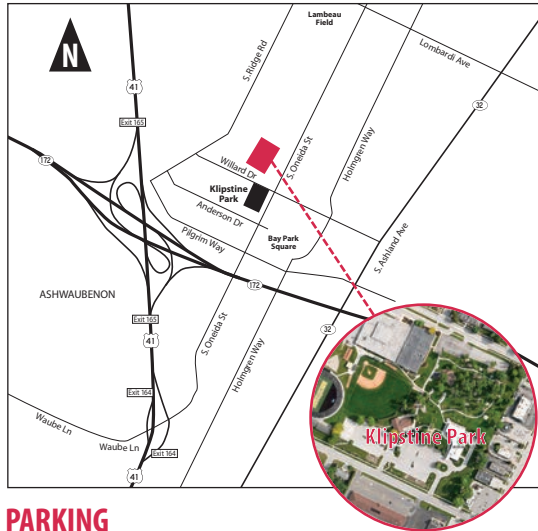


**VILLAGE OF ASHWAUBENON COMMUNITY  
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**PARKING**

**Three parking lots:** two connected near the community center off of Anderson Dr. and one lot next to Parkview Middle School off of Willard Dr. on the other end of the park. School is not in session, so there should be spots available.

**CONFERENCE SPEAKERS**

- Chelsi Abbott – Plant Pathologist & Education Coordinator, Davey Institute
- John Ball – Professor, South Dakota State University
- Jessica Duffrin – Executive Assistant, Town of Westport
- Lee Fredericks – Western Great Lakes Territory Manager, Rainbow Ecoscience
- Brian Hudelson – Director of the Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic, UW–Madison
- Nathan Schuettelpelz – Consulting Department Manager, Wachtel Tree Science
- Robert Smail – Research Scientist, WI DNR
- Mike Wendt – Arboriculture Consultant, WendtScapes LLC

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July 14, 2026

*Two Tracks of Education*

- Wood Decay Biology and ID
- 2026 Plant Problems
- Effects of Urban Canopy
- Wisconsin Grants
- Electrical Hazards
- Oak Tree Injections
- Climbing Ergonomics

*Outdoor Demonstrations*

- Tool Sharpening Techniques

*A Lunch-time Pig Roast!*

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# 2026 Summer Conference Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 WAA Member?  Yes  No  Student

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### Prices, if sent BEFORE June 30, 2026:

Conference Rates:  
 WAA Members: # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$140 \_\_\_\_\_

WAA Non-members: # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$160 \_\_\_\_\_  
 With one-year membership included # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$190 \_\_\_\_\_

Student Member: # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**WAA Retiree?** If you have been a WAA member for at least the last 10 years and are retired, please contact Tina Johnson for pricing and payment.

**Late Registration**  
 (all registrants postmarked after June 30, 2026, except students) # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 30 \_\_\_\_\_

**Vegetarian Meals Needed** # \_\_\_\_\_ Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Any allergies? (list who and what) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form and payment to Wisconsin Arborist Association, PO Box 189, Eagle, WI 53119-0189.

On-line registration available at [www.waa-isa.org](http://www.waa-isa.org)

### NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 30, 2026

Substitutions are possible. Registration includes: break, lunch, networking and a great opportunity to increase your arboricultural knowledge. Vendors will be on site.



Join us for the WAA Summer Conference and PIG ROAST at the Community Center at Klipstine Park in Ashwaubenon on Tuesday, July 14th. Hope you can make it to this extraordinary educational event!

### Indoor Concurrent Sessions

**Wood Decay Biology and ID** – Chelsi Abbott  
 When parasitic wood decay fungi attack, the infection can compromise the stability of a tree as well as the health. This results in a potentially hazardous tree that can be dangerous to those working on it or those near it. But not all wood decay fungi are harmful, as many fill a very important role in the ecosystem by breaking down woody tissue to release nutrients to other organisms. Since there are many wood decay fungi of varying virulence, this presentation aims to explain fungal biology and cover distinguishing features of common parasitic wood decay fungi to assist in recognizing the relative concerns associated with each.

