

CONSERVATION DISTRICT ELECTION

The 2014 Clallam Conservation District annual Board of Supervisors election will be held on March 20 from 3:00PM to 7:00PM. Sequim-area resident Robert Beebe was the only person to file candidate information and a valid nominating petition by the February 20, 2014 filing deadline, thus is the only eligible candidate.

The polling location will be in the Armory Square Building, 228 W. First St., Suite F, in Port Angeles. All Clallam County registered voters are eligible to vote.

Five positions comprise the Conservation District Board of Supervisors. Each serves a three-year term of office without compensation. Registered Clallam County voters elect three of the positions. The position currently held by Linda Barnfather expires this year, and Ms. Barnfather is not seeking a second term. The Washington State Conservation Commission appoints the other two positions, neither of which is open this year.

Visit the Clallam Conservation District website at www.clallamcd.org for general district information. Election of Board of Supervisor information can be found by visiting the Washington State Conservation Commission website at www.scc.wa.gov.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO REPAIR SEPTIC SYSTEMS

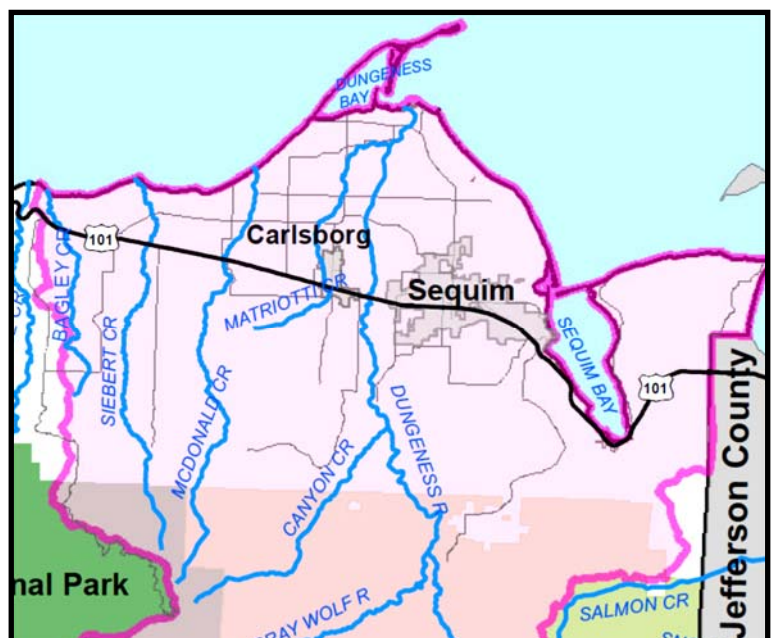
The Clallam Conservation District Board of Supervisors has approved a program to provide cost sharing assistance to homeowners for the repair of failing onsite septic systems.

At this point, only homeowners in need of financial assistance located within the Sequim-Dungeness Clean Water District are eligible. The Clean Water District covers the area from Bagley Creek to the eastern county boundary.

To be eligible for cost sharing assistance, a homeowner must have a failing onsite septic system as determined by Clallam County Environmental Health, and must need financial assistance in order to make the necessary repairs and/or upgrades.

Up to 75 percent of the cost of the repairs, and up to \$1,500 for design work and permitting are eligible for reimbursement.

If you think you might qualify for this program, contact Clallam County Environmental Health at 417-2506 to schedule a site visit.



Sequim-Dungeness Clean Water District Boundaries

CLALLAM CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Water conservation became the undeclared theme for 2013. One of the highlights was construction of a low water-use landscaping and low impact development demonstration site, complete with interpretive signs at Carrie Blake Park in Sequim. We also published a low water-use landscaping brochure, conducted a landscape irrigation audit pilot project, and taught sustainable landscaping to 154 people.

We worked with Dungeness Irrigation Group and Agnew Irrigation District to complete irrigation ditch piping projects that are expected to save two to three cubic feet per second of Dungeness River water. These projects also created or maintained approximately seven construction jobs for a period of five months. Several more ditch piping projects are planned for 2014 and 2015.

In partnership with Washington Water Trust, we began designing shallow aquifer recharge and small reservoir projects. These projects will capture snowmelt runoff from the Dungeness River in May, June and July and store it the ground to augment the aquifer or store it in reservoirs for late season irrigation.

Fish-blocking culverts on a tributaries to Coville Creek and Field Creek (photos at right) were replaced through the Family Forest Fish Passage Program, opening up four miles of habitat.

A total of 148 individuals participated in seven horse and livestock water quality workshops and presentations. Technical assistance was provided to 55 horse and livestock operators, including 35 who had not previously received assistance from us. These farm operators implemented 13 structural BMPs, three of which received cost sharing assistance. Over 130 soil tests were taken for 70 customers.

