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Over 70 Years of Conservation

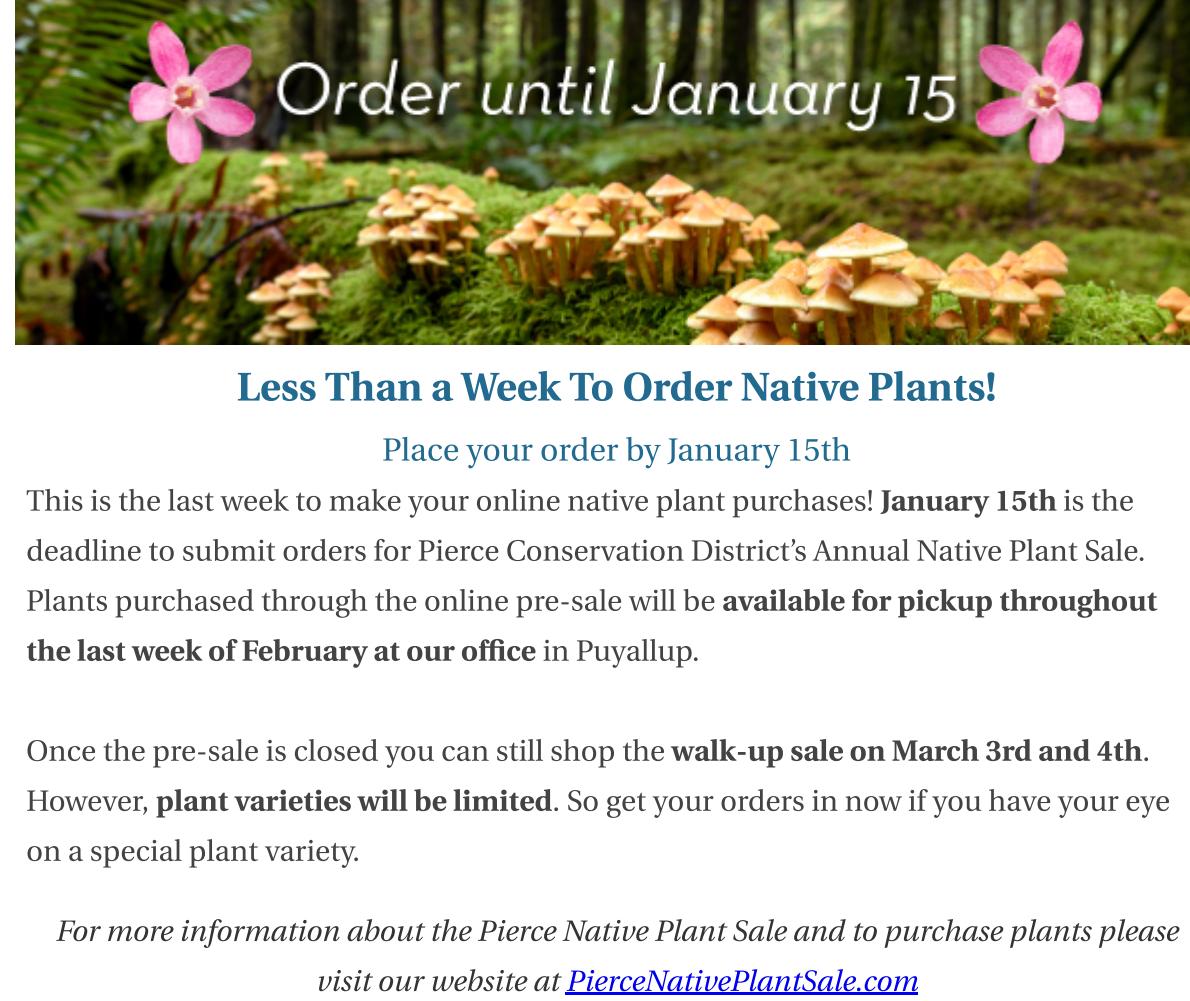
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## Events and Opportunities



