

Events and Opportunities



Two-Part Biochar Workshop

Tuesday, October 10th, 6:30-8:00 PM (Virtual)

Saturday, October 14th, 1:00-3:00 PM (In person in Enumclaw)

This workshop is a two-part series about the use of biochar as a soil amendment. You can attend just one or both.

The Science of Biochar

Nate Stacey, the Farm Program Director at Tilth Alliance, will discuss the use of biochar as a soil amendment, including the benefits and drawbacks of this popular strategy. He received a Ph.D. in soil science from Washington State University and has investigated biochar as a soil amendment and compost feedstock

Biochar Hands-On How-To Workshop

Following up the Science of Biochar webinar will be a demonstration workshop of an at-home do-it-yourself biochar reactor production process. Workshop participants will learn how to make their own small kilns using simple materials.

[Register](#)



Orca Recovery Day

Saturday, October 14th, All Day

Get ready for Orca Recovery Day! Orca Recovery Day is a region-wide day of action to improve habitat for salmon. Join us in planting native trees, removing invasive plants, or collecting litter around the community. Whether you want to make a lasting impact in your community, or you want to bring the family outside for the weekend, we invite you to roll up your sleeves and help save our orcas! We're stronger together, and every action helps us leave the environment better than we found it. With multiple locations across the county, there are plenty of ways to jump in.

New this year! We're also partnering with All Things Fun Sports to bring you an Orca-themed 5k trail run. Run this fun mild to moderately challenging trail 5K while learning important facts about our Orcas and how restoration helps salmon survive and thrive. [Register on RaceRoster.](#)

[Find an Event Near You](#)



Green Tacoma Day

Saturday, October 14th, All Day

Multiple Locations Throughout Tacoma

Green Tacoma Day is an annual day of services that offers Tacoma community members a chance to get outside and learn about their local green spaces. With a pub crawl, a mindfulness walk, and tons of locations to join in, this is a great way to show you care about your local environment, and meet others who share your enthusiasm! This year's celebration will be on Saturday, October 14, 2023, and will be at multiple locations throughout Tacoma.

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Edible Gardens Class Series - Putting the Garden to Bed

Saturday, October 14th, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (In person at the Allmendinger Center, 2606 W. Pioneer, Puyallup)

Tuesday, October 17th, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (Virtual)

Join the Edible Gardens final class of the year, as we share tips and techniques for putting the garden to bed for winter, that will enrich your soil and ease springtime planting. Visit pierced.org for more information on the schedule and register to reserve your spot either in person or online.

[Register](#)



Monthly Board of Supervisors Meeting

Wednesday, October 11th from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

In Person and Virtual

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

****OCTOBER MEETING LOCATION**** The October Board Meeting will be at the Boatyard House at Eddon Boat Park.

Address: 3805 Harborview Drive Gig Harbor, WA 98332

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Apply for the 2024 Farm Foundations Cohort

Applications: Open October 2nd, priority deadline is November 15

If you're interested in learning how to grow your own food, work on a small vegetable farm, or expand your skills in food production - HPC offers Farm Foundations Training. This free, adult educational program is designed to give access to the knowledge and experience of a full-time farm internship without the commitment. It combines virtual classes and fieldwork at farms within Pierce County to give participants a well-rounded perspective on the realities of food production. Applications open October 2nd and the priority deadline is November 15th, please join us for the 2024 season.

[Apply](#)



Mark Your Calendars!

Native Plant Sale preorders open November 1st

Be sure to mark your calendars for the much-anticipated Pierce Conservation District Native Plant Sale. Each year, the District offers a wide variety of bare-root native plants to the public at low cost. The website will go live for preorders on November 1st.

[Bookmark the Plant Sale Site](#)



Green Puyallup Day

Saturday, November 4

Multiple Locations Throughout Puyallup

Similarly, Green Puyallup Day is an annual celebration of urban green spaces in Puyallup. Volunteer to plant trees and build friendships that last a lifetime. Healthy ecosystems and thriving forests are vital to our community because they absorb and naturally filter rainwater, produce clean oxygen, provide living spaces for wildlife, and create a place for people to connect with the outdoors.

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Volunteer Opportunities



Fall Farm Prep at Colibrí Farm

Tuesday, October 10th, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Tacoma, WA

Get outside and help Colibrí Farm prepare for the 2024 crop season! Tasks include moving a large pile of compost into fields, moving a pile of arborist mulch into pathways, blackberry removal around the farm and *maybe* giving their hoop house some attention if there's time.

Colibrí Farm is the pilot site for Pierce CD's Urban Farm program. By tackling the remaining farm work this season with your help, we'll be able to lay down cover crops and hit the ground running in the 2024 growing season.

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Dead Man's Pond Work Party

Friday, October 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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Whittier Park Work Party

Saturday, October 7th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Fircrest, 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

October 21st, 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Puyallup, WA

Join us at this newly reopened site! 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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Join Us for the Final Gleans of the Season

October - Early November

Throughout Pierce County

If you have not already, register to volunteer with the Pierce County Gleaning Project. The gleaning season is coming to a close, but help is wanted through the end of the season, which will go until mid-November. We offer a variety of gleans, on both farms and backyard orchards throughout the county, and would love to see you there. Volunteers are welcome to take home a portion of the produce as a thank-you for your time and hard work.

[Register](#)

News from Pierce CD



Salmon Slide Into South Prairie Creek Preserve

Pink salmon are running at [South Prairie Creek Preserve](#)! Pink salmon are a species with a two-year life cycle, and in Washington State, the runs occur on odd years. Adult pink salmon will swim upstream from the ocean to spawn, typically to the same stream where they hatched from. [Read more...](#)



PCD AmeriCorps Member Maddie Snook shows salmon migration routes to 4th graders

Students (+ Salmon!) Return to Hatchery

The PCD education team is gearing up for another busy fall season! This year, every 4th grade class in the Puyallup School District will visit the [Puyallup Hatchery](#) for a field trip. PCD is partnering with the [Puyallup Historical Hatchery Foundation](#) to make this happen. The students will get to tour the hatchery, see eggs and alevin up close, and view spawning salmon in Clarks Creek. [Read more...](#)

How To Appreciate A Rain Garden

What is a rain garden?

A rain garden is the world's prettiest sponge. Scenic native plants in a low shallow divot of earth create areas where rainwater can pool and pollutants can

be filtered out before they reach groundwater. You've probably seen one in your neighborhood, or perhaps at the demonstration garden just outside of Pierce Conservation District's Office. Water Specialist AmeriCorps Member Graham French took appreciation of rain gardens to a whole new level and illustrated the PCD rain garden. [Read more...](#)



*Illustration of a rain garden by
Graham French*

Welcome New Staff & AmeriCorps Members!



Please join us in welcoming new staff and AmeriCorps members to the District. Over the summer we've had many new faces join our team, and we are excited for all the new energy, talent, and possibilities they bring. [Read more...](#)



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