

Stream Team News

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MLK Day of Service

Restoration Event in Two Locations!

Join other volunteers to remove invasive weeds and replant cleared areas with native trees and plants. Please dress for the weather. Gloves, tools, hot beverages and light snacks will be provided.

To register, visit www.streamteam.info and click on "register". For more info about the event in Lacey, contact Kim at kbenedic@ci.lacey.wa.us. For more info about the event in Olympia, contact Michelle at mstevie@ci.olympia.wa.us



MLK DAY OF SERVICE RESTORATION EVENT IN TWO LOCATIONS ••••

OLYMPIA AREA:

- Mission Creek
- Sat, Jan. 14
- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Priest Point Park,
2600 E. Bay Drive NE,
Olympia, Shelter #4

LACEY AREA:

- Woodland Creek
- Mon, Jan. 16
- 10 a.m. – noon
- Woodland Creek
Community Park,
6729 Pacific Ave SE, Lacey

ON THE COVER: Volunteers plant a native shrub during the 2016 MLK Day of Service event in Lacey. Photo by Michele Burton Photographer.

STREAM TEAM MISSION


To protect and enhance the water resources and associated habitats and wildlife in Thurston County through citizen action and education.

Stream Team is funded and jointly managed by the stormwater utilities of the Cities of Lacey, Olympia and Tumwater and Thurston County. Stream Team programs meet the requirements for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for stormwater.

SPECIAL NEEDS?

Citizens requiring special accommodations can call one of the coordinators listed at least one week prior to an event to make special arrangements.

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kbenedic@ci.lacey.wa.us

IN OLYMPIA:

City of Olympia Water Resources Program
P.O. Box 1967, Olympia, WA 98507-1967

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IN TUMWATER:

City of Tumwater Water Resources Program
555 Israel Road SW, Tumwater, WA 98501

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929 Lakeridge Dr. SW, Olympia, WA 98502

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Are you enamored with frogs?

Amphibians of the Pacific Northwest Workshop

If you are curious about our northwest amphibians then this workshop is for you! Join Stream Team and herpetologist Dr. Marc P. Hayes for a fun, informative workshop. Dr. Hayes, a herpetological ecologist and senior research scientist with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, has over 40 years of experience working with amphibians and reptiles in Arizona, California, Costa Rica, Florida, Mexico, Oregon and Washington.

This workshop will explore the ecology, habitat requirements and unique characteristics for each species. We will also learn how to identify different life stages of PNW amphibians with an emphasis on egg mass identification.



AMPHIBIAN EGG MASS SURVEY DATES

- Friday, Feb. 3 & 17
9 a.m. – Noon
- Saturday, Feb. 4 & 18
9 a.m. – Noon
- Locations TBA

Do you like slogging around in wetlands?

This winter, join Stream Team's adventurous volunteers and survey wetlands for amphibian egg masses! Surveys are held mid-February through March.

Watch our website calendar for additional dates in March for more egg mass surveys.

Volunteers are encouraged to attend the Egg Mass Identification Field Training before participating in surveys, but the training is not required. To register for this workshop, or to help survey egg masses, visit www.streamteam.info and click on "register". For more info, contact Michelle at mstevie@ci.olympia.wa.us

AMPHIBIANS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST WORKSHOP

LIFE HISTORY TALK:

- Saturday, Jan. 21
- 9:30 – 11 a.m.
- LOTT WET Science Center,
500 Adams St NE, Olympia

EGG MASS IDENTIFICATION FIELD TRAINING:

- Saturday, Jan. 21
- 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Hansen Elementary,
1919 Road Sixty-Five,
Olympia



Stream Team Volunteers Assist Threatened Oregon Spotted Frog Recovery!

In 2011, Stream Team volunteers were welcomed by a private landowner to assist in the recovery of the Oregon spotted frog. Volunteers planted native vegetation to enhance habitat and restore a managed agricultural wetland that once consisted almost entirely of invasive reed canary grass. The results of this effort are leading to an increase in the number of egg masses laid! Way to go Stream Team Volunteers!

