

**JOIN US TO CELEBRATE A PUBLIC/PRIVATE COLLABORATION**  
**Wednesday May 3rd 2:30PM @ River Park Plaza**  
**On Spokane Falls Boulevard at Wall Street**

Mayor Hession is scheduled to present his Proclamation, for display in the building's lobby, declaring the Turkish filbert as Spokane's Tree of the Year for 2006 to River Park Properties and Wheatland Bank. The presentation is made in recognition of the three large Turkish filberts recently planted in the plaza at the corner of Wall and Spokane Falls Boulevard by River Park Properties.

When Wheatland Bank took residence in the ground floor of the River Park Properties Building they began planning to refurbish their Spokane Falls Boulevard entrance. The five mature London Plane trees, planted like dozens of other street trees in Spokane for EXPO '74, were pruned. The plaza's fountain and surrounding paved surface were evaluated. As the project progressed, many problems were identified and a decision was made to remove the trees. The loss of these large trees caused quite a stir.

Carrie Anderson, of the Urban Forest Council, who proposed the Turkish filbert as tree of the year, learned about the choice of Turkish filberts for landscaping trees and began facilitating the organization of a celebration for the plaza opening.

Citizens of Spokane, visitors to Riverfront Park and tenants of the building have all benefited from this project. Many lessons have been learned about tree selection, planting and long-term maintenance requirements of downtown street trees.

More information about Spokane's urban forest is available from  
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