### Less Than a Week To Order Native Plants!

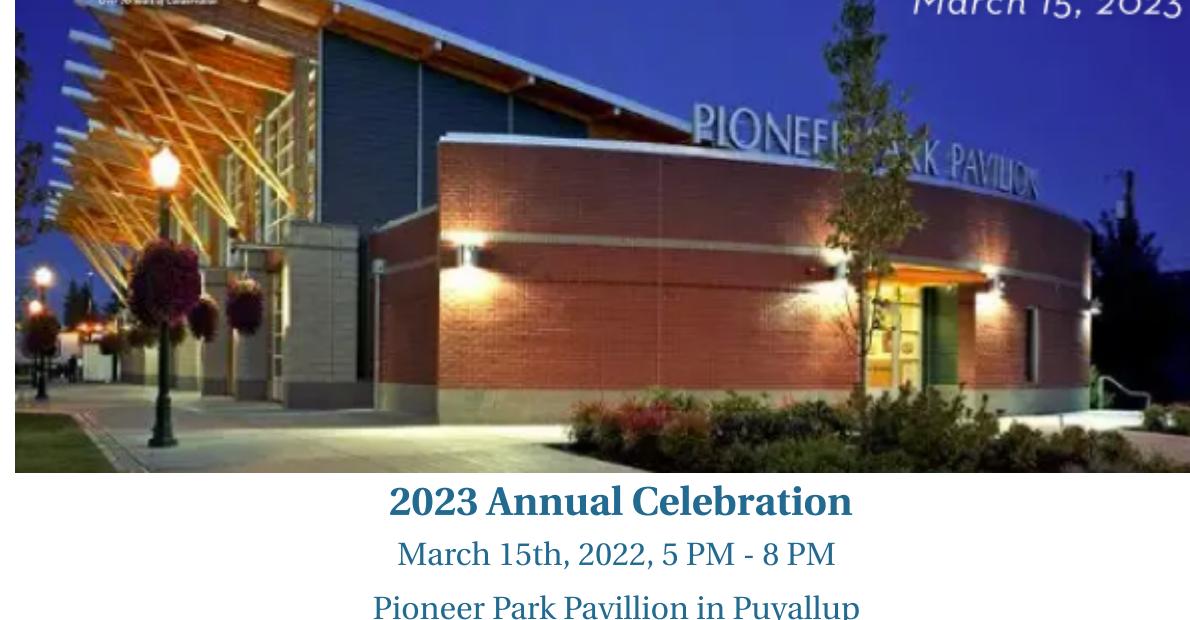
Place your order by January 15th

This is the last week to make your online native plant purchases! **January 15th** is the deadline to submit orders for Pierce Conservation District's Annual Native Plant Sale. Plants purchased through the online pre-sale will be **available for pickup throughout the last week of February at our office** in Puyallup.

Once the pre-sale is closed you can still shop the **walk-up sale on March 3rd and 4th**. However, **plant varieties will be limited**. So get your orders in now if you have your eye on a special plant variety.

*For more information about the Pierce Native Plant Sale and to purchase plants please visit our website at [PierceNativePlantSale.com](http://PierceNativePlantSale.com)*

[Order Plants](#)



### Register Now for Annual Seed Swap

February 12th, 2022, 12 PM - 3 PM

Pioneer Park Pavillion in Puyallup

Harvest Pierce County is gearing up to host their annual Seed Swap. The Seed Swap is an opportunity to join other local seed savers to break bread, share stories, learn a few skills, get inspired, and most importantly, swap seed! Light refreshments will be provided and participants are encouraged to bring a potluck item to share. Your registration will help us plan. Don't miss out on the fun and the chance to start planning your 2023 garden. For more information about the Seed Swap please visit [our website](#)

[Learn More](#)

[Register](#)



### 2023 Annual Celebration

March 15th, 2022, 5 PM - 8 PM

Pioneer Park Pavillion in Puyallup

Mark your calendars and make plans to join Pierce Conservation District's Board and Staff for an evening of reflection, recognition, and refreshments on Wednesday, March 15, at Pioneer Park Pavilion in Puyallup. We will showcase an assortment of projects undertaken since our last in-person Annual Celebration & Awards Ceremony and recognize the amazing individuals and partner organizations working to steward our natural resources. The event is also the final opportunity to cast your [Board of Supervisors ballot](#). Polling will be open between 4 pm and 8 pm. (more information about PCD's election can be found [here](#)).

### Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting

January 11th, 2022, 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](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities



**M.L.K. DAY OF SERVICE**

**Spots Open!**

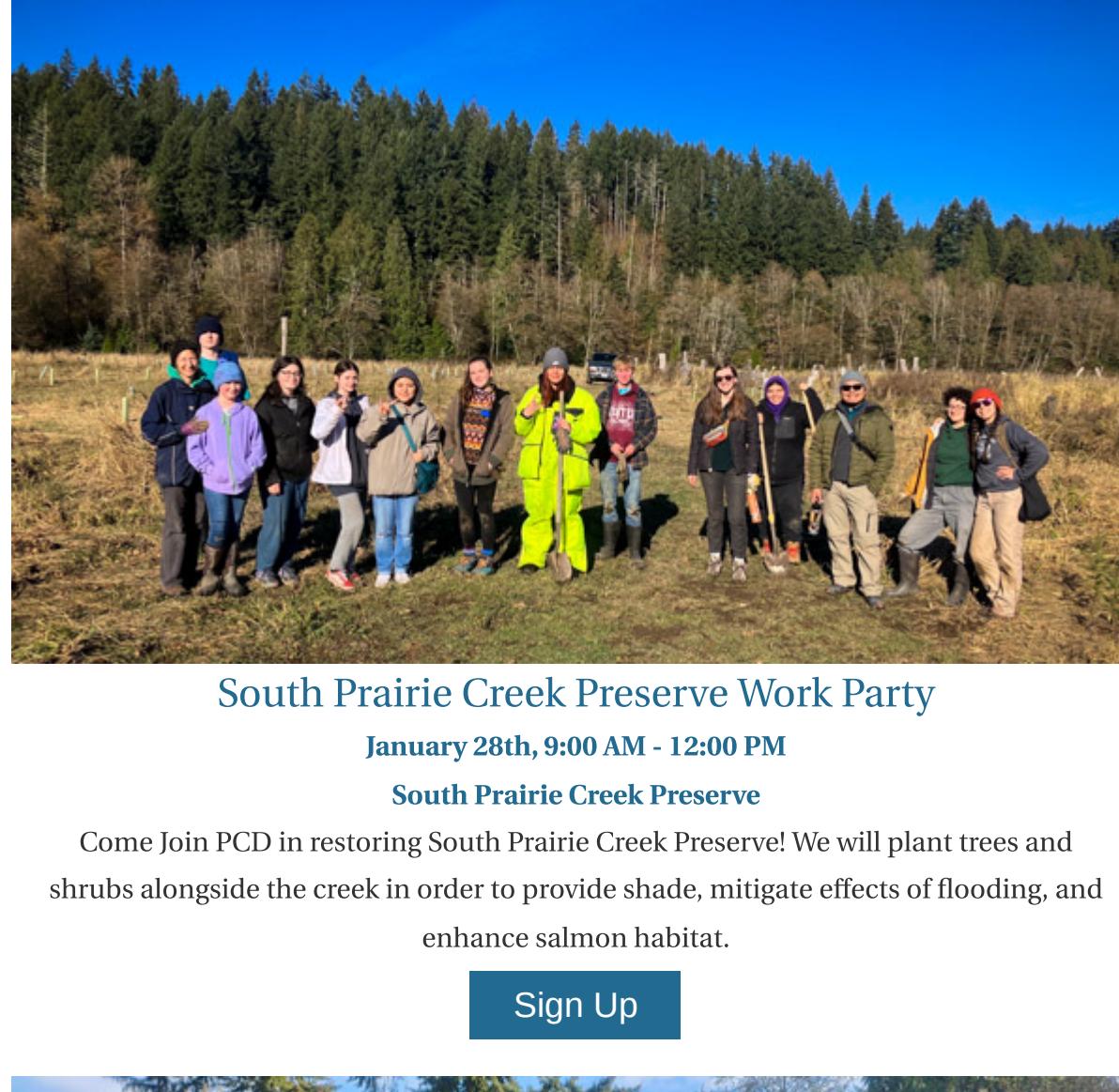
**Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service**

**January 16th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Fircrest and Puyallup**

Join us for a day of service at one of our active sites in Fircrest or Puyallup. Activities will include maintaining existing plantings, mulching, and taking out invasive plants. This is a great way to start your new year right and give back to your community. RSVP at the link to choose your site.