Featured Creature

Carabid Beetles (*Scaphinotus agusticollis*)

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Narrow Collared Snail-Eating Ground Beetle

Distribution: Commonly found throughout Pacific Northwest, Alaska and British Columbia

This carabid (ground) beetle is large (35 mm or 1.4 inches), purplish black in color with long legs and a slender, elongated head. It is commonly seen walking along the forest trails. Its long legs make it swift as it looks for prey along the forest floor, preying on snails, slugs, caterpillars, earthworms and other larvae.



Carabid beetles are carnivorous with body and mouth parts that are especially adapted with a lengthened thorax and neck which enable them to work their way into snail shells. Some species can actually break a snail shell with their large heavy heads. These predators have large eyes and rely on their vision to find prey. This species is primarily nocturnal but can also be found foraging during the day under moss or bark on dead standing or fallen trees. They frequently climb shrubs and trees to forage.

Don't Drip & Drive: *Fix that Leak!*

We've all seen the dark stains in parking lots or the oily rainbow sheen along the side of the road. It's the dreaded automobile fluid leak that no one wants to admit they have. You may have signs of a leak right in your own driveway or garage. Ignoring a leak from your car or truck can affect the safety and reliability of your vehicle and it can lead to more costly repairs later on.

Vehicle leaks harm our environment. Every year hundreds of tons of oil and other pollutants are carried by stormwater

runoff into our lakes, rivers, streams, and Puget Sound. That's why the Cities of Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater and Thurston County are working with non-profits, businesses and other jurisdictions throughout Puget Sound to promote the **Don't Drip & Drive** campaign, which started in October 2016 and will go through December 2017.

As little as one quart of oil can contaminate acres of water along our shorelines and shellfish beds. Plus, leaked or spilled automotive fluids can be deadly to fish and other aquatic life.

Already have a leak in your driveway or garage?

You can use kitty litter to soak up the fluid, then sweep it up and dispose of it in the garbage.

Are you a "do-it-yourselfer"? Make sure to place cardboard or absorbent pads under your car when changing oil or other automotive fluids at home.

Don't Drip & Drive



To help you find and fix automotive fluid leaks, you can visit any participating repair shop and get a **FREE** oil leak check. If repairs are needed, you'll get 10 percent off (up to \$50). That's a total savings of up to \$130! Don't miss your chance for a **FREE** vehicle leak inspection and discount on repairs! Visit www.fixcarleaks.org to find out more information and to find a list of a participating repair shops near you!

BIRDS OF OUR TEMPERATE RAINFORESTS

■ Thursday, Feb. 16

■ 7 – 8:30 p.m.

■ Traditions Fair Trade,
300 5th Ave. SW, Olympia



Birds of our Temperate Rainforests

Stream Team is excited to host a talk by Dr. Alison Styring, PhD Ornithologist with The Evergreen State College on her ongoing study: *Avian Monitoring in Temperate Rainforests*. Her current research monitors the bird community and long-term population trends of resident and migratory birds living in The Evergreen State College campus forest. This work occurs as a part of a long-term forest monitoring project, *Evergreen Ecological Observation Network*. Dr. Styring will discuss her findings from bioacoustic inventories in the forest canopy and understory. Bioacoustic inventories identify and inventory species by monitoring for their sounds.

To register, visit www.streamteam.info and click on "register". For more info., contact Michelle at mstevie@ci.olympia.wa.us

Life of "Bugs"!

LIFE OF "BUGS" TALK!...

- Saturday, Jan. 7
- 10 a.m. – Noon
- LOTT WET Science Center,
500 Adams St NE, Olympia

Did you know many animals depend entirely on insects for food? And, without insects life as we know it couldn't exist?

Join Stream Team and guest speaker Mary Dessel for an entertaining fact-filled talk and learn all about the adaptations of "bugs"! We will learn about insect anatomy, body structure and how "bugs" have evolved to feed on certain plant groups occupying specific habitat types.

