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## Events & Opportunities



**Pierce Native Plant Sale**

**ORDER ONLINE UNTIL JAN. 15**

Walk-up Sale March 16th 11-3

Native plants use less water, create habitat, and support the local ecology of the PNW.

**Last Call! - Get Your Hands on Native Plants Online or at Walk-Up Sale Event**

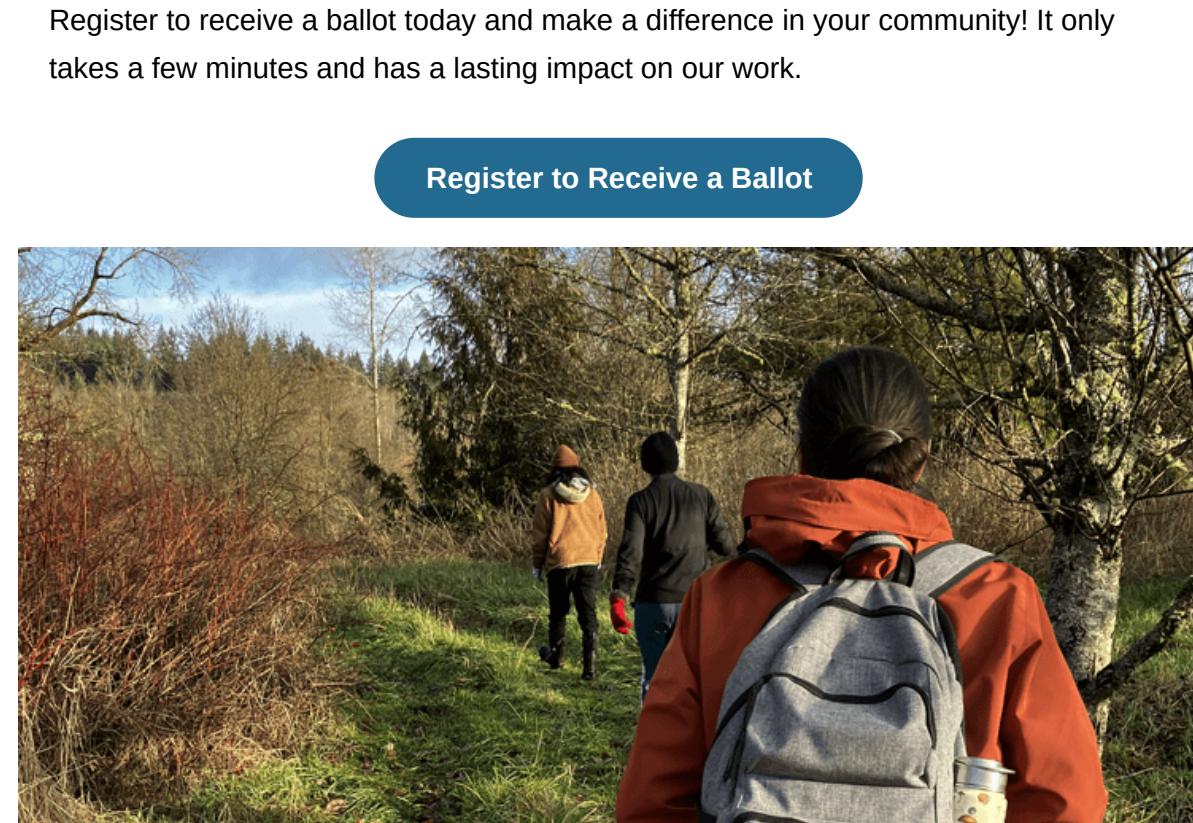
**Preorders Close January 15th**

**Pick-up Week - March 11-16th**

**Walk-up Sale - March 15 & 16th, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Calling all plant lovers! Visit our storefront to see the array of low-cost native plant offerings at your fingertips. With plant varieties ranging from coniferous to deciduous, groundcovers to shrubs and so much more. Buying native makes plant care easy, as these plants are meant to thrive in our local environment. They require less water, and create habitat for wildlife. If you miss the ordering window don't worry; we offer a walk-up sale event in March that will have a similar selection of plants to choose from, as well as herbaceous plants and an assortment of vendors. The Conservation District would love to see you there.