[Sign Up](#)



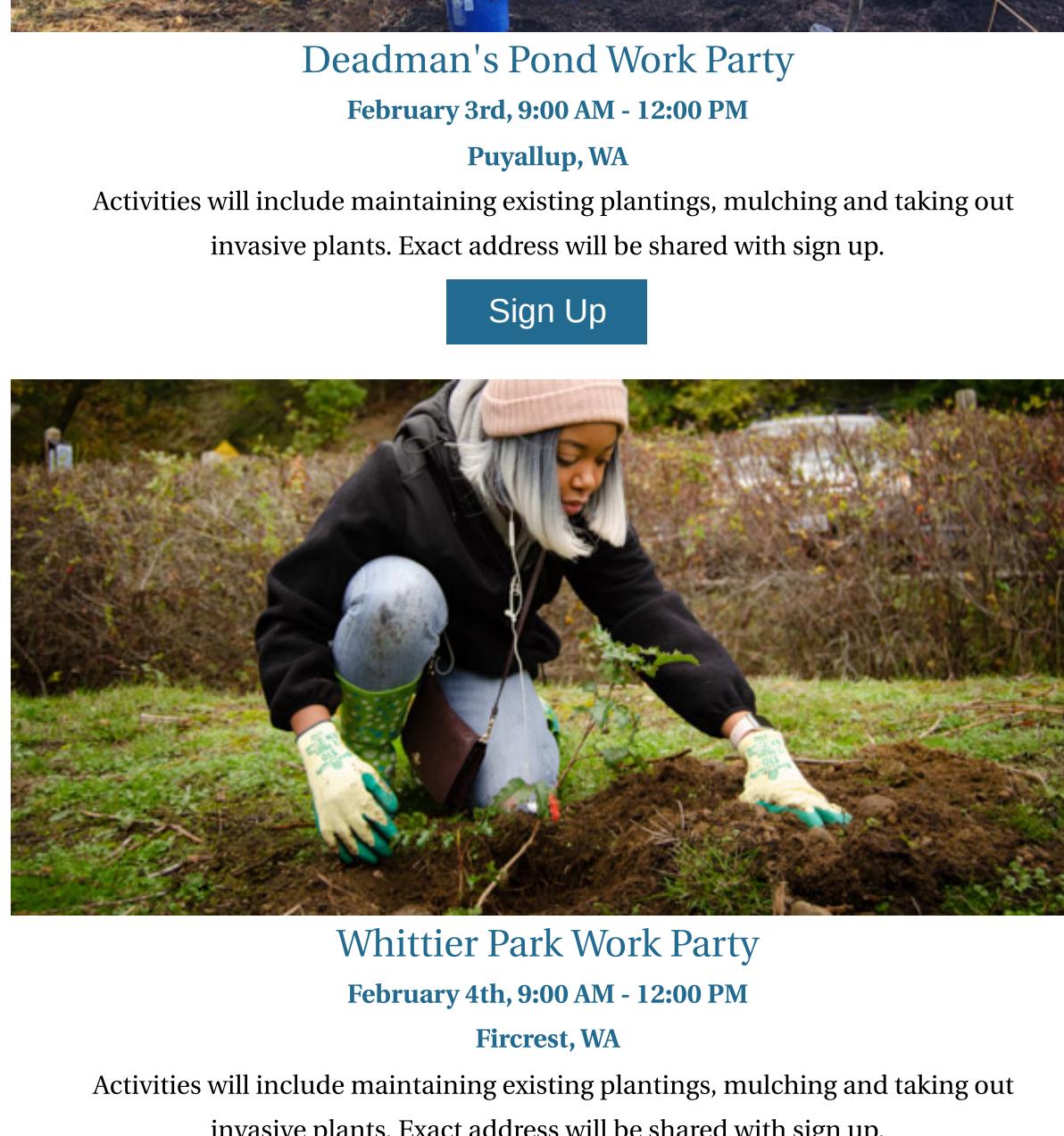
## South Prairie Creek Preserve Work Party

January 28th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

South Prairie Creek Preserve

Come Join PCD in restoring South Prairie Creek Preserve! We will plant trees and shrubs alongside the creek in order to provide shade, mitigate effects of flooding, and enhance salmon habitat.