Mary has bachelor's and master's degrees in Forestry with a focus in forest entomology. She has worked for ten years in Olympic National Park's Hoh Rain Forest, where she has taught naturalist programs in river ecology, entomology and forest succession.



"BUG" MOTEL BUILDING WORKSHOP.....

- Saturday, Jan. 7
- 1 – 3 p.m.
- Procession of the Species Art Studio, 406 Water Street, Olympia
- \$20 suggested donation to be paid to the Procession of the Species



Do you have a Critter vacancy? Join Stream Team for an exclusive "Bug" Motel Building Workshop

Want to join the cool in-crowd and supplement your landscape with a beautiful "Bug" Motel? Then this workshop is for you! Kris Geringer, Procession Art Studio manager and artist extraordinaire will direct us in the art of building a multi-function "bug" motel. Bug motels are trendy garden art that also provides habitat for bugs. Once finished your new motel can be placed anywhere in your landscape to provide cover for multiple native insects, such as mason bees. Supplies for 12" x 18" structure provided.

Interested in being one of your favorite "bugs" for the Procession of the Species? Kris will also be leading a group in "bug" costume making. To participate contact the Procession Art Studio 360-705-1938

Space is limited. **Please register separately for each event.** To register, visit www.streamteam.info and click on "register". For more info., contact Michelle at mstevie@ci.olympia.wa.us





the year in photos





Farewell to Stream Team Coordinator Chris Maun

New beginnings are on the horizon for Thurston County Stream Team Coordinator, Chris Maun, who plans to retire in early 2017. Chris is wrapping up a long career in natural resources education and protecting Puget Sound

streams and salmon by working the past ten years as a Stream Team Coordinator and educator in Thurston County's Water Resources Program. Before that he was the Nisqually River Education Project (NREP) Coordinator for 16 years, where he helped teachers get their students out into the field to learn about water quality and watershed protection. Chris also led many student tree planting activities in the Nisqually Watershed, helped organize 14 student GREEN Congress events and helped launch the Nisqually Stream Stewards Training Program, which is still going strong today. Prior to this, Chris worked for many years as an Interpretive Ranger at both Mt. Saint Helens and Mt. Rainier, which is where he met his wife Jane, who is currently a science teacher at Komachin Middle School.

Chris has been instrumental in helping schools in unincorporated Thurston County qualify for stormwater rate rebates that can be used by science teachers to improve Water Resources opportunities such as transportation for field trips. During his time as a Stream Team Coordinator, Chris utilized his broad knowledge about natural resources and local watersheds to develop and lead many watershed tours in the Deschutes, Nisqually and Henderson Inlet watersheds. He also coordinated and led field trips related to geology, shellfish and historic shellfish harvesting by native peoples.

Chris has authored many of our Stream Team articles on local streams and waterbodies, providing us with rich historic and current information. In addition, Chris has planted hundreds (if not thousands) of trees, led many "stream bug" monitoring events, trained volunteers to be Salmon Stewards, cut more blackberry than he will ever care to remember, talked to thousands of people at community events and workshops and did whatever else was needed of him from the Stream Team program.

As his time winds down with Thurston County and with Stream Team, Chris says it has always been a priority for him to protect Puget Sound and improve aquatic and streamside habitat for local salmon runs. He can walk away from a long career knowing he played a role in protecting and improving streams and watersheds in Puget Sound.

When asked what he plans on doing in retirement, Chris says he is looking forward to going hiking more often, taking some road trips, having summers off with his wife Jane and volunteering. Who knows, maybe we'll see him volunteering at some future Stream Team event?

As the band, Semisonic says, "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." Chris says he will greatly miss all the wonderful, dedicated folks involved in the Stream Team program, especially the many volunteers. We are happy that Chris gets to start a new and wonderful chapter in his life. Besides, we know his education efforts will have a positive ripple effect for years to come in our local watersheds!