**Plant Problems to Watch For in 2026** – Brian Hudelson  
 Learn about plant diseases and disorders that are making a splash during the 2026 growing season and about diseases and disorders that might end up being an issue by the end of the growing season. The presentation will include tips on how to identify the diseases/disorders (if possible) and information of management.

### Measuring and Modeling the Effects on Urban Canopy on Cooling and Water Budgets

– Robert Smail  
 This presentation will demonstrate how high resolution urban landcover data created by the WDNR can be used to quantify water flux and evaporative cooling showing how urban forests can be managed and optimized to provide the most benefits. Further, these data will be used to show how various landcover features, especially water availability, mitigate these effects. Finally, this presentation will show how these variables were measured and correlated to changes in temperature.

**Wisconsin Grants are Great!?** – Nathan Schuettpeitz, Jessica Duffrin  
 How does your community view grants? Are they great? Are they a chore? In the eyes of the presenters, the WI Urban Forestry Grant program is a tool within reach of all Wisconsin communities to achieve realistic outcomes. This presentation is designed to “unpack the system” from starting a grant application, how to manage the work covered by the grant, and submitting the final paperwork. Plan for a discussion where we present grant success stories and answer audience questions!

### Outdoor Concurrent Sessions & Demo

**Electrical Hazards: What You Don't Know Can Zap You!** – John Ball  
 Power lines and trees seem to go together. Unfortunately, this can be a deadly combination for arborists. This program will cover the new Z2026 electrical hazard standard and show how the standard is applied when working in trees.

**Treating the Multi-faceted Decline of Eastern U.S. Oaks with Tree Injection Practices** – Lee Fredericks

Eastern U.S. oaks face a complex, multi-faceted decline driven by overlapping stressors rather than a single agent. This session equips arborists to identify vague symptoms like canopy thinning, leaf browning, and pest pressure. Attendees will explore tree injection treatment demonstration options, analyzing the science behind various micro-injection devices. We will evaluate exactly when, where, and why macro-infusion would provide superior efficacy for legacy oak preservation. A concluding Q&A will address complex oak care scenarios.

**Tree Climbing Ergonomics for a Long Career** – Mike Wendt  
 Over time, tree climbing wears down the body. Mike will cover some lessons, techniques, and strategies he's learned over his 47 years as an aerial arborist to reduce wear and tear on joints and muscles.

**Tool Sharpening: Felcos, Chainsaws, Polesaws** – TBD  
 We will demonstrate how to keep arborist tools sharp and ready for everyday use.

Conference Questions: Call Tina Johnson (262) 899-0060 or [admin@waa-isa.org](mailto:admin@waa-isa.org)

## Program

7:30-8:15 am Registration  
 8:15-8:30 am Welcome – Kyle Babicky, WAA President

### Track 1 – Concurrent Indoor Sessions

8:30-9:25 am *Wood Decay Biology and ID* – Chelsi Abbott  
 9:30-10:25 am *Plant Problems to Watch For in 2026* – Brian Hudelson  
 10:30-11:00 am *Morning Break with Vendors*  
 11:00-12:00 pm *Measuring and Modeling the Effects of Urban Canopy on Cooling and Water Budgets* – Robert Smail  
 12:00-1:00 pm **Lunch**  
 1:00-1:55 pm *Wisconsin Grants are Great!?* – Nathan Schuettpeitz, Jessica Duffrin  
 2:00-2:55 pm *Wood Decay Biology and ID* – Chelsi Abbott  
 3:00-4:00 pm *Plant Problems to Watch For in 2026* – Brian Hudelson

### Track 2 – Concurrent Outdoor Sessions

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### Outdoor Demonstrations

11:00 am & 1:00 pm  
*Tool Sharpening: Felcos, Chainsaws, Polesaws* – TBD

CEUs are available.  
 ISA Arborist Certification and CTSP credits will be provided for all qualifying conference sessions.

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