

PIERCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Over 70 Years of Conservation

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## Board Election Announcements

Customer, Guest, \$, Pierce Conservation District is holding an [election for its board of supervisors](#). The District will not be holding in-person elections this year. To vote, eligible voters must [request a mail-in ballot](#).

### TO VOTE

**Eligible voters** must be registered Pierce County voters who reside within the District boundaries, which includes: Unincorporated Pierce County, City of Bonney Lake, City of Buckley, City of Dupont, City of Fircrest, City of Gig Harbor, City of Lakewood, City of Milton, City of Orting, City of Puyallup, Town of Steilacoom, City of Sumner, City of Tacoma, and City of University Place.

**The last day and time that voters can request ballots from the District is July 20, 2022 by 4:30 pm.** There are two ways to request your ballot

1. Fill out our online request form [here](#)
2. Call the District Office at (253) 845-9770

### When to submit ballots?

**By Mail:** Ballots returned by mail must be post-marked no later than Election Day, August 10, 2022, and be received no later than August 17, 2022 in order to be counted. Ballots received after August 17, 2022 will not be counted.

**By Dropbox:** Ballots returned by other means must be returned and placed in the locked ballot box at 308 West Stewart Avenue in Puyallup, WA, **no later than 4:30 pm on Election Day, August 10, 2022**

**Have you voted before but moved or changed your name?** Use the same form linked above to update your information with us (and be sure that your Pierce County voter registration is up to date as well!).

For more information visit: <https://piercecd.org/573/How-to-Vote-in-District-Elections>

### DROP BOX LOCATION

Pierce Conservation District  
308 West Stewart Avenue, Puyallup, WA  
Available July 27<sup>th</sup> - August 10<sup>th</sup>

### TO BE AN ELECTED CANDIDATE

Interested candidates must be registered voters who reside within the boundaries of the District, which include Unincorporated Pierce County, City of Bonney Lake, City of Buckley, City of Dupont, City of Fircrest, City of Gig Harbor, City of Lakewood, City of Milton, City of Orting, City of Puyallup, Town of Steilacoom, City of Sumner, City of Tacoma, and City of University Place.

Interested candidates must file their candidate required information via this online form. If candidate is unable to do so via the [online form](#), please contact the District at (253) 845-9770 and other arrangements will be made.

**The deadline for candidates to file their candidate required information (PF-A form) and Statement & Biography is July 8, 2022 by 4:30 pm.**

For more information visit: [piercecd.org/263/Become-a-Board-Member](https://piercecd.org/263/Become-a-Board-Member)

## IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

### Elected Candidate Filing Deadline

4:30 pm, Friday,

July 8, 2022

### Ballot Request Deadline

4:30 pm, Wednesday,

July 20, 2022

### Ballot Returned via Drop Box Deadline

4:30 pm, Wednesday

August 10, 2022

Available July 27 - August 10

### Mail Ballots Postmarked by

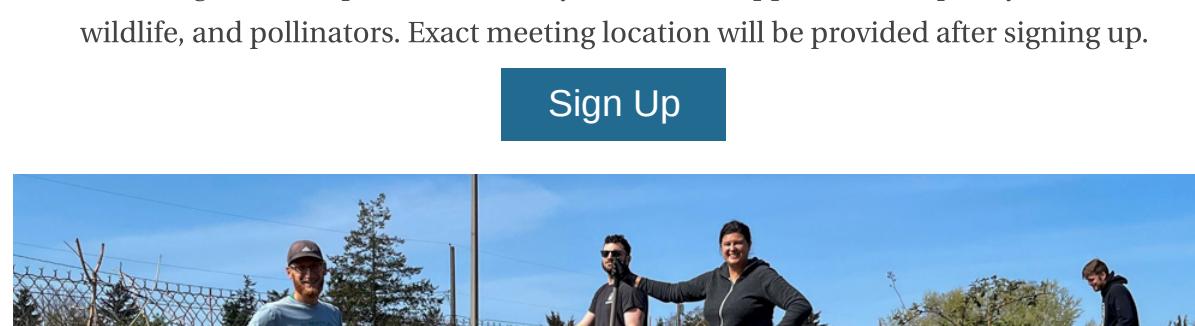
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### Mail Ballots Received by

August 17, 2022\*

\*Must still be postmarked by August 10, 2022

## Events and Workshops



### Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting

June 13, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

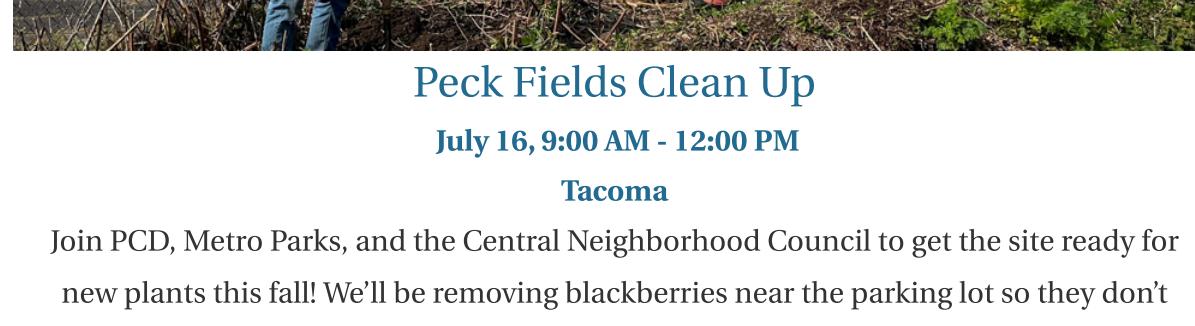
*Virtual and In Person Meeting*

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

[Calendar Event](#)