AmeriCorps Volunteers Join Stream Team



Olivia Hunt

grew up in Kansas City, Missouri and moved to Spokane, Washington in 2010 to study political science at Whitworth University. After graduating from Whitworth, she

attended Eastern Washington University and received a Master's degree in Public Administration. While attending Eastern, she completed an AmeriCorps term of service with the Parks and Recreation department in Cheney, Washington. Olivia and her fiancé spend much of their free time hiking, kayaking, attending Eastern football games, and spending time with their cat, Elsa. Olivia is looking forward to working with volunteers, exploring her new community, and making a positive impact on local waterways and the Puget Sound.

Paulina Levy

is elated to start working with the City of Lacey and the Stream Team! Her passion for exploring the outdoors and studying water issues has brought her to the beautiful state of Washington! A

Brazilian native, Paulina first developed her passion for estuaries when living by the Guanabara Bay of Rio de Janeiro. As a teenager in Bethesda, Maryland, her proximity to the Chesapeake Bay sparked deep interest in the environment and studying it. In 2016, Paulina earned a degree in Environmental Science from University of Denver in Colorado. After four years enjoying the privilege of living, learning and playing in the Rocky mountains, she decided to continue her journey West and move to the Pacific Coast. Paulina had friends that loved their Americorps experience, and so she signed up for a year of service dedicated to water management! Working with volunteers and environmental stewardship are things that Paulina finds extremely rewarding and she look forward to begin this exciting adventure!

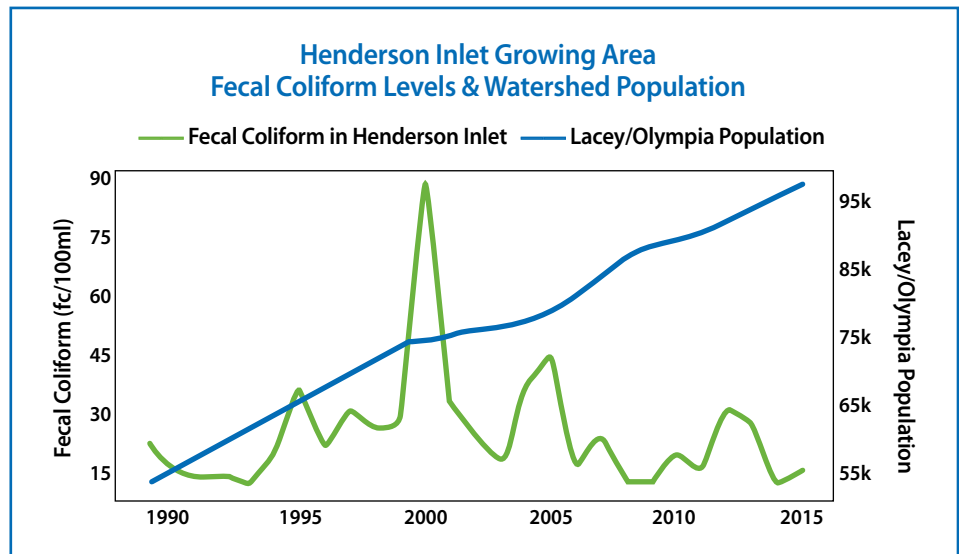


Improved Water Quality in Henderson Inlet Means More Shellfish

Though people have been eating shellfish harvested from Henderson Inlet since time immemorial, shellfish aquaculture, or farming, has only been occurring in South Puget Sound since the mid-19th century. Today, Henderson Inlet is home to many commercial and recreational shellfish farms.

The Washington State Department of Health has monitored fecal coliform bacteria at over 20 marine monitoring stations throughout Henderson Inlet, for over 25 years. Results have been used to identify pollution sources and determine when growing areas must be closed due to a high risk of contaminated shellfish. Historically, Henderson Inlet has experienced high fecal coliform bacteria levels and shellfish harvest closures.

Recently, Washington State Department of Health completed a study of fecal coliform bacteria trends in commercial shellfish growing areas over the past 26 years, from 1989 to 2015. They found that the relationship between rainfall and high bacteria levels in Henderson Inlet has changed. In the past, whenever the area would experience a heavy rainfall event, Washington State Department of Health would have to close shellfish harvest due to poor water quality. In 1999, the cities of Lacey and Olympia, and Thurston County started tackling many stormwater issues throughout the watershed. Recent data shows that we no longer see our highest bacteria counts following rainfall, meaning that these projects have successfully reduced stormwater contamination in the inlet.



