

Events and Opportunities



Spring Garden Summit

Saturday, May 6th from 10:00am-2:00pm,
Lincoln High School
701 S 37th St, Tacoma, WA 98418

Make plans to attend Harvest Pierce County's Spring Garden Summit!

Harvest Pierce County's [Spring Garden Summit](#) is quickly approaching, and we'd love to see you there. The Summit (part of the [Edible Gardens Workshop](#) series) is an educational and interactive event focused on food, the environment, and our community. Our keynote is a virtual experience from [Leah Penniman](#) author of **Uprooting Racism, Seeding Sovereignty** followed by a variety of classes, workshops, and food to choose from.

[Register](#)



FREE Edible Gardens Workshops

April 8th, 11th, and 22nd
Online and in Puyallup

Interested in learning the foundations of gardening from seed to table in the Pacific Northwest?

Then register for the Edible Garden workshop series. April's workshop offerings are Garden Soil 101 and Your Summer Garden. Sign up for either or both class in the format you prefer.

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

[Register](#)



6 Week Tractor Safety Course Kick-Off

April 17th, 5PM - 7PM

WSU Research and Extension Center, Puyallup, WA

PCD is partnering with WSU Extension and Pierce County Ag Planning to bring you a tractor safety certification course. This 5-week course will consist of both classroom style lecture materials with hands-on learning and is based on Purdue University's Gearing Up for Safety Program. The program is open to operators of all ages and experience levels and can be taken as a tractor safety certification, but spaces are limited. We'll cover everything from farm safety and tractor operation basics to operating agricultural machinery on roadways.

Space is limited. Register online through [Brown Paper Tickets](#).

[Learn more](#)



Earth Day at South Prairie Creek Preserve

April 22nd, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

South Prairie, WA

It's time for some spring cleanup at South Prairie Creek Preserve. We will also have some fun macroinvertebrate-themed activities for kids (and grownups). Get outdoors and get your hands dirty to help improve critical salmon habitat!

This site is popular and will fill up fast, so be sure to [reserve your spot](#) soon!

[Register](#)



Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting

April 12th 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



Save the Date: Starting Your Farm

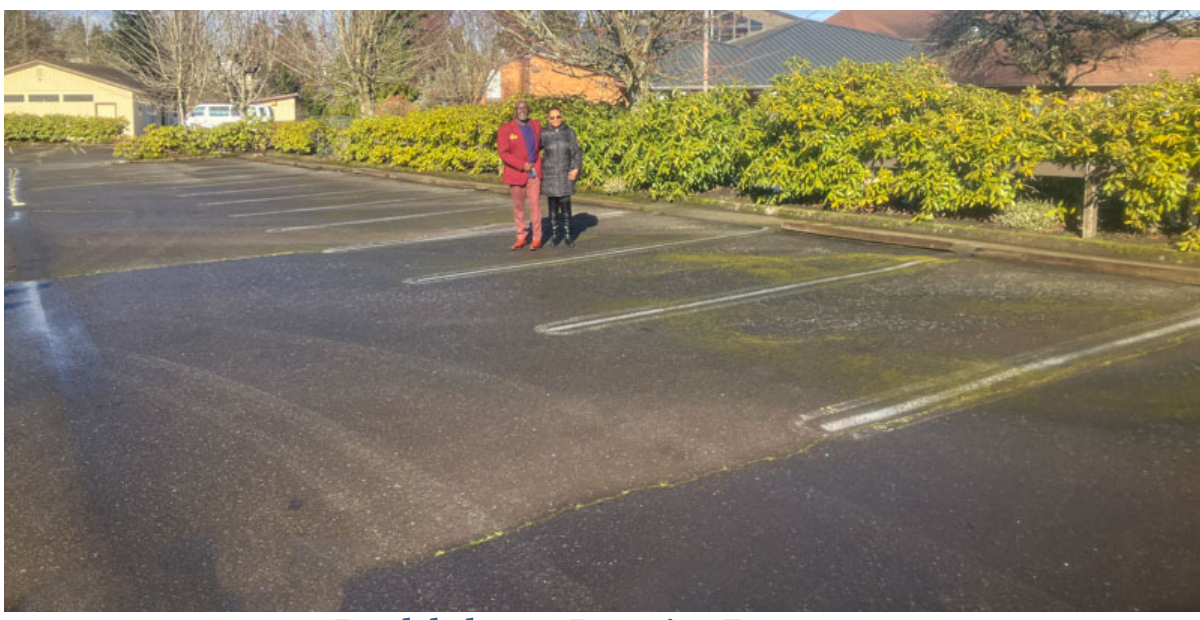
May 6th, 10AM - 12PM

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.

Register

Volunteer Opportunities



Bethlehem Baptist Depave

April 29th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Puyallup, WA

Many hands make light work, so join Bethlehem Baptist Church, PCD, and the City of Tacoma to help remove over 3,000 square feet of pavement from the church's parking lot (compare that to the size of your residence---it is a lot of asphalt to remove). Once cleared of asphalt, this space will be transformed throughout the summer and fall into a new green space with native plants, raised garden beds, and benches for gathering for the residents of the planned adjacent low income housing

Sign Up



Whittier Park Work Party

May 6th, 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.

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Meeker Creek Work Party

May 6th, 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.

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News from Pierce CD

2023 Pierce Conservation District Board of Supervisors Election Results*

The most votes in Pierce Conservation District's 2023 Board of Supervisors Election were cast for candidate **Julie Ammann**.

*The election will be declared final, and the official results will be announced by the Washington State Conservation Commission at their May meeting. The new PCD Supervisor-elect may then take office and begin official duties after the May Commission meeting announcement and will be replacing outgoing Supervisor Cindy Haverkamp.