[Purchase Plants](#)



**Request Ballot by January 31st**

We're officially announcing our 2024 Board Election! Here are some dates you should be aware of:

**January 19th** - Application deadline for candidates

**January 31st** - Last day to request a ballot for the 2024 election

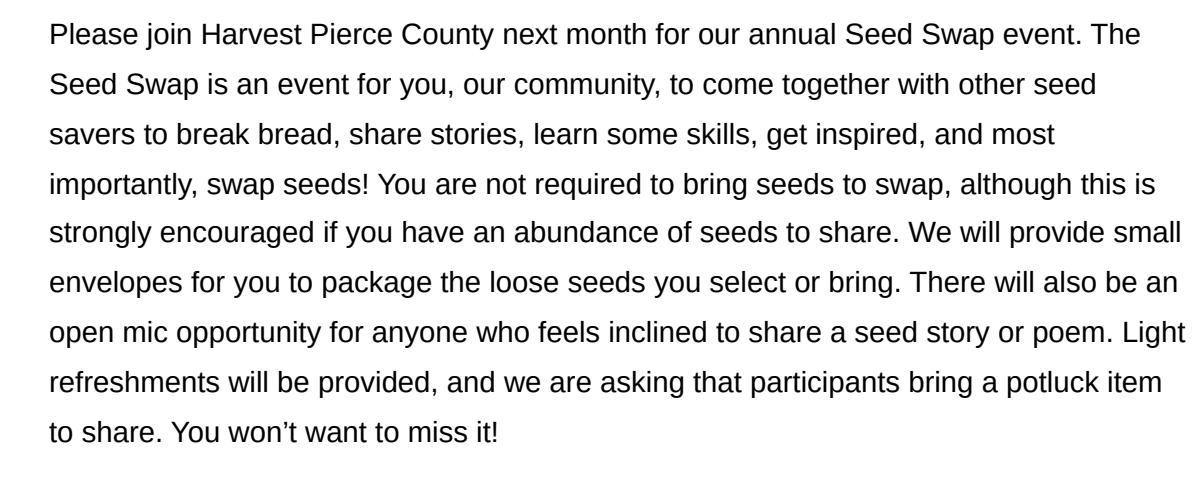
**February 21st** - In-person polling will be available at our Annual Celebration

**February 28th** - If mailing your ballot, it must be postmarked by this date

**March 04th** - Mail-in ballots must be received by PCD by this date to count

Register to receive a ballot today and make a difference in your community! It only takes a few minutes and has a lasting impact on our work.

[Register to Receive a Ballot](#)



**Sunday, February 4th, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Pioneer Park Pavilion in Puyallup**

**330 S Meridian, Puyallup, WA 98371**

Please join Harvest Pierce County next month for our annual Seed Swap event. The Seed Swap is an event for you, our community, to come together with other seed savers to break bread, share stories, learn some skills, get inspired, and most importantly, swap seeds! You are not required to bring seeds to swap, although this is strongly encouraged if you have an abundance of seeds to share. We will provide small envelopes for you to package the loose seeds you select or bring. There will also be an open mic opportunity for anyone who feels inclined to share a seed story or poem. Light refreshments will be provided, and we are asking that participants bring a potluck item to share. You won't want to miss it!

[Register for the Seed Swap](#)