[Sign Up](#)



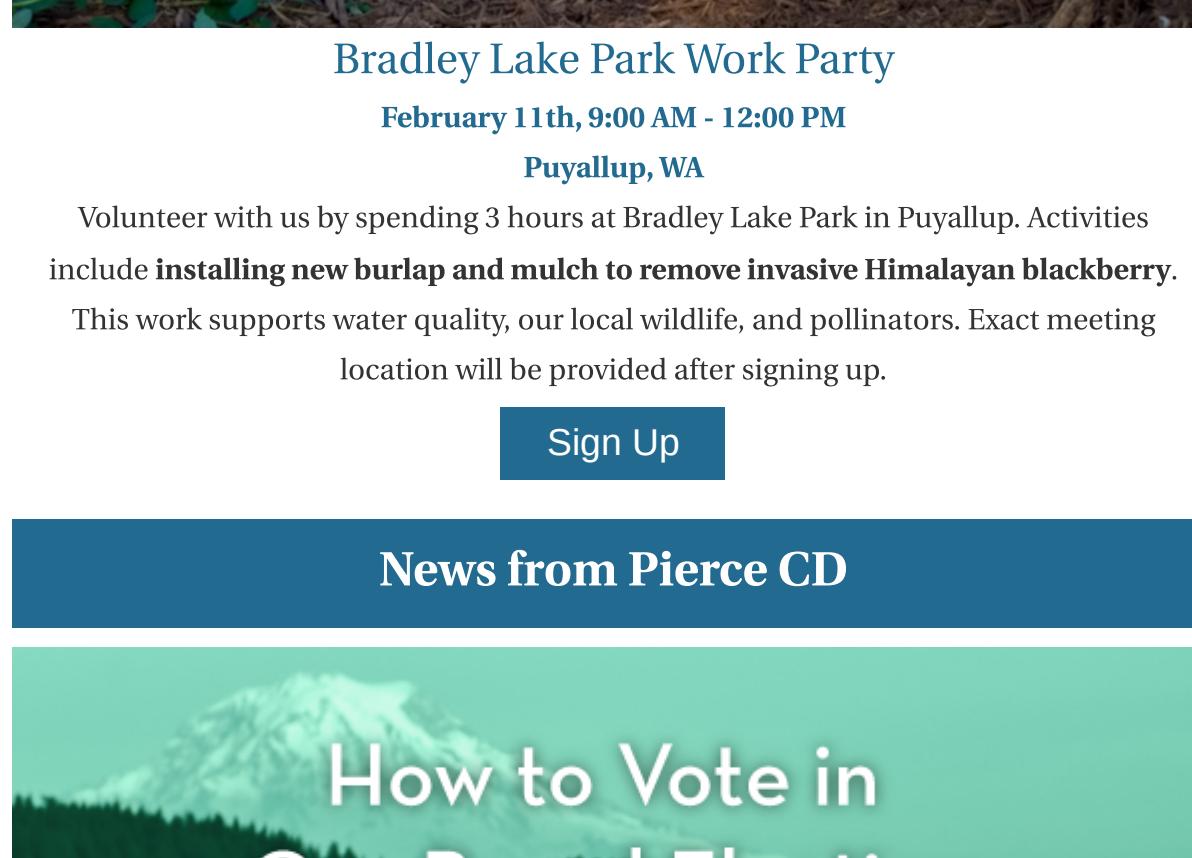
## Deadman's Pond Work Party

February 3rd, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Puyallup, WA

Activities will include maintaining existing plantings, mulching and taking out invasive plants. Exact address will be shared with sign up.