"I want to thank every voter who took the time to cast a ballot either by mail, at the walk up drop box, or in person at the Annual Meeting," notes PCD Election Supervisor, Kristine Lewis, "Despite the inconvenience with the third-party tabulation vendor's unintentional expired forwarding address service, there were a record number of ballots cast and that is a win for democracy, representation, and awareness of our election process."

Read more on the [Elections Page](#).



Swim free, little salmon!

Over the past four months, 19 local schools and 1,000 students raised coho salmon from eggs to fry, culminating in a series of release field trip to Swan Creek this March. It's been quite the journey, both for the salmon as well as the students! Over the last few week, we said farewell to the final salmon fry and the second year of Tacoma's Salmon in the Classroom program came to an end.

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Legislative Tour

Recently we hosted a tour of The Farm at Franklin Pierce, one of our partners, for congresswoman Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland and USDA Under Secretary for Rural Development Xochitl Torres Small.

Learn more about the trip to the farm in [this article](#).



South Prairie Creek Preserve Restoration Project Interactive Storymap

[South Prairie Creek Preserve](#) (SPCP) in its current state is a culmination of almost 20 years of restoration efforts by Pierce Conservation District using a wide range of conservation and preservation methods --- because no single restoration method can completely rehabilitate a site this large.

These restoration strategies are outlined in this informative and [beautiful Storymap created](#) by PCD's Habitat Team. The interactive document summarizes the history of SPCP, including the land stewardship history by the Puyallup and Muckleshoot tribes, restoration outcomes of project, and includes images of the spawning salmon that proliferate in the fall. [See the map.](#)



First Annual Meeting Since the Pandemic

It was a clear, warm evening as more than two hundred guests began arriving at the Pioneer Park Pavilion in Puyallup to attend Pierce Conservation District's Annual Meeting and Celebration on Wednesday, March 15th

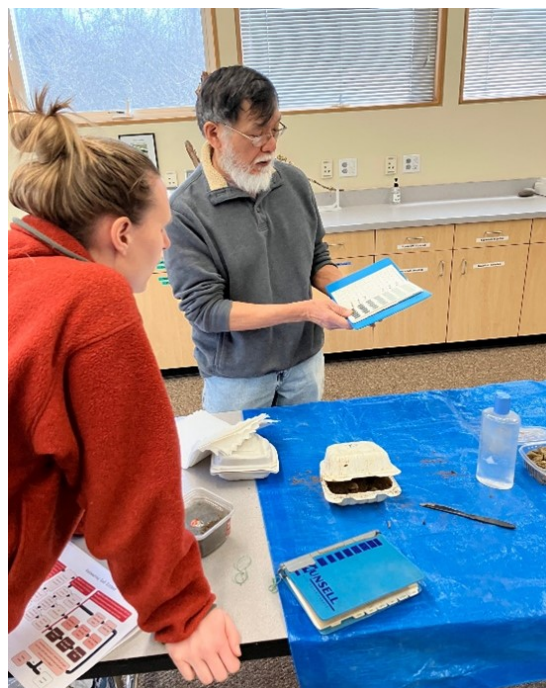
Guests were greeted by staff and community partners showcasing completed projects and ongoing programs through a series of a dozen posters while they enjoyed delicious appetizers catered by Savory & Sweet Café, Puyallup. [Read more...](#)



Wildfire Ready Neighbors

On April 1st, Wilkeson Elementary School was buzzing with excitement as local partners gathered for the first-ever Wildfire and Disaster Info Fair in Pierce County. Partners included fire departments, [Pierce Conservation District](#), [WA Department of Natural Resources](#), [Friends of the Carbon Canyon](#), and many others. Even [Smokey the Bear](#) made a special appearance, adding to the fun-filled atmospher.

The Fair was timely for Northeast Pierce County, where [wildfire risk](#) has been on the rise in recent years. [Read more...](#)



Soil Scientist, Chuck Natsuhara, shows soil sample classifications to students.

Good Luck, Environmental Stewards!

It is that time of year again, teams of high school students across Washington State are preparing for their regional Envirothon competitions! Each year, students compete in teams of five to demonstrate their knowledge in Soils, Forestry, Aquatics, Wildlife, and a current issue topic. This year's current issue topic is Adapting to a Changing Climate. Students receive topical bonus training each year through a series of free workshops. The South Sound Region competition will be held on April 25, at Squaxin Park in Olympia. [Read more...](#)

Puyallup-Sumner Chamber Visits PCD

PCD recently hosted over 50 local business leaders in our Puyallup office



for a Puyallup-Summer Chamber Wake Up! event. Many of those in attendance admitted to driving by our office for years having no idea what type of business took over after Del's Feed Store had left the site . [Read more...](#)

Partner Opportunities

Free Plant Protection Tubes from Northwest Trek



There is nothing more disheartening than discovering damage from wind or animals after investing time and money to plant new trees on your property or restoration project. Northwest Trek has an abundance of FREE plant protection tubes available that are 2', 3' and 4' long. They are looking for people who can use them (otherwise they will be going to the landfill in May). Most have releasable zip ties on them and have been bend-tested for brittleness. They do not come with bamboo stakes. If interested, please reach out directly to Jake Pool at Jake.Pool@NWtrek.org or at (360)-832-7177.

Lakewood Parks Appreciation Day



Lakewood is hosting Parks Appreciation Day on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Join them from 9 a.m. - noon to help beautify the parks you know and love. They count on volunteers and their support each year to prepare Lakewood's parks for the spring/summer season.

[Register and learn more](#)

