In this issue we have some updates and some changes.

As always, articles and photos are always welcome!!!

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- Upcoming Workshops and Webinars
- New Features on VAUWG webpage.
- You can access the workshop presentations as well as a variety of other resources on VAUWG webpage.
- You can see the list of attendees, and take action on your plans to better utilize this information.

Mid-Atlantic Urban Wood Conference
http://www.thesouthvirginia.org/outreach/virginia-urban-wood-group
This workshop opportunity was offered in Virginia, with the Virginia Urban Wood Group. The 2 day workshop was attended by about 50 people with some great presentations.

You can access the workshop presentations as well as a variety of other resources on VAUWG webpage.

What’s New in the Urban Wood World

1) The www.urbanwoodexchange.org site is undergoing some user additions and changes. We are currently working on adding questions for the site. You can contact us to add any questions you have. The primary goal is for people to share what you offer under Business Listings, if you have multiple headings for your products, for example, offer thin drying and thinning.

2) Urban Wood Certification is the latest issue that is being explored and working to develop a plan. The Urban Wood Certification project has a goal to allow us to track and see the number of locations interested in and involved with this urban wood certification.

3) Emerald Ash Borer confirmed in South Carolina - Emerald ash borer, a destructive pest of ash trees, has been confirmed in South Carolina. The USDA has the authority to quarantine the area to manage this pest. The USDA’s National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health’s Heat Safety Tool, an app available for iPhones and Androids. The app allows workers and supervisors to calculate the heat index for their workplace. Based on the heat index and the time spent in higher risk situations, the app will provide recommendations for water, rest, and shade.

Saftey Notes
Water, Rest and Shade – Apop to help with that
Summer brings hot weather – and potentially dangerous work conditions. The US Department of Health and Human Services’ National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) provides information on how to stay cool at work. One of the most important things to do is to seek shade, but you may not be able to do that. The NIOSH app offers a website to raise awareness of heat illness symptoms and prevention with educational and training resources in several languages. The site includes heat-related illness risk levels and heat illness prevention. The site includes heat-related illness risk levels and heat illness prevention.

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Follow-up and Links to VA and NC Workshops

Small Woodlot and Urban Wood Workshop
If you didn’t make it to the workshop you missed a good networking opportunity. The workshop was well attended with about 50 people. The gallery pictured was created from photos taken by attendees to share the experience.

With Eric Muecke having left NC for new challenges, we are going to be making some changes as 2017 comes to an end.

Eric Muecke has taken a position with the City of Tam-...