



## Events & Opportunities



### We're Hiring!

PCD is hiring a team of seasonal Harvest Leaders and Fruit Tree Assessors for our Gleaning program. **Please note that full job descriptions will be posted to our website on May 9th, as well as a link to apply.**

**Harvest Leader:** responsible for leading volunteers in fruit harvests across the county, and assuring produce gets dropped off to local hunger relief organizations and other collaborators. Harvest Leaders are also able to take home a portion of harvest.

**Fruit Tree Assessor:** responsible for assessing fruit and fruit bearing plants for pest and disease issues, documentation and providing recommendations for mitigation at each site. We offer an in-depth education in fruit-specific pest and disease identification.

Compensation for both positions will include mileage reimbursement, and a wage of \$17 per hour. The season runs June through September and hours vary for each position.

[Website Information \(Available May 9th\)](#)



### Habitat Stewardship Training

**Wednesday and Saturday, May 7th, 10th, & 14th**  
**Virtual & In Person**

Do you want to leave the world a little better than you found it? Do you have a passion for planting native trees & shrubs? Removing invasive plants? Cleaning up litter? Become a Habitat Steward! Habitat Stewards are dedicated volunteers who work with Pierce Conservation District restoration specialists to improve local green spaces. By attending our three-session habitat steward training course, you can gain valuable experience, learn restoration techniques, and leave a legacy of stewardship in Pierce County.

[Part One - May 7th \(Virtual\)](#)

[Part Two - May 10th \(In the Field\)](#)

[Part Three - May 14th \(Virtual\)](#)



### Wildfire, Smoke, and You Events

**May and June**  
**Various Times & Locations**

Wildfire and smoke impacts can strike at a moment's notice. Are you prepared? Learn how to protect your home and community. Talk with wildfire and smoke experts about free home risk assessments, grant opportunities to make your your home and neighborhood wildfire ready, and fire-resistant landscaping. We'll also have trivia and door prizes.

[Bonney Lake - May 7](#)

[Graham - May 20](#)

[Orting - May 22](#)

[Buckley - May 28](#)

[Key Center - June 10](#)

[Eatonville - June 11](#)



### Edible Garden Workshop Series

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Saturday, May 3rd & 17th**

**Indoor, WSU Puyallup**

Looking to know more about growing your own food? Check out Harvest Pierce County's Edible Gardens Class Series, designed to make gardening education accessible! In the month of May, you can catch classes on Growing in Indoor Containers as well as Garden Planning for Fall & Winter. But the classes don't stop there. Future classes cover topics of Food Preservation, Seed Saving, Putting the Garden to bed, and Fruit Trees! Expand your garden knowledge by clicking the link and registering for the classes that interest you most!

[Calendar Event](#)

[Agenda](#)



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6:00 - 8:00 PM

Thursday, June 5th

Roy H. Murphy Community Center

555 Contra Costa Ave

Have you volunteered with PCD this year? We want to celebrate and show gratitude to the INCREDIBLE!! volunteers that make our programming come to life. Connect with like-minded volunteers and PCD staff, enjoy a free taco bar, play yard games, and celebrate the invaluable contributions of volunteers. There will also be a plant swap and we welcome guests to bring dishes of their own for a community potluck.

[RSVP](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities



### Plant Potting Work Party

Friday, May 9th, 10AM - 2PM

Tacoma

Join Tacoma Tree Foundation and PCD for a baby tree potting party at a secured nursery in Tacoma. Volunteers will help install hundreds of small tree plugs in nursery pots for future restoration projects.

[Sign Up](#)



### Waughop Lake Work Party

Saturday, May 10th, 9AM - 12PM

Lakewood

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours working at Waughop Lake in Lakewood. Activities include caring for existing plants, removing weeds, and mulching.

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### Meeker Creek Work Party

Saturday, May 10th, 10:30AM - 12PM

Puyallup

Volunteer with us by spending 2.5 hours working at Meeker Creek in Puyallup. Activities include caring for existing plants, removing weeds, and mulching.

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### \*NEW\* Trafton Slope Work Party

Saturday, May 17th, 9AM - 12PM

Tacoma

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours working at Trafton Slope Open Space in Tacoma. Activities include caring for existing plants, removing weeds, and mulching.

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### Bradley Lake Work Party

Saturday, May 17th, 9AM - 12PM

Puyallup

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours working at Bradley Lake Park in Puyallup. Activities include caring for existing plants, removing weeds, and mulching.

[Sign Up](#)



### Peck Work Party

Saturday, May 17th, 9AM - 12PM

Puyallup

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours working at the Peck Property in Puyallup. Activities include caring for existing plants, removing weeds, and mulching.

