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Events & Opportunities



Rotational Grazing Workshop and Small No-Till Drill Training

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Taller de Pastoreo Rotacional y Capacitación en Siembra Directa Compacta

Friday, 6:00 - 8:00 PM (English)

Saturday, 9:00 - 11:00 AM (Español)

June 7th & 8th

Address provided on registration via e-mail / Dirección de correo electrónico enviada a los participantes al registrarse.

Come visit a 10-acre farm that recently switched from having horses for 25 years and grazing them during the spring and summer in a new section of pasture every day, to stocker cattle that are moved approximately every 3 days. Come learn about grazing schedule options, various electric fencing choices that permit flexibility in your grazing system, forage species and how to incorporate them into an existing field with a no-till drill, what weeds are tolerable and how to manage those that aren't, and other things to consider when setting up or fine-tuning a successful rotational grazing system. A boxed meal will be provided for workshop attendees.

Venga a visitar una granja de 10 acres que recientemente pasó de tener caballos durante 25 años y pastarlos durante la primavera y el verano en una nueva sección de pastos todos los días, a ganado de engorde que se mueve aproximadamente cada 3 días. Venga a aprender sobre las opciones de horarios de pastoreo, varias opciones de cercas eléctricas que permiten flexibilidad en su sistema de pastoreo, especies de forraje y cómo incorporarlas a un campo existente con una sembradora sin labranza, qué malezas son tolerables y cómo manejar las que no lo son, y otras cosas a considerar al configurar o ajustar un sistema de pastoreo rotacional exitoso. Se realizará traducción simultánea del inglés al español. Se servirán refrigerios ligeros.

English

Espanol



We Are Hiring!

Water Quality Landscape Design Internship

Are you a budding landscape designer looking to build your portfolio with a part-time, flexible schedule? Do you have experience designing eco-friendly landscaping and green stormwater projects? Are you ready to work for a mission-driven organization to jumpstart your career? Pierce Conservation District is looking for a paid landscape design intern to provide residents of Pierce County's most urban watersheds.

AmeriCorps Conservation Education Specialist

Pierce Conservation District is also seeking a Conservation Education Specialist position. This AmeriCorps member will serve in the Environmental Education program, developing and delivering lessons and field trip programs, conducting outreach to teachers and community members at school science nights and other community events, and assisting with special projects such as Salmon in the Schools and Envirothon.

Apply



Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting

June 12th from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

In Person at PCD Office and Virtual

Open to the public. Our monthly Board of Supervisors meeting to update work accomplished and future plans.

Calendar Event

Agenda



The Gleaning Project is Back!

Variable Times & Locations

The Gleaning Project is a volunteer powered program of Harvest Pierce County that works to reduce local produce waste, provide more fresh food to those in need, and build community. Our Glean Teams harvest from both farms and backyard fruit trees, then share the bounty with local food banks, shelters, and families in need. Volunteers also take a portion home as a thank you for all their hard work! If you want to join in on the effort, register below. Gleans begins this month, so keep your eye out for this family friendly volunteer opportunity!

More Information

Register



Free Gardening Education Opportunities

Saturdays, June to October
In-person and Virtual

Harvest Pierce County and Pierce County Public Works have teamed up to offer a season-long educational opportunity for both new and experienced gardeners. These free classes cover a wide range of gardening topics to help you succeed in your gardening endeavors.

Classes are offered both virtually and outdoors in gardens and farms, so be sure to check the locations when making your selections. Upcoming classes include preserving your harvest, caring for fruit trees, harvesting and storing crops, composting and seed saving.

[Class Schedule](#)

[Register](#)



Community Poultry Processing Workshop

Saturday, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
June 29th
Bright Ides Acres

Curious about how that chicken actually gets from farm to table? Join Bright Ide Acres in Orville with a quick tour of the Bright Ide Acres ethically-raised poultry operation. Participants will be able to observe birds at every stage of growth, from a few days old to market-ready. Participants will also then have the opportunity to discuss humane handling/dispatch and observe a trained slaughter professional as they transition a live animal to a carcass ready for fabrication. This workshop will be hands on, and participants will have a chance to practice pulling feathers, removing internal organs and preparing a bird for the table. Each participant will also take home a whole pasture-raised chicken that they processed themselves.

[Register](#)



Volunteers Invited!

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
July 9th
Roy H. Murphy Community Center, Fircrest

PCD is hosting a party to show our appreciation for people who bring our programming to life! We are so grateful for volunteers who show up to do the hard work with us and make Pierce County a place with thriving ecosystems and resilient communities. Connect with fellow volunteers and PCD staff, play some lawn games, and enjoy free refreshments and taco bar. We hope to see you there!

[RSVP](#)



Save Your Seeds This Season

Available Year Round
Farm at Franklin Pierce: 9516 Waller Rd E, Tacoma

Are you growing a garden this year? If so, it's the perfect time to think about saving seeds from your plants. This age-old practice not only preserves the diversity of your garden but also ensures your plants are well adapted to our local climate.