[Sign Up](#)



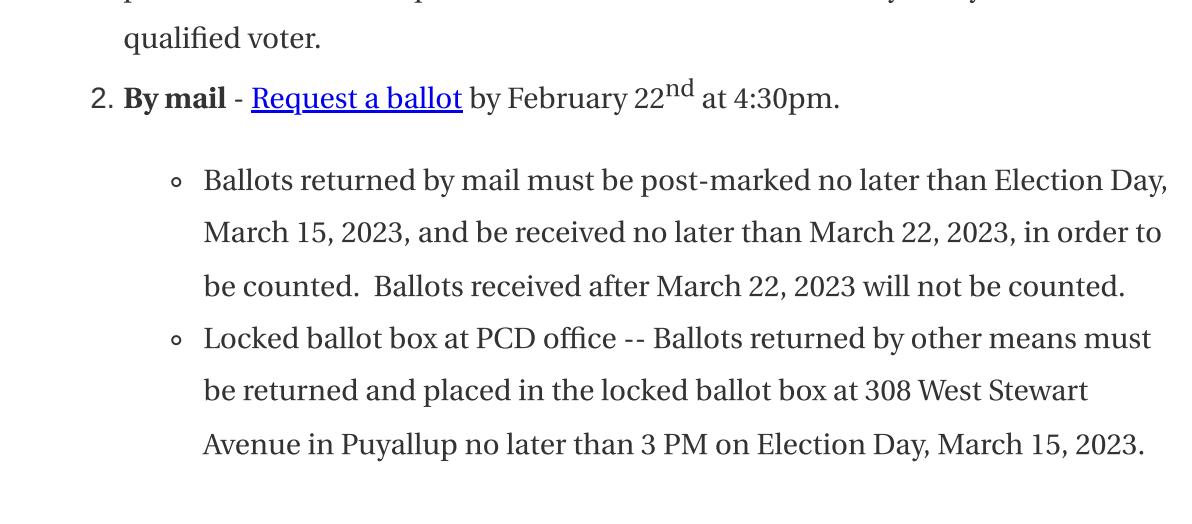
## Whittier Park Work Party

February 4th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Fircrest, WA

Activities will include maintaining existing plantings, mulching and taking out invasive plants. Exact address will be shared with sign up.

[Sign Up](#)



## Bradley Lake Park Work Party

February 11th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Puyallup, WA

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Bradley Lake Park in Puyallup. Activities include **installing new burlap and mulch to remove invasive Himalayan blackberry**.

This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators. Exact meeting location will be provided after signing up.

[Sign Up](#)

## News from Pierce CD

# How to Vote in Our Board Election

## Vote in Our Board Election!

Would you like to have a say in how Pierce Conservation District is run? Vote in our upcoming board election.

There are **two ways to participate** in the District Election.

1. **In person** - You may appear in person at the Pioneer Park Pavilion, 330 South Meridian in Puyallup, between 4 PM and 8 PM on March 15, 2023, and vote in person. You will be required to show identification to verify that you are a qualified voter.

2. **By mail** - [Request a ballot](#) by February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30pm.

- Ballots returned by mail must be post-marked no later than Election Day, March 15, 2023, and be received no later than March 22, 2023, in order to be counted. Ballots received after March 22, 2023 will not be counted.

- Locked ballot box at PCD office -- Ballots returned by other means must be returned and placed in the locked ballot box at 308 West Stewart Avenue in Puyallup no later than 3 PM on Election Day, March 15, 2023.

[Request a Ballot](#)