Since 1989 the populations of Lacey and Olympia have nearly doubled, and there has been a tremendous amount of urban development. We have built more houses, businesses, roads and parking lots, increasing the amount of impervious surface in the watershed. Impervious surfaces prevent precipitation from soaking into the ground, increasing the amount of stormwater that flushes into Puget Sound. We also have twice as much human sewage, urban wildlife and domestic animals, all of which can be sources of bacterial pollution. Population growth and urban development almost always result in more bacteria in marine water, but fortunately that is not the case in Henderson Inlet. In the graph, you can see that Henderson Inlet was following this trend up until 2001 when a Shellfish Protection District, made up of the cities of Lacey and Olympia, Thurston County,

concerned citizen, and shellfish growers was formed and significant stormwater infrastructure was built. *In fact, despite the growth of the area and the additional challenges, water quality has been improving over the last 15 years!*

Henderson Inlet is a great example of successful water quality restoration; however, continued efforts by the Shellfish Protection District and Henderson Inlet Watershed citizens will be critical for maintaining clean water and continued shellfish harvest in the future. If you would like to learn more about fecal coliform trends and restoration in Henderson Inlet and other growing areas around the Puget Sound, go to: tinyurl.com/improvedWQ

**Special thanks to Lindsey Hamilton, Marc Hershman Marine Policy Fellow, for sharing her exciting research and making significant contributions to this article.*

Remembering Stream Team Volunteer, Valerie Elliott

Valerie Elliott passed away unexpectedly on August 29, 2016. Valerie was an active Stream Team volunteer who served many hours as a Salmon Steward for both the Deschutes Chinook run and the wild chum run at McLane Creek. She was also a dedicated volunteer monitor for the Budd Bay purple martin nest boxes with her Stream Team volunteer partner, Ralph Gross. Additionally, Valerie participated in other Stream Team monitoring and education outreach programs as well as being highly involved in Black Hills Audubon. Stream Team was fortunate to have Valerie's skills.

Valerie was one of two of the first females to enroll in the Fish and Wildlife Resources program at the University of Idaho. After receiving her BS there in 1972, she went on to earn a Master's in Environmental Science and a Juris Doctorate. She served in the Army for three years. Valerie was a talented birder, world traveler and photographer. Her photographic library has been donated to Black Hills Audubon.

Stream Team is grateful for her service.

Kids' CORNER

BALD EAGLES
like to eat chum
salmon returning to
local creeks to spawn.