[Agenda](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities



### Whittier Park Habitat Stewardship

July 2, 9am - 12pm

Fircrest, WA

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Whittier Park in Fircrest. Activities include removing invasive species such as ivy. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators. Exact meeting location will be provided after signing up.

[Sign Up](#)



### Peck Fields Clean Up

July 16, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tacoma

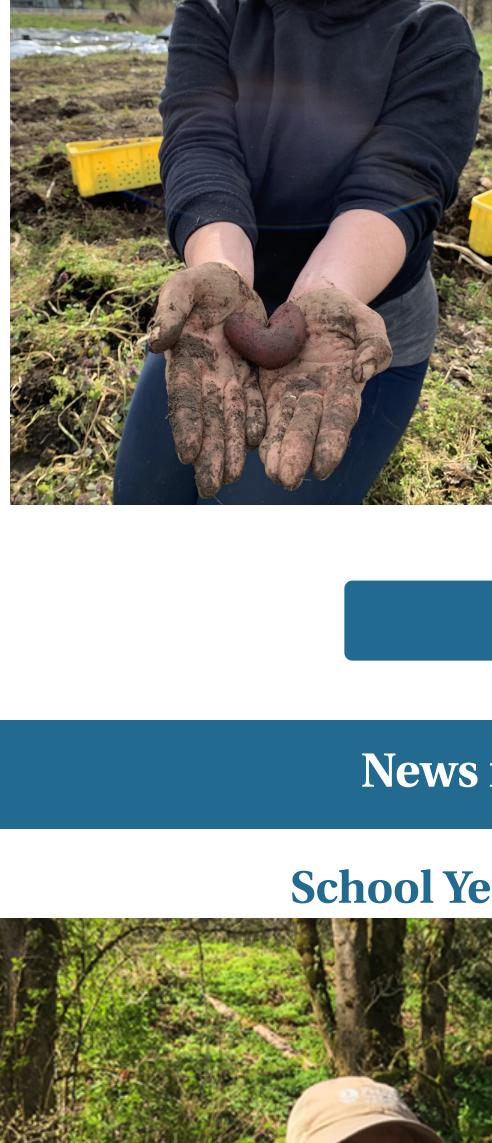
Join PCD, Metro Parks, and the Central Neighborhood Council to get the site ready for new plants this fall! We'll be removing blackberries near the parking lot so they don't jump into our new green spaces. Volunteers already made a huge dent on Earth Day



(thank you everyone who came out!), but some are coming back. Join us to finish the job!

[Sign Up](#)

## Gleaning Harvester Volunteers Needed!



*July through October*

Harvesters are volunteers who participate in gleaning events by **helping to pick, sort, and weigh produce that is harvested from local farms, backyard orchards, and home growers.** While the bulk of the bounty goes to local food banks, shelters, and families in need, volunteers also take a portion home as a thank you for all their hard work! Sign up and we'll let you know when Gleaning Events are happening throughout the growing and harvesting season.

[Learn More](#)

