

## Events and Opportunities



### 2023 Annual Celebration

March 15th, 2023, 5 PM - 8 PM

Pioneer Park Pavillion in Puyallup

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.

This event is FREE, however, **registration is required**.

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](#)).

[Learn More](#)
[Register](#)


### March Last Month for Urban Tree Sale

January 17 - March 31

The [2023 Spring Urban Tree Sale](#) will close at the end of this month. We offer 11 different tree varieties for as low as \$10 per tree.

The sale is **limited to residents in the cities of Tacoma and Puyallup and Unincorporated Pierce County**. Customers can buy up to **three trees** each time PCD holds a sale for a total of up to 6 trees per property.

With the purchase of a tree, customers also receive a free educational workshop and a slow-release watering bucket.

*The Urban Tree Sale is hosted by our [Water Quality](#) team as part of our [Green Stormwater program](#) in partnership with cities of [Tacoma](#) and [Puyallup](#) and [Pierce County](#).*

[Learn More](#)


### Wildfire & Disaster Info Fair in Wilkeson

Saturday, April 1 from 10 am – 12 pm

Wilkeson Elementary School

640 Railroad Ave, Buckley, WA 98321

*Disasters are never a pleasant topic to think about, but it's important to take simple steps to reduce risks and be prepared for when they strike. East Pierce County is particularly vulnerable to various natural disasters, such as wildfires, lahars, landslides, and extreme weather conditions.*

On April 1st, we are hosting an event in Wilkeson that **brings together some of the best minds in disaster preparedness** to provide valuable insights and **resources to help you protect your home and loved ones**. This is a rare opportunity to gain a wealth of information in a condensed format. Representatives from Pierce Conservation District, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, your local fire departments, and other organizations will be available to speak with you one-on-one about natural disaster preparedness and how you can become Wildfire and Disaster Ready.

[Learn More & Register](#)


### Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting

March 8th, 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](#)


### FREE Edible Gardens Workshops

March through October

Online and in person

*Interested in learning the basics of successful vegetable gardening in the PNW?*



We had a successful class on Fruit Trees in the garden to kick off our Edible Gardens Workshop Series on Saturday. If you're interested in exploring and learning the basics of successful vegetable gardening in the Pacific Northwest, we invite you to enroll in one of our workshops. Upcoming include:

- Seed Starting & Garden Planning
- Growing in Containers
- Garden Soil 101
- Your Summer Garden
- and much more

To learn more head to [our website](#), and make sure to secure your spot in class by registering online.

Register



## Save the Date: Starting Your Farm

May 6th, 10AM - 12PM

Key Peninsula Civic Center

Join [Kitsap](#) and Pierce Conservation Districts for a workshop focusing on setting up your property for raising livestock, vegetables, fruit and more. We'll discuss the importance of understanding your land, its possibilities and its limitations, and the steps involved in planning the layout of your farm for your particular goals. Bring your questions to the Key Peninsula Civic Center on Saturday, May 6th, from 10:00 AM – Noon.

*Registration details to follow.*

## Volunteer Opportunities



### Bradley Lake Park Work Party

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

Puyallup, WA

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Bradley Lake Park in Puyallup. Activities include **planting and mulching new plants**. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators. Exact meeting location will be provided after signing up.

Sign Up



### Silver Creek Work Party

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

Puyallup, WA

Activities will include **maintaining existing plantings and removing blackberry**.

Exact address will be provided on sign up.

Sign Up



### Pioneer Place II Work Party

March 18th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Puyallup, WA

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

Sign Up



### Deadman's Pond Work Party

April 7th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Puyallup, WA

Activities include caring for existing plants and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry and thistle. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators. Exact address will be provided on sign up.

Sign Up

## News from Pierce CD



### Help Us Celebrate Earth Day!

Read on to learn how you can participate and win a \$100 gift card to [Gardensphere](#).

While Earth Day is still over a month away, we're **starting our celebration plans early!** A regular Earth Day activity is planting trees and flowers, which is always a great idea, but late April can be a challenging time for the plants.

Like a lot of us, most plants go dormant in the winter. As soon as spring comes, they start to “wake up,” growing their roots, branches, leaves, and flowers. If you try transplanting



plants while they're growing, it can stress them out and reduce their chances of surviving. The best times for planting in your yard are late winter/early spring (just before the plants wake up) or early fall (after most plants have gone dormant but before continuous hard frosts).

So, **instead of stressing out plants for Earth Day, we're encouraging folks to plant something NOW!** That way, you can spend Earth Day enjoying new blooms and growth. To help get you started, PCD created four [do-it-yourself activity pages](#) for different [urban habitat projects](#). By following the step-by-step instructions, you can create your own patch of urban habitat without too much time or money. As you get ready to stick your hands in the soil, we want to see your progress! Post your before and after pictures on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#), tag PCD, and use the hashtag #PCDUrbanHabitat. Everyone who tags us on social media before Earth Day will be entered for a chance to win a one of two \$100 gift cards from [Gardensphere](#). [Read more...](#)



## Wildlife of South Prairie Creek Preserve

By [Sage Friedman](#)

[Restoring South Prairie Creek](#) Preserve is an extremely collaborative effort. Just over the past year, we've had a hundreds of [volunteers](#), [staff](#), crew members, and [partners](#) at the site. And they've seen an **incredible diversity of wildlife!** [AmeriCorps](#) member Sage Friedmen created this [Wildlife StoryMap](#) with the amazing wildlife photos from people who visited last year. It shows just a fraction of the incredible diversity of animal species at the preserve. [Read more...](#)

## Welcome New Habitat Steward Lucy



By [Cecilia Black](#)

The Water Quality Team recently welcomed our newest volunteer [Habitat Steward](#), Lucy, who will be hosting [monthly work parties](#) at Bradley Lake Park for the upcoming year. Welcome, Lucy! Thank you for your dedicated service. We thought it would be fun to do a little interview so everyone could get to know her a little better.

**Pierce Conservation District:** What made you want to get involved in Habitat Stewardship?

**Lucy:** *I got involved in the Habitat Stewardship after volunteering at Green Puyallup Day. I wanted to get involved in volunteer work in my community and give back to the green spaces that I have enjoyed for many years.*

**PCD:** What is your background and career aspirations?

**Lucy:** *I grew up in the [Lake Tapps](#) area and went to [UW Tacoma](#) for my B.S in Environmental Science. My career aspirations are to work in Water Quality at a local level. I would also love to work for the [EPA](#) or [Department of Ecology](#) someday!* [Read more...](#)

## 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** -
  - 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.

### 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 Edgewood, 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.

## Partner Opportunities

### Free Forestry Workshop in Eatonville

*Saturday, March 11th from 11 am - 3 pm*

*Eatonville, WA 98328*



This free workshop is made possible with financial support from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Western Extension Risk Management Education. At this workshop in an Eatonville family forest, professional foresters will introduce forest owners to a set of simple, hands-on strategies for increasing their forests' resilience in the face of a warmer and drier climate.

The workshop will focus on forest thinning and other ecological forestry strategies for mitigating risk of fire, pests, disease, improving timber quality for family forest owners who harvest, and strengthening ecosystem services.

In late April, they also plan to host a chainsaw maintenance, safety, and tree felling class for forest owners in Eatonville.

Register



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