## Celebrate PCD with Us!

Wednesday, February 21st, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

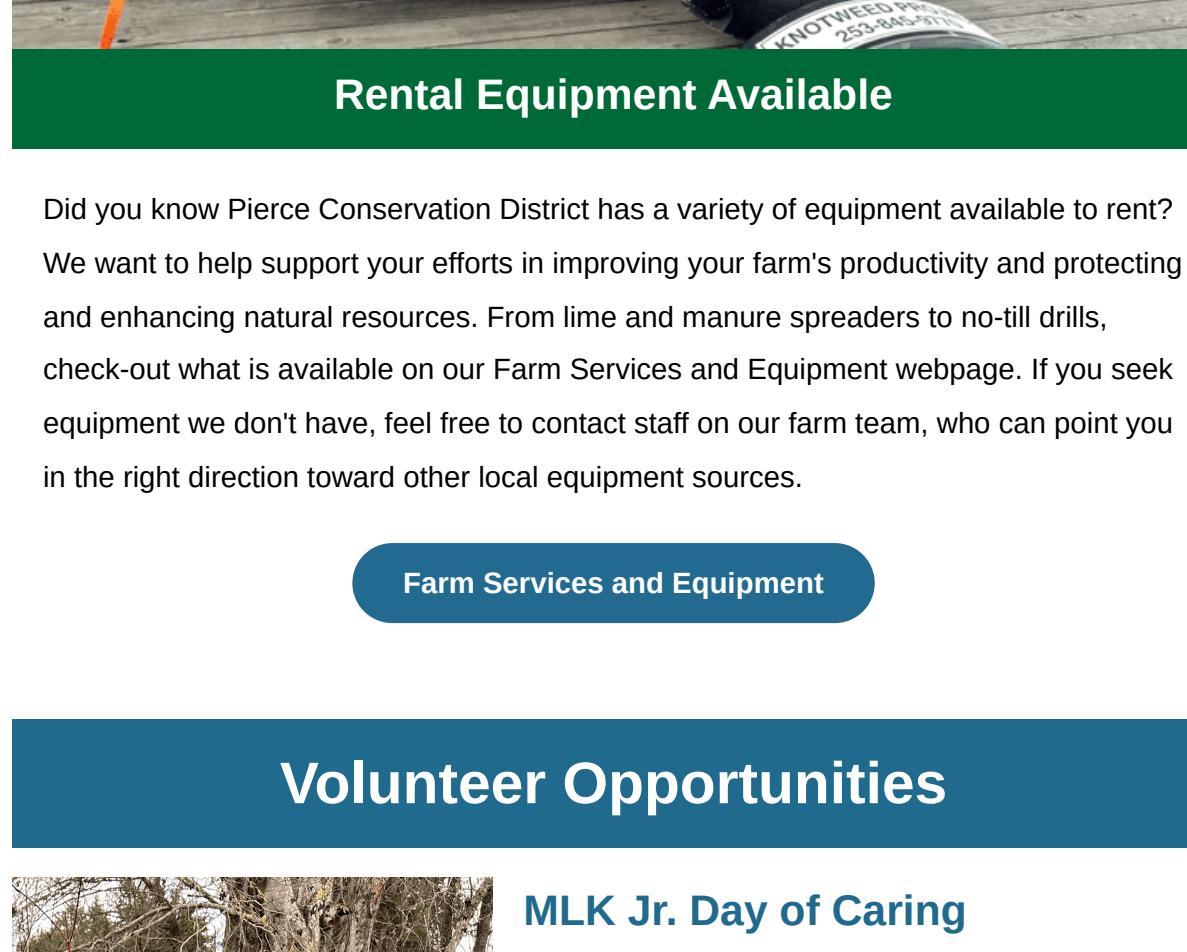
Pioneer Park Pavilion in Puyallup

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Mark your calendars and make plans to join Pierce Conservation District's Board and Staff for an evening of reflection, recognition, and refreshments. 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. We can't wait to see you there! This event is also a chance to [cast a Board of Supervisors election vote](#). Polling will be open between 4 pm and 8 pm.

[Learn More](#)

[RSVP](#)



### Rental Equipment Available

Did you know Pierce Conservation District has a variety of equipment available to rent? We want to help support your efforts in improving your farm's productivity and protecting and enhancing natural resources. From lime and manure spreaders to no-till drills, check-out what is available on our Farm Services and Equipment webpage. If you seek equipment we don't have, feel free to contact staff on our farm team, who can point you in the right direction toward other local equipment sources.

[Farm Services and Equipment](#)

## Volunteer Opportunities



### MLK Jr. Day of Caring

Monday, January 15th, 9AM - 12PM

Puyallup & Fircrest

Help us honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by enhancing our community green spaces on Monday, January 15th! Spend 3 hours building community and improving habitat at one of our local restoration sites.

[Sign Up](#)



### South Prairie Creek Preserve

Saturday, January 27th, 9AM - 12PM

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Join PCD as we kick off the new year with South Prairie Creek Preserve's first planting work party of the year! We will planting bare root trees and shrubs throughout the site, and would love your help.