## Prior to participating you should:

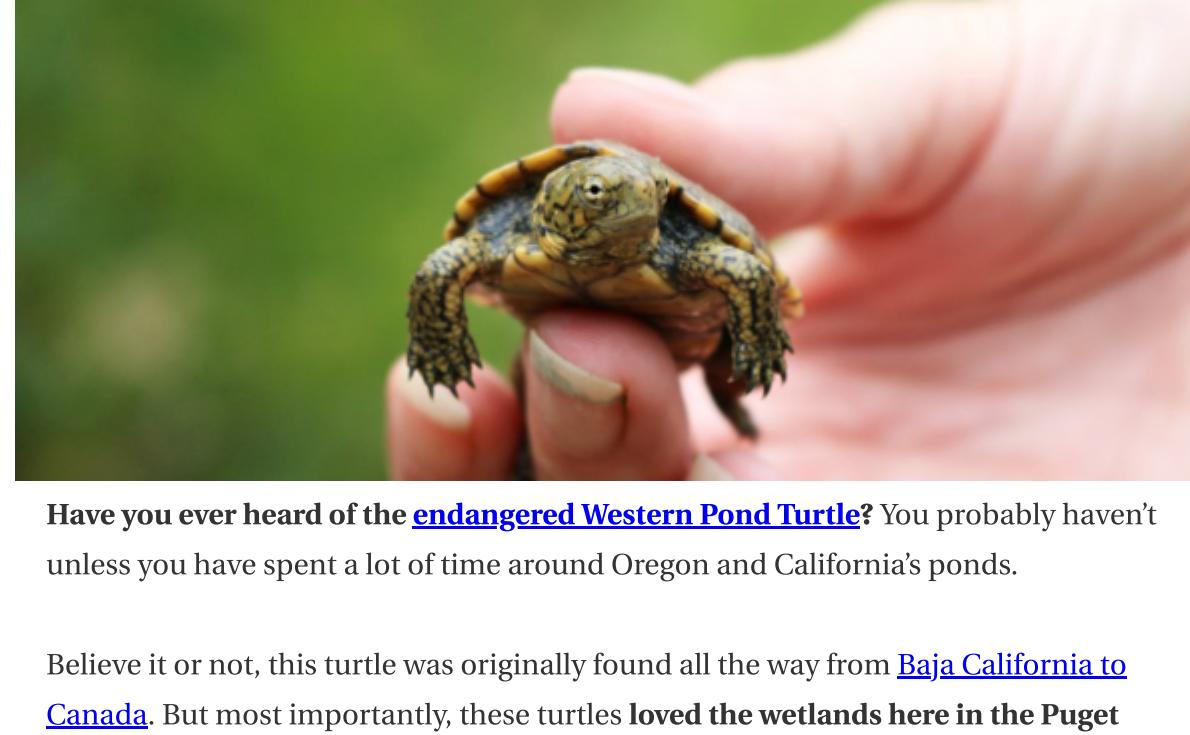
1. Make sure you live within [PCD's boundaries](#)\*
2. Check that your Pierce County voter registration has the same name and address you use to register to vote in PCD's election. If you aren't a Pierce County registered voter, [register to vote here](#)!

\*What are the District's boundaries? 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.

## Endangered Turtle Found at our Habitat Restoration Site



Have you ever heard of the [endangered Western Pond Turtle](#)? You probably haven't unless you have spent a lot of time around Oregon and California's ponds.

Believe it or not, this turtle was originally found all the way from [Baja California to Canada](#). But most importantly, these turtles **loved the wetlands here in the Puget Sound**. There was even a **population of our own living at our habitat restoration site, Deadman's Pond** (no other reason has been found to why it is called Deadman's Pond, other than the fact that it's close to a cemetery- but rest assured, it is a cool place). Several years ago, only one Western Pond Turtle was left there. That lonely guy was rehomed to the [Woodland Park Zoo](#) to participate in their [turtle recovery program](#). [Read more...](#)

*These Western Pond Turtles are one of the reasons why the Pierce Conservation District holds monthly work parties at Deadman's Pond.*