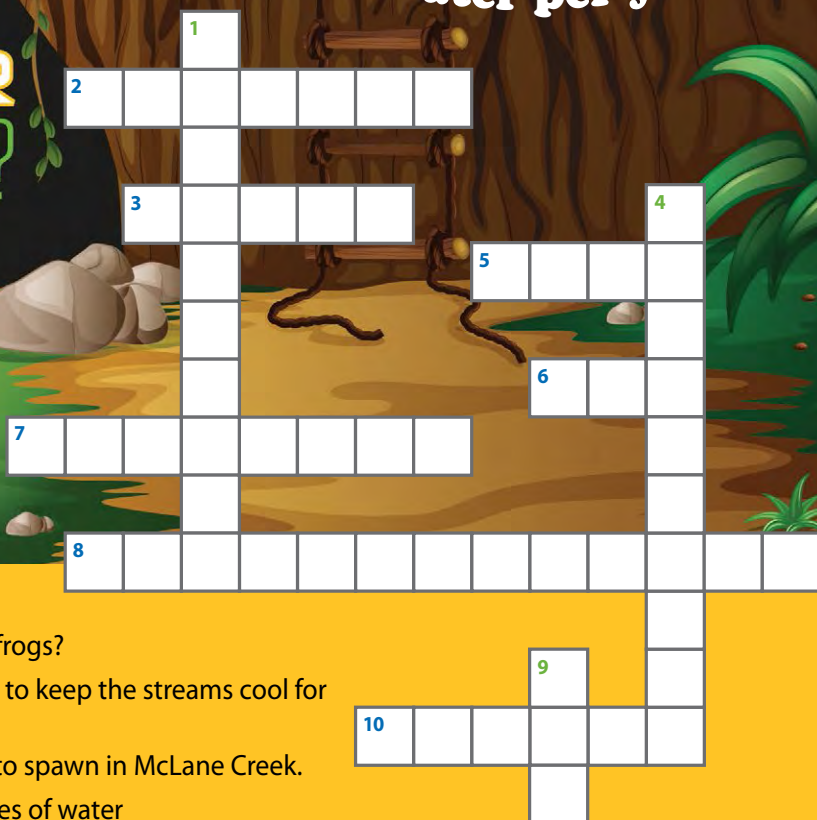
**ONE
LARGE
TREE**

can capture
and filter up to
36,500 GALLONS
of water per year

WHAT DID **LUKE
SKYWALKER**
SAY TO THE **TREE?**

MAY THE FOREST
BE WITH YOU

Read Stream Team News for
answers to our crossword puzzle!



ACROSS

2. In what type of habitat would you expect to find frogs?
3. Planting this next to streams helps provide shade to keep the streams cool for salmon and other wildlife.
5. Bald eagles like to eat ____ salmon coming back to spawn in McLane Creek.
6. How many quarts of oil does it take to pollute acres of water along shorelines and in shellfish beds?
7. Found in pet and human waste and can pollute shellfish harvest areas.
8. What type of scientist studies frogs?
10. Carabid beetles like to eat what kind of slow-moving animal?

DOWN

1. What do you call water that runs off of rooftops, driveways and roadways?
4. Type of surface that prevents water from soaking into the ground.
9. You can use kitty litter to soak up this fluid that can leak from your car.

More than 7 million quarts
of motor oil from vehicles
is carried by stormwater
runoff into Puget Sound
each year!



THEY EAT THEM!
BUGS!

CROSSWORD CREATED ON THE TEACHERSCORNER.NET CROSSWORD MAKER
Across: 2. Wetland, 3. Trees, 5. Chum, 6. One, 7. Bacteria, 8. Herpetologist, 10. Snails Down: 1. Stormwater, 4. Impervious, 9. Oil



Stream Team Events

For additional events, event details or to register, please visit our website and click on "Calendar" or "Register": www.streamteam.info

For maps and directions to any of these events, go to: streamteam.info/getinvolved/directions/

DECEMBER

Annual Bald Eagle Kayak Tour in Mud Bay

Sat., Dec. 17 • 8:30 a.m. – Noon

Swantown Marina Boathouse, Near 1022 Marine Drive NE, Olympia

Join Stream Team and City of Olympia's Parks, Arts & Recreation as we paddle to the mouth of McLane Creek to see the last vestiges of the chum salmon run and bald eagles on the feeding grounds. To register, call City of Olympia Parks, Arts, and Recreation 360-753-8380 or visit olympiawa.gov/experienceit online: Program # 4129 (Special Stream Team cost \$25)

Space is limited to 15 participants. Moderate walking on uneven ground will be required. Kayaks and safety equipment and instruction provided.

JANUARY

Life of "Bugs" Talk!

Sat., Jan. 7 • 10 a.m. – Noon

LOTT WET Science Center, 500 Adams St NE, Olympia

See pg. 5 for details. For more info., contact Michelle at mstevie@ci.olympia.wa.us Register online.

"Bug" Motel Building Workshop

Sat., Jan. 7 • 1 – 3 p.m.

Procession of the Species Art Studio 406 Water Street, Olympia

\$20 suggested donation to be paid to the Procession of the Species. Space is limited. See pg. 5 for details. For more info., contact Michelle at mstevie@ci.olympia.wa.us Register online.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR EVENTS

Visit: www.streamteam.info and click on "Register"

Select the event for which you plan to register

Click on the register button near the bottom of the "Event Detail"

Follow the instructions to log in as an existing volunteer or create a new secure profile

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Lacey Area: Woodland Creek

Mon, Jan. 16 • 10 a.m. – Noon

Woodland Creek Community Park, 6729 Pacific Ave SE, Lacey

For more info., contact Kim at City of Lacey at kbenedic@ci.lacey.wa.us Register online.