[Sign Up](#)



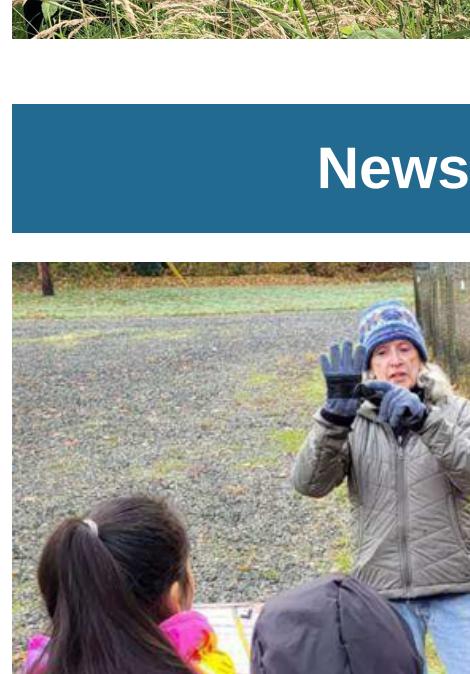
### Deadman's Pond Work Party

Friday, February 2nd, 9AM - 12PM

Puyallup

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Deadman's Pond in Puyallup. Activities include caring for existing plants and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry, English ivy and thistle.

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### Whittier Park Work Party

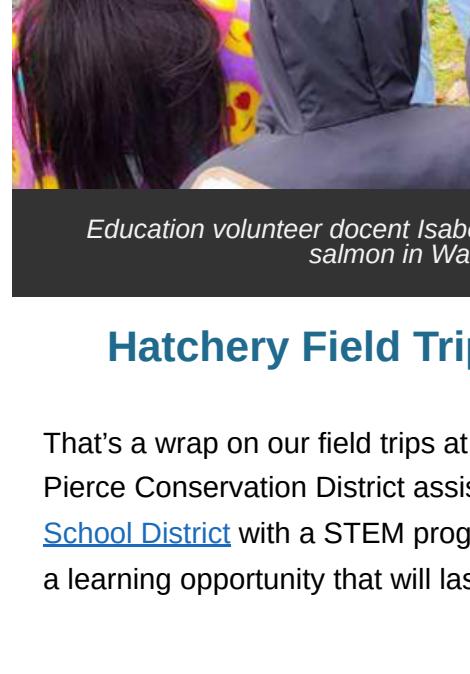
Saturday, February 3rd, 9AM - 12PM

Fircrest

Spend 3 hours with us at Whittier Park in Fircrest. Activities include caring for existing plants and removing invasive plant species.

This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators.

[Sign Up](#)



### Meeker Creek Work Party

Saturday, February 3rd, 10:30AM - 12:30PM

Puyallup

Activities include caring for existing plantings, mulching and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry and Canadian thistle. This streamside habitat supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators.

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*Education volunteer docent Isabel Washington teaching students how to remember the five species of salmon in Washington using the "high-five" method.*

## Hatchery Field Trip Program Finishes 2023 Strong

That's a wrap on our field trips at the hatchery for 2023! From September to December, Pierce Conservation District assisted the [Puyallup Historical Hatchery](#) and [Puyallup School District](#) with a STEM program to give every 4th-grade class in the school district a learning opportunity that will last a lifetime. [Read more...](#)

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## Director's Corner

This is the time of year when many communities celebrate various events and milestones. I am excited to reflect on the great work we get to do in our communities this time of year, especially as we begin to consolidate our Annual Report and plan for our Annual Celebration.

Pierce Conservation District staff have been celebrating successful events such as [Harvest Pierce County](#)'s grower training course and the work party at Whittier Park with our [Habitat Stewards](#). We are also hitting the ground running for the new year! Our financial team is hard at work organizing our operations roadmaps, and I've enjoyed seeing our staff put together tank decorations for our [salmon in the classroom](#) program. I look forward to working with our community even more in 2024!

- Executive Director Dana Coggon

## In the Conservation Community

[2024 Grower's Conference](#) - Thurston Conservation District is hosting a locally-based conference for farmers and ranchers, growers and gardeners, and those passionate about local food.

[Young Farmers and Ranchers Grant](#) - National Young Farmers Coalition is offering grants to support young (18-40 years old) farmers and ranchers to support them in building careers in agriculture.

[NWF Habitat Steward Training](#) - The National Wildlife Federation is offering a specialized, multi-week virtual training to teach you how to create and restore wildlife habitat in backyards, schoolyards, and other places in your community.

[SoilCon 2024](#) - Join like-minded soil lovers at this annual conference! Hosted by a partnership of local, state and federal organizations, this conference is offered both virtually and in-person.

