Community Forester, Parks and Recreation Department, City of Las Cruces

Week two – March 6, 2019

- **Tree Identification** – Jimmy Zabriskie, Community Forester, Parks and Recreation Department, City of Las Cruces

Week Three – March 13, 2019

- **Trees and Climate, Sustainability** Dr. Marisa Thompson, NMSU Extension Horticulture Specialist
- **Soils** John White, Curator UTEP Chihuahuan Desert Gardens, ISA Certified Arborist, past County Extension Agent in Bernalillo and Doña Ana Counties NM and El Paso County TX

Week Four – March 20, 2019

- **Trees for the Desert SW** – Jimmy Zabriskie, Community Forester, Parks and Recreation Department, City of Las Cruces
- **Water Harvesting** – Michael Gaglio, Certified Water Harvesting Practitioner, Biologist, & Owner of High Desert Native Plants

Week Five – March 27, 2019

- **Tree Pruning**, Oscar Mestas, ISA Certified Arborist, ISA Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist, Tree Risk Assessment Qualified, USFS Urban Forestry Strike Team, Red Card Wildland Firefighter Public Information Officer, Urban Forester, Texas Forest Service, Retired
- **Tree Pruning Field Experience** – Oscar, Jimmy, Les and John White

Week Six – April 3, 2019

- **Tree Planting** Les Finley, Horticulturist, City of Las Cruces, Retired, ISA Certified Arborist
- **CLC Parks Issues** – Jimmy and Park staff - Jimmy Zabriskie, Community Forester, Parks and Recreation Department, City of Las Cruces
 - Trees in the right of way
 - Park tree maintenance
 - Tree survival issues for Park trees

- Current/prospective tree policies

Week Seven – April 10, 2019

- ***Conservation and watering trees in the desert. Rationale for trees in the desert?*** Rhonda Diaz, Water Conservation Coordinator, City of Las Cruces
- ***Tour of Sunland Nursery*** – Jeff Harvey, Production Manager, Sunland Nursery

Week Eight – April 17, 2019

- ***Community Forest Advocacy*** Jennifer Dann, NM State Forestry, Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager, ISA Certified Arborist
- ***Opportunities to Volunteer as Tree Steward*** – Jimmy Zabriskie, Community Forester, Parks and Recreation Department, City of Las Cruces
- ***Tree planting/dedication to Class of 2018 Tree Stewards***
- ***Graduation/celebration***
- ***City of Las Cruces Arbor Day*** April 17, 2019
 - Time and location TBD