Amphibians of the Pacific Northwest Workshop: Life History Talk

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Egg Mass Identification Field Training

Sat., Jan. 21 • 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Hansen Elementary 1919 Road Sixty-Five, Olympia

See pg. 3 for details. For more info., contact Michelle at mstevie@ci.olympia.wa.us Register online.

Forage Fish Surveys

Tues., Jan. 24 • 9 a.m. • Priest Point Park

Thurs., Feb. 9 • 9 a.m. • West Bay Park

Sat., Mar. 11 • 9 a.m. • The Evergreen State College

Survey various beaches for sand lance and surf smelt eggs. Trained and untrained volunteers welcome! Detailed location information provided with registration confirmation. For more info., contact Michelle mstevie@ci.olympia.wa.us Register Online.

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Birds of our Temperate Rainforests

Thurs., Feb. 16 • 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Traditions Fair Trade, 300 5th Ave SW, Olympia

See pg. 4 for details. For more info., contact Michelle at mstevie@ci.olympia.wa.us Register online.

COMMUNITY EVENT

Winter Twig Identification Field Class

Sun., Jan. 22

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. OR 1 – 3:30 p.m.

West Olympia-area nature trail

Join WSU Native Plant Salvage as local plant experts teach the secrets to identifying deciduous trees and shrubs without their leaves during these "walking workshops." For more info., or to register, contact nativeplantsalvage@gmail.com

Thurston Conservation District Annual Plant Sale

Preorders due by end of January 2017

Interested in planting native plants in your yard? Thurston Conservation District's Annual Plant Sale is a great place to get native trees, shrubs, groundcovers and more! Pre-order plants through January 2017 at www.ThurstonCD.com



Check online at www.streamteam.info/getinvolved/calendar/ for up-to-date events, including additional tree planting events.



Stream Team

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Holiday Trees for Restoration

This year, purchase a live potted tree from Puget Sound Plants for the holiday season at a discounted price, then keep your tree or donate it for restoration! Trees must be ordered ahead and picked up by Thursday, Dec. 22. After the holidays, if you are not planting your tree, drop the tree off at a designated location by Jan. 5, 2017.

Trees will be kept in a nursery and cared for until they are planted by Stream Team volunteers later this winter or in the spring. Replanting trees next to streams provides shade that keeps streams cool for salmon and other species of fish and wildlife. You can also come out and help plant the trees. Check our website for planting dates at www.streamteam.info

Want to participate?

Call Puget Sound Plants at 866-816-5080, Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., to place your tree order. Mention that your tree purchase is with the Stream Team Holiday Tree Program to receive the special price. Arrange the pickup day and time when placing your order. *Puget Sound Plants is not open on weekends.*

Cost (includes pot):

- Lightly sheared Douglas fir \$35
- 4 foot non-sheared Douglas fir \$20

Note: *Trees weigh between 60–90 pounds. Care instructions will be included.*

Pick Up

Puget Sound Plants is located at 3147 46th Ave NE, near South Bay and Shincke Roads. Please pick up your tree at the prearranged time and day.

This limited offer ends soon. Please place orders starting December 5 and pick up your tree by December 22.

Returning Your Tree

After the holidays, trees must be moved outdoors as soon as possible and no later than January 2. You can plant your tree (instructions included), or you can choose between these locations to drop off your tree:

- Lacey City Hall, 420 College St SE
Assisted drop off:
Jan. 3 • 4–6:30 p.m.
- City of Olympia Nursery, 830 Union Ave SE, alley access behind Chevron
Assisted drop off:
Dec. 29 & Jan. 5 • 7–9:30 a.m.
- You can return your tree and plant it during Lacey's MLK Day Event at Woodland Creek Community Park. See page 2 for more details.