You can keep these seeds for your future gardening needs or contribute to our local seed library to keep the cycle going. To access the seed library, you'll need a code which you receive after registering. Embrace the tradition of seed saving this season and help cultivate a richer, more diverse garden for everyone!

[More Information](#)

Volunteer Opportunities



Deadman's Pond Work Party

Friday, June 7th, 9AM - 12PM
Puyallup

Activities include caring for existing plantings, mulching and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry and Canadian thistle. This streamside habitat supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators.

[Sign Up](#)

Silver Creek Work Party

Saturday, June 8th, 9AM - 12PM
Puyallup



Activities include caring for existing plantings, mulching and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry and Canadian thistle. This streamside habitat supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators.

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Peck Work Party

Saturday, June 22nd, 9AM - 12PM

Puyallup

Activities include caring for existing plantings, mulching and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry and Canadian thistle. This streamside habitat supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators.

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South Prairie Creek Preserve Work Party

Saturday, June 22nd, 9AM - 12PM

Orting

Come join the Pierce Conservation District at South Prairie Creek Preserve as we prepare for the hot and dry summer months ahead!

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Deadman's Pond Work Party

Friday, July 5th, 9AM - 12PM

Puyallup

Activities include caring for existing plantings, mulching and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry and Canadian thistle. This streamside habitat supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators.

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Whittier Park Work Party

Saturday, July 6th, 9AM - 12PM

Fircrest

Activities include caring for existing plantings, mulching and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry and Canadian thistle. This streamside habitat supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators.

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News from Pierce CD



Volunteers demonstrating depaving in action

Depave Debrief: From Gray to Green!

Last weekend, nineteen dedicated volunteers gathered with PCD staff and AmeriCorps members in the Hilltop neighborhood in Tacoma to depave the north end of Grant Park. The project, proposed by nearby neighbors, removed 1,700 square feet of asphalt in preparation for a new garden to be planted in the fall. Formerly an unused space jutting into the middle of a three-way intersection, the “Triangle” will soon be home to new trees and native and pollinator-friendly plants that will offer a multitude of benefits to people, insects, and birds, and will help to improve the water quality of Puget Sound as a whole.

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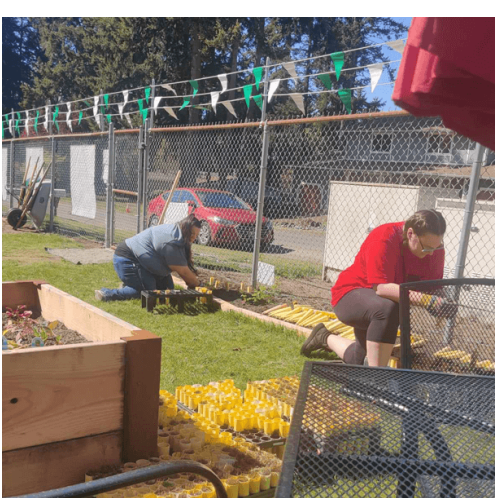
The Peck Property: A Hidden Gem in the Making

A short walk North of DeCoursey Park, we have started restoration work on a hidden gem right beside Clark’s Creek called the Peck Property.

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Over 1,000 Bareroot Plants Potted for Future Projects

We partnered with Tacoma Tree Foundation to take on a large community task together: the potting of 1,240 bareroot trees in 1 gallon pots...

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PCD Partners with Steilacoom Historical Community Garden

The Steilacoom Historic Garden is now sporting Twulshootseed signs in areas of the garden managed by Steilacoom tribal members...

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Tesla STEM High School Wins State Envirothon

A beautiful spot along the Tucannon river and nestled between the blue mountains was the perfect setting for teams across the state to compete for the top spot...

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Director's Corner

There are many things to celebrate at Pierce Conservation District this month! I am looking forward to the new volunteers that will be taking a more active role in local restoration after our first Habitat Stewardship training in three years. Bryan Mohlman, our Habitat Stewardship Program Manager, did an excellent job organizing and leading.

I was also lucky enough to swing over to the “hilltop triangle depave site” where we're planning to plant native plants in fall after a fantastic depave event. Thank you to Sarah Pyle, our Green Stormwater Program Manager for all her hard work on the event.

- Executive Director Dana Coggon

In the Conservation Community

[Timber to Tidelands – Pierce County's Environmental Action Watershed](#) - Pierce County Council is hosting a public meeting to highlight County and partner efforts to preserve and protect the environment.

[Summer Intensive Online Forest Stewardship Course](#) - WSU Extension's Forest Stewardship course will teach you how to assess your trees, avoid insect and disease problems, attract wildlife, and take practical steps to keep your forest on track to provide enjoyment and even income for years to come.

[Tree Stewards Training](#) - Do you care about Hilltop? Do you care about Tacoma? Would you like to help increase its tree canopy? As part of the Tacoma Creates program, the Tacoma Tree Foundation is offering a FREE Tree Stewards Training.

[Master Gardeners Celebration of Pollinators](#) - Join PCD at the Puyallup Demonstration Garden for a day of pollinator-centered fun! There will be prizes, children's activities, chances to get your hands dirty – if you choose – during the Compost 101 presentation and so much more.



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