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### South Prairie Creek Preserve Work Party

Saturday, May 24th, 9AM - 12PM

Orting

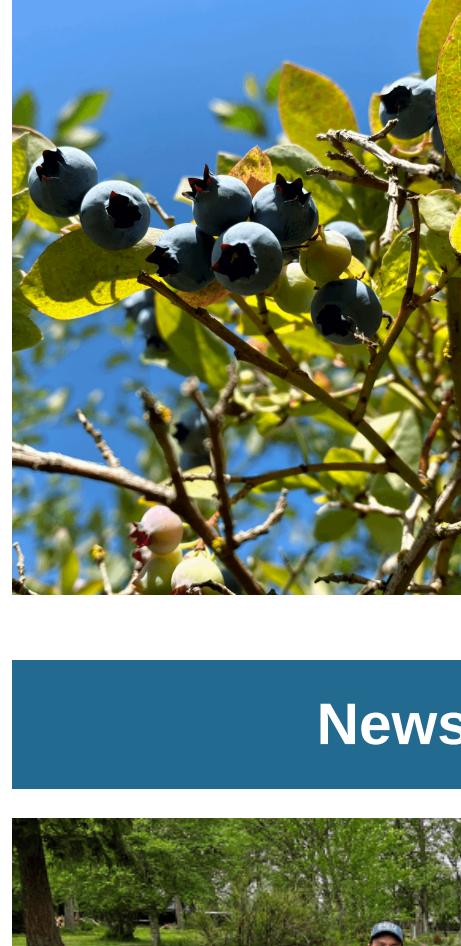
Come join the Pierce Conservation District as we remove invasive plant species! We will be focusing on removing spotted jewelweed from Silver Springs Creek at the Preserve.

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### Charlotte's Blueberry Park Community Garden

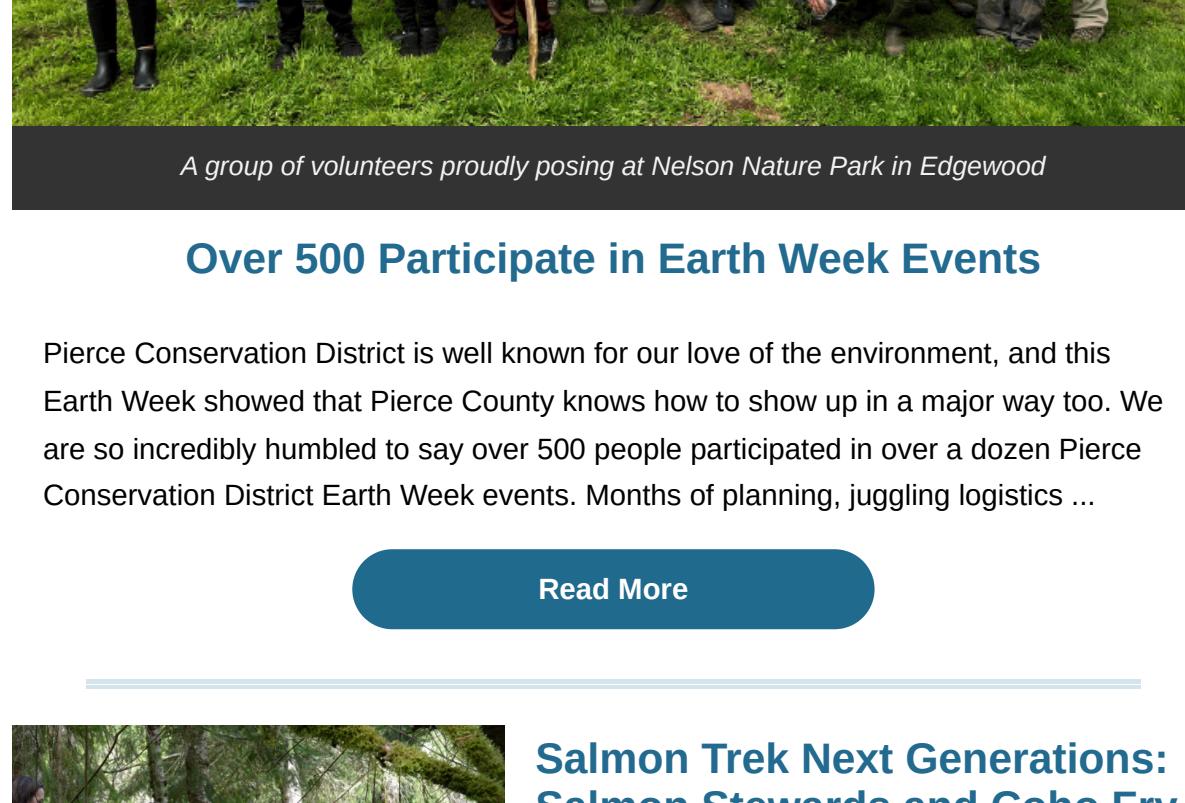
Saturdays, 9AM



Join gardeners at Charlotte's Blueberry Park Community Garden every Saturday from April to October. No sign up required, just enthusiasm for community gardening. E-mail questions to BBParkCommunityGarden@gmail.com.