## Raising Salmon at the Office: Round Two



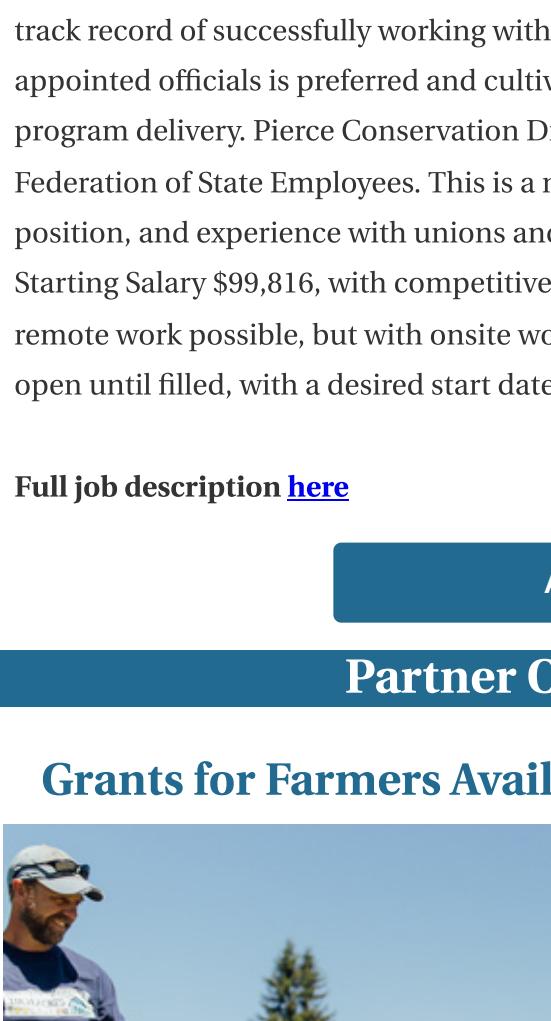
*Some of the 200 Coho salmon eggs we received for our tank.*

We had such a fun time [raising salmon in a tank at our office last year](#), we thought we'd do it again!

We are back for another year of partnership with [Tacoma elementary schools](#) who will also raise salmon in their classrooms. Along with [Foss Waterway Seaport](#), we will support 19 schools as they learn about the salmon life cycle, observe their growth, and eventually release them into the wild.

To follow along, check out our [Instagram](#) as we share [updates, fun videos](#), and show [how kids are interacting with the salmon](#). [Read more...](#)

## And the Winner is...



*Morgan's poster features a variety of soil organisms.*

Each year, The [National Association of Conservation Districts](#) holds a [poster contest about natural resources](#).

Students put their creativity on display as they learn about topics like healthy [forests](#), pollinators, and in this year's case, "Healthy [Soil](#), Healthy Life".

After visiting [Emerald Hills Elementary](#) for activities around soil organisms and the benefits of healthy soil, the students got to work on putting that into their artwork.

We would like to congratulate Morgan, a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader, for submitting the winning poster! [Read more...](#)

## Hiring Senior Director of Finance and Administration

Pierce Conservation District seeks a full-time [Senior Director of Finance and Administration](#). This is an administrative position of Pierce Conservation District. The employee occupying this position reports to the Executive Director and will work closely with the Board of Supervisors, all Program Directors and staff of the organization to support them in the delivery of our mission.

The ideal candidate will have strong working knowledge and experience in managing human resources and experience in supporting business and operation functions of a mid-sized organization. A keen understanding of budgets, finance, grants procurement, and program administration are an absolute requirement. A previous track record of successfully working with a board of directors and other elected and/or appointed officials is preferred and cultivating a team of professionals to excel in program delivery. Pierce Conservation District staff are represented by the Washington Federation of State Employees. This is a non-represented senior management position, and experience with unions and collective bargaining processes is desired. Starting Salary \$99,816, with competitive benefits. Position is "hybrid," with some remote work possible, but with onsite work at Puyallup office required. Position is open until filled, with a desired start date of **March 1, 2023**.

[Full job description here](#)

[Apply](#)

## Partner Opportunities

### Grants for Farmers Available Through Tilth Alliance



*Photo of Inch Acres by Rylea Foehl*

[Tilth Alliance](#) is now accepting applications for the [Washington State Organic and Sustainable Farming Fund](#) (WSOSFF). Applications are due **Feb. 19, 2023**.

This opportunity is available to farmers seeking financial assistance to support projects that will improve the economic viability, social impacts, or environmental sustainability of their farm businesses and/or community. The goal of these grants is to enhance the operations of farmers practicing responsible and progressive methods such as sustainable soil management, crop diversification, habitat preservation, climate change mitigation and environmentally safe waste management practices. Grant requests can be made up to **\$10,000**.

**The grant program is open to all Washington State farmers who:**

- Currently employ or are adopting practices that follow regenerative, sustainable, and/or organic principles (this includes conventional farms that are transitioning into organic, sustainable, or regenerative production).
- Have been in business for at least two years.
- Are seeking to improve and/or expand their operation, improve environmental impacts, or become a more sustainable business.

[Virtual info session](#) on January 11th at 2pm.

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