Tree Sale is Going Online

Buy your trees with ease this year as KCD’s Tree Sale goes online! Visit our website at KitsapCD.org and click on the Tree Sale tab in the header. You’ll be able to order and pay for your trees right away, then plan for your pick-up at the Fairgrounds March 13th and 14th, 2020. Our new system will save hours of paperwork and lessen the chance of your trees being sold out or not available.

We’ll have all the same varieties to choose from as other years and some new species to try in your yard and projects. We will not be taking mail-in or faxed orders but we are only a phone call away if you have questions about your order or need special help. Working together in this inaugural year of web sales, we can add convenience and efficiency to your purchase for 2020.

WHAT’S THE BUZZ? Pollinators and beneficial insects occupy a vital niche in our ecosystem. Yet, they are increasingly threatened by use of pesticides and lack of habitat. What can we do to help?

PLANT NATIVES! Natives are adapted to our local conditions and don’t need pesticides to thrive. Many bloom at various times and provide the nectar and pollen critical to the well-being of our native insects.

NEW THIS YEAR:
• Blue-eyed Grass. Bluish-purple flowers with a yellow center provide good forage for bees when they bloom from mid-spring to mid-summer.
• Meadow Checkerbloom. Pale pink flowers that resemble miniature hollyhocks bloom from June to July.
• Oregon Sunshine: Golden yellow daisy-like flowers, bloom prolifically above wooly whitish foliage from late spring to early summer.
• Native Pollinator Seed mix. A mix of 100% true PNW native annual and perennial species that will provide an ongoing succession of bloom over multiple years.

BEE ON THE LOOKOUT for some of our best native pollinator plants! When you see the bee it indicates that variety is an excellent choice for pollinators.
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Candidates must be qualified county electors and owners or operators of a farm within the Kitsap Conservation District boundaries. Call the District at 360-204-5529 to determine if you reside within District boundaries and meet the agricultural requirement.

Candidates should be qualified by training and experience to perform the specialized, skilled services required of them. Supervisors will administer by delegating tasks through a structure of Board officers and members, committees, staff, and others; develop and maintain effective non-regulatory programs; identify local conservation and agricultural needs; and ensure implementation of the District’s plans.

Supervisors are required to regularly attend monthly district business meetings and regional or statewide association meetings and conferences. They are volunteers and serve without compensation. Supervisors and Districts have no land use decision or regulatory authority.

To express your interest in running for the upcoming elected or appointed position, obtain a nomination/application form from the Kitsap Conservation District, 10332 Central Valley Road, Poulsbo, WA 98370. You must return the form to the Kitsap Conservation District with at least 25 signatures by February 28, 2020 to be on the ballot. The election date is March 27, 2020. To allow for mailing time, ballots will be counted March 31, 2020. Appointed position applications must be received by March 31, 2020.

ATTENTION GARDENERS!
FREE AGED MANURE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP!

The Kitsap Conservation District and the County Parks and Recreation offer “DOO FOR YOU”. Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Saturday March 14th from 9 AM to 2 PM (or until the manure is gone). Use the north entrance to the fairgrounds off Nels Nelson Rd. SW and get in line. Call 360-204-5529 for more information.

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