



Events & Opportunities



Community Garden Spotlight: The 40th Street Garden

The 40th Street Garden has a rich 12-year history in the city of Tacoma. Located on S 40th and S Cedar the garden is worked by 12 people, 7 of which are founding members. This small plot of land is stewarded by garden lead Melissa Gessler and many helpers, most of whom reside at the Vintage at Tacoma senior apartments.

What makes this garden special? Members maintain 40 raised beds, surrounding walkways and open spaces. Visiting this garden, we were inspired not only by the unique way gardeners utilized each bed but also the devotion and commitment they expressed for the space. Currently there are 4 available beds, and the garden would graciously take in new members! Contact Harvest Pierce County staff to learn more about how to get a bed at the 40th Street Garden or at other gardens throughout the county.

[Join a Community Garden](#)

Go Golden This Summer to Save Water

This summer save water and money by letting your lawn go golden! Join a community effort hosted by Pierce Conservation District and Tacoma Water to let your lawn go "golden"- when rains return in fall most lawns will re-green on their own.

Participants who pledge to let their lawn go golden can get a free yard sign to show their support for water conservation and commitment to helping the environment.

[Take the Pledge](#)

New Zealand High Tensile Electric Fencing Hands-On How-To Workshop

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Saturday, July 12

Tacoma (Full address provided on registration)

Learn how to construct New Zealand style high tensile electric livestock fencing from the experts at Kiwi Fencing of Gig Harbor. This style of fencing can be one of the least expensive but easiest types of fencing to construct, maintain, and repair due to there being significantly less in-ground posts.

[Register](#)

Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting

July 9th 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](#)

Impactathon for Kids: Exploring Stormwater Runoff

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Saturday, July 12

Center for Urban Waters, Tacoma, WA

How would kids imagine solutions to stormwater runoff? Join Innov8social and a stormwater expert from Pierce Conservation District for an engaging session featuring: a demonstration + mini presentation about stormwater runoff, storytime book reading about problem solving by the author of Pineapple Friends book series, and hands-on time for kids to think of their own solutions to stormwater runoff and share. Made possible through support from the "Make a Splash" program and partnership with Pierce Conservation District, City of Tacoma, Maritime Blue, and Center for Urban Waters.

[More Information](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Summer Gleaning

Variable Days

Various Locations Through the County



Grab your boots and join us at Pierce County farms, because it's gleaning time! Hands-on experience harvesting on local farms. You can take home a portion, and the rest is donated to hunger relief organizations.

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****NEW** Wapato Hills Work Party**

Saturday, July 12th, 9AM - 12PM

Tacoma

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours working at Wapato Hills in Tacoma. Activities include caring for existing plants, removing weeds, and mulching.

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Bradley Lake Work Party

Saturday, July 12th, 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.

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Peck Work Party

Saturday, July 12th, 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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Waughop Lake Work Party

Saturday, July 12th, 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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q̓w̓iq̓w̓əlut (Little Salt Marsh) Work Party

Saturday, July 12th, 9AM - 12PM

Tacoma

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours working at the q̓w̓iq̓w̓əlut salt marsh down in the port of Tacoma. Activities include caring for existing plants, removing weeds, and mulching.

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Adriana Hess Work Party

Saturday, July 12th, 10AM - 12PM

University Place

Volunteer with us by spending 2 hours working at Adriana Hess Wetland Park in University Place. Activities include caring for existing plants, removing weeds, and mulching.

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Trafton Slope Work Party

Saturday, July 19th, 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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South Prairie Creek Preserve Work Party

Saturday, July 26th, 9AM - 12PM

Orting

Come join the Pierce Conservation District as we remove invasive plant species! We will focus on removing spotted jewelweed to enhance habitat for our local salmonids.

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Fern Hill Work Party

Saturday, July 26th, 9AM - 12PM

Tacoma

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

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News from Pierce CD



Chatting over plants is a PCD pastime.

Thank you, Volunteers!

Almost 60 volunteers joined us at Roy H Murphy Community Center for an evening that celebrated the heart of the extensive work Pierce CD does. Attendees enjoyed free food, a plant swap, lawn games, and the opportunity to talk with one another before a brief recognition ceremony...

[Read More](#)

In the Conservation Community

****NEW!**** Pierce Conservation District now hosts a [Green Events Calendar](#) where we will display Green Events in the county near you!

[Pierce County Trail Days](#) - July 26. Join PCD in celebrating and caring for trails across Pierce County.

[Orca Deep Dive](#) - It's Orca Month! Are you curious about orcas? Maybe you're an orca lover, but want to know more. Join Harbor WildWatch for an Orca Deep Dive, hosted by a resident orca expert, Bri Gage.

[Sustainable Tacoma Commission Meetings](#) - The Sustainable Tacoma Commission oversees implementation of Tacoma's Climate Action Plan as the City and community reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and they invite you to attend their public meetings.

[Jakes Day](#) - July 19. Join PCD at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club for a day dedicated to learning outdoor skills from esteemed leaders in the outdoor industry. Kid friendly!



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