## News from Pierce CD

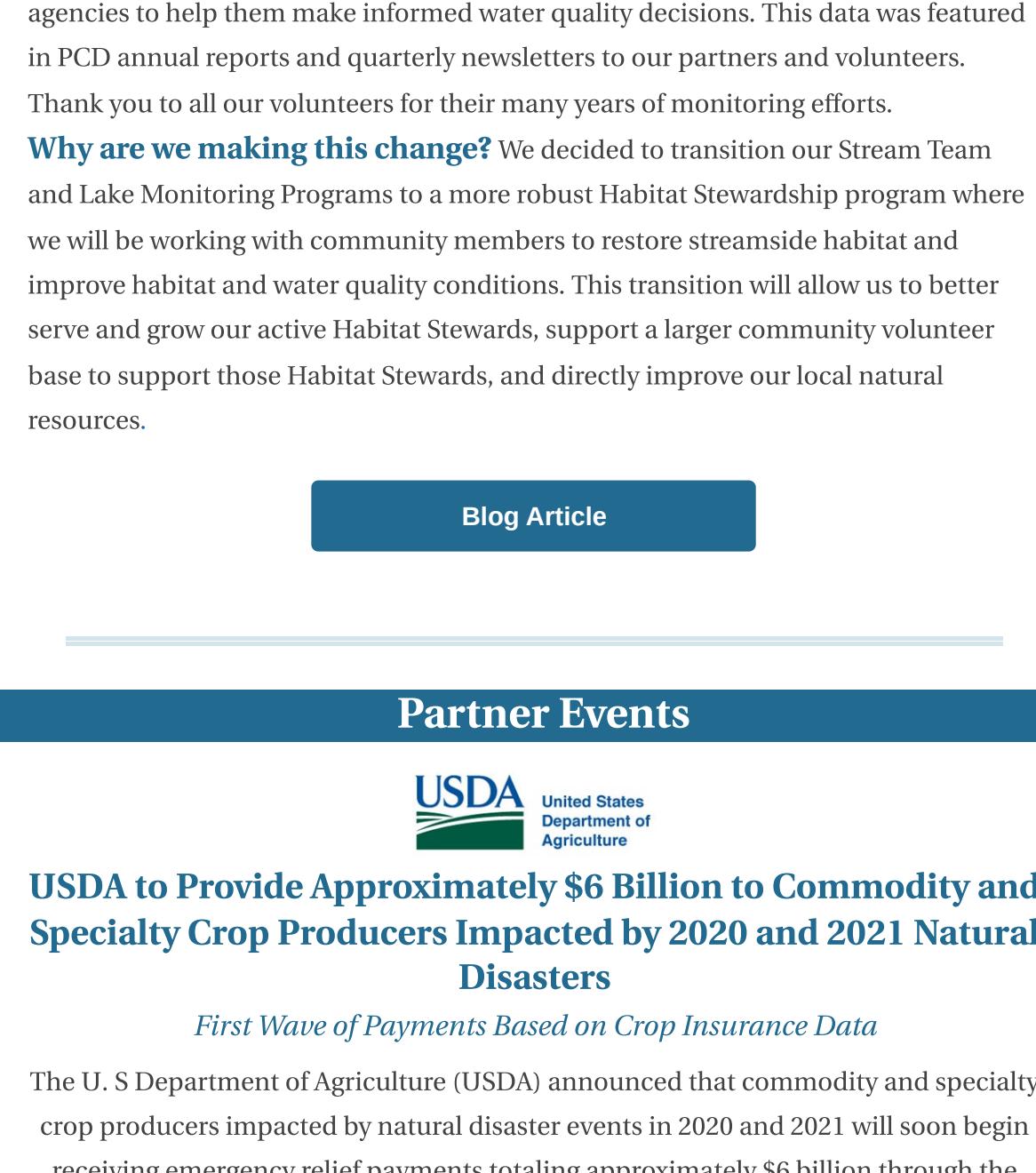
### School Year Comes to a Close



It was quite the 2021-22 school year for the PCD Environmental Education team. We enjoyed returning to schools to work with teachers and students again. Throughout the school year, we involved over 2,100 students in our programming! Here are some highlights from a busy year: [Read more...](#)

[Read More](#)

### PCD Closing Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Programs, Adding More Support For Streamside Restoration Projects



We are saddened to let you know that after 20 plus years of monitoring and over 2,000 engaged volunteers, we are closing the Stream Team and Lake Monitoring Programs. In 1994 the Stream Team Program began with 5 streams and has since expanded to monitoring more than 20 streams around Pierce County. Since 2000, the Cities of Lakewood, Bonney Lake and Milton have participated in lake monitoring programs on 7 different lakes. We provided key watershed health data to our partners and agencies to help them make informed water quality decisions. This data was featured in PCD annual reports and quarterly newsletters to our partners and volunteers.

Thank you to all our volunteers for their many years of monitoring efforts.

**Why are we making this change?** We decided to transition our Stream Team and Lake Monitoring Programs to a more robust Habitat Stewardship program where we will be working with community members to restore streamside habitat and improve habitat and water quality conditions. This transition will allow us to better serve and grow our active Habitat Stewards, support a larger community volunteer base to support those Habitat Stewards, and directly improve our local natural resources.

[Blog Article](#)

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United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

### USDA to Provide Approximately \$6 Billion to Commodity and Specialty Crop Producers Impacted by 2020 and 2021 Natural Disasters

#### *First Wave of Payments Based on Crop Insurance Data*

The U. S Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that commodity and specialty crop producers impacted by natural disaster events in 2020 and 2021 will soon begin receiving emergency relief payments totaling approximately \$6 billion through the

Farm Service Agency's (FSA) new [Emergency Relief Program \(ERP\)](#) to offset crop yield and value losses. Excessive heat is included as an eligible cause of loss for producers,

so if your farm suffered losses due to last summer's heat wave in June, you may be eligible for emergency relief payments. Contact the local USDA Farm Service Agency

at 253 845-9272 for more information.

[Learn More](#)

**COVID-19 Notice:** Pierce Conservation District's office is closed until Phase 3 of the Governor's phased reopening begins, at which time we will be open on a limited basis with minimal staff on site. Our staff are all still working remotely and available to provide technical assistance, including virtual site visits. We have worked quickly to transition our programming to an online and interactive format, including some of the content below. We will be able to restart volunteer restoration activities. Please email [info@piercecd.org](mailto:info@piercecd.org) with any questions.

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