[More Info](#)

## News from Pierce CD



*A group of volunteers proudly posing at Nelson Nature Park in Edgewood*

### Over 500 Participate in Earth Week Events

Pierce Conservation District is well known for our love of the environment, and this Earth Week showed that Pierce County knows how to show up in a major way too. We are so incredibly humbled to say over 500 people participated in over a dozen Pierce Conservation District Earth Week events. Months of planning, juggling logistics ...

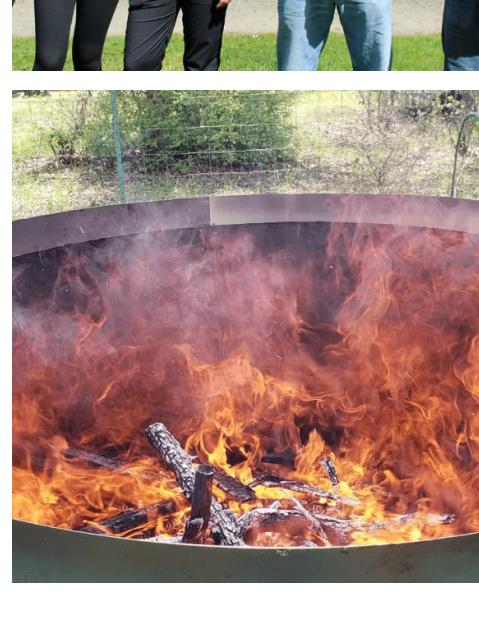
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### Salmon Trek Next Generations: Salmon Stewards and Coho Fry

After months of being raised from coho egg to fry, these fry adventurers are ready to boldly go where their family has gone before! ...

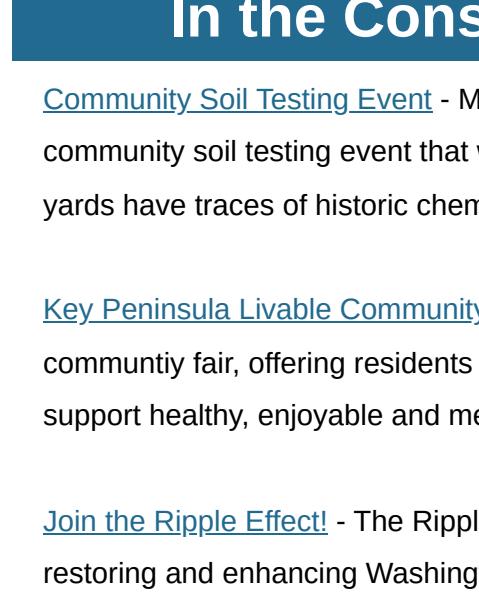
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### Seattle Reign FC Legend: Dana Coggon

Prior to Seattle Reign FC's match against the Orlando Pride, the [Legends Campaign] club recognized Dana Coggon, Executive Director of Pierce Conservation District ...

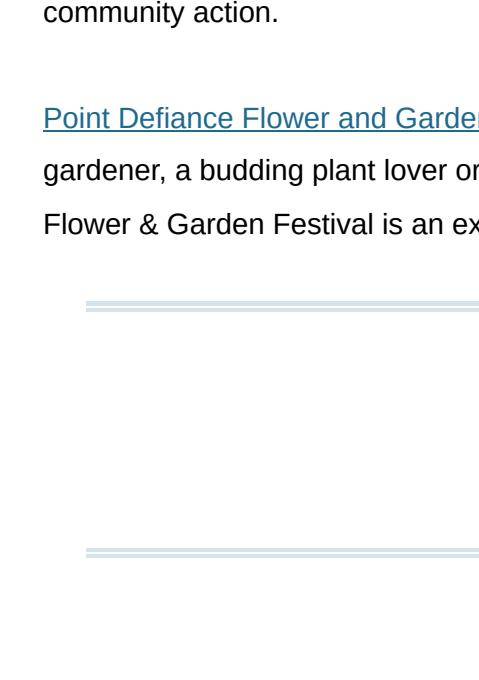
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### "The Castle" Goes to WA State Envirothon!

The 2025 Regional Envirothon competition has concluded, and we are happy to announce the winning student team ...

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### The Ring Of Fire: Small Scale Biochar Production

In April, Perigee Farm owners Clare and Pete hosted a small scale biochar production workshop at their farm in Elbe. They educated fellow farmers about the benefits of ...

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## In the Conservation Community

[Community Soil Testing Event](#) - May 17 Department of Ecology is hosting a FREE community soil testing event that will allow residents to check whether soils in their yards have traces of historic chemical contamination.

[Key Peninsula Livable Community Fair](#) - Join PCD May 10th from 10 AM - 3PM at a community fair, offering residents the opportunity to discover local resources that support healthy, enjoyable and meaningful lifestyles.

[Join the Ripple Effect!](#) - The Ripple Effect campaign is a statewide initiative dedicated to restoring and enhancing Washington's waterways through education, resources, and community action.

[Point Defiance Flower and Garden Festival](#) - June 7 & 8th Whether you're an expert gardener, a budding plant lover or just enjoy smelling the roses, the Point Defiance Flower & Garden Festival is an experience you can really dig into.