We are facilitating the development of a Pollution Identification & Correction Plan for the Sequim-Dungeness Clean Water District. The plan is on schedule for completion this fall.

A total of 10,800 native trees and shrubs were sold to 198 customers. Environmental education activities were conducted with 565 elementary students.

Expenditures for 2013 totaled just under \$2 million. Grants, primarily state, comprised over 97% of our revenues. Cost sharing on conservation practice implementation accounted for 73% of expenditures, and nearly 60% of 2013 expenditures were for irrigation water conservation projects.

Last but not least, we relocated our office to the Armory Square building in downtown Port Angeles. Our long-time federal partners and office mates, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and Rural Development, remain at the USDA Service Center, located at 1601 E. Front Street.

2014 PLANT SALE

Thank you to everyone who ordered native plants from us this year. We are pleased to report over 9,600 plants found homes with over 175 Clallam County families.

A special word of appreciation goes out to our 23 wonderful volunteers who donated a total of 99.5 hours of their time to make our plant sale a success. Ashley Adamire, Gayle Baker, Janet Breuning, Robert Buck, Sara Farinelli, Mike & Julie Gatchet, Ann Gillam, Len Grim, Elden Housinger, Paul Howard, Merrill Jefferson, Robert & Sally Keldgord, Nancy Kohn, Connie Lammers, Tom Mix, Janet Oja, Cherie Pickett, Linda Toy, Chrilo VonGontard, and John & Linda White all worked hard sorting, packaging and distributing plants. Thank you also to Merrill & Ring Tree Farm for donating tree bags used for bundling orders and Steve Johnson for the use of his facilities at Lazy J Tree Farm.



Before: Undersized culvert blocked fish passage.



After: Culvert allows for unimpeded fish passage.

SPRING SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING CLASSES

Natural Landscaping Course

WHEN: 6:00PM on April 8, 15, and 22 and three Saturday field trips

WHERE: Evening classes in Port Angeles at the Armory Square Building, field trips TBA

COST: \$25 materials fee, please call 360-775-3747 ext. 5 or email: info@clallamcd.org to register

Learn how to design and install a sustainable landscape that will work for you and the environment. Using Permaculture design principles, you will learn how to evaluate the unique site conditions of your property, prepare a landscape plan suited to those conditions, and develop an implementation strategy.

Landscaping with Native Plants Field Workshop

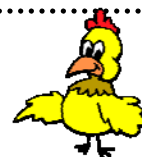
WHEN: 1:00PM on April 25 (Friday)

WHERE: Dungeness Recreation Area

COST: FREE, but pre-registration is required, call 360-775-3747 ext. 5 or email: info@clallamcd.org

Learn how to identify over 25 native trees and shrubs and how to incorporate them into residential landscapes while hiking about two miles of trails near the Dungeness Wildlife Refuge.

SPRING HORSE & LIVESTOCK WORKSHOPS



APRIL 5 (Sat.) - Chicks 101 Seminar - Free

Time & Location: 11:00AM at *The Co-Op Farm & Garden* in Sequim

Roger Lampitt from *Land O'Lakes/Purina* will discuss the basics of raising backyard chickens, including feed, equipment, and predator control. For more information, call Becky at the *Co-Op* at 360-683-4111.

APRIL 10 (Thurs.) - Boosting Forage Production in Pastures & Hayfields - Free

Time & Location: 5:00PM – 6:30PM at Leitz Farm Store, 1527 E. Front St., Port Angeles, WA



Learn how to increase your pasture and hay production. Rotational grazing, reseeding, and fertilizing will be covered in detail. While not necessary for attending the class, a \$20 soil test can help with accurate fertilizer and lime choices to increase production. Participants that have taken soil tests will be assisted in interpreting the results and choosing appropriate fertilizers.

Please call the Conservation District at 360-775-3747 ext. 1 for more information on taking a soil test.

MAY 13 (Tues.) - Joyce Area Horse Farm Tour

Time & Location: 6:00PM – 7:30PM at a horse farm east of Joyce (address provided upon registration)

Cost: Free, but pre-registration is required. Call the Conservation District at 360-775-3747 ext. 1

Tour the Oakes' farm and learn how to build a mud-free horse paddock and use horse manure/compost in vegetable gardens and orchards. Participants will also learn how to identify common pasture grasses and get tips for improving pasture production.

MAY 20 (Tues.) - Pasture & Weed Walk – Farm near Beaver, WA 6:00 – 8:00PM

Time & Location: 6:00PM – 8:00PM at the Baysinger's Farm (address provided upon registration)

Cost: Free, but pre-registration is required. Call the Conservation District at 360-775-3747 ext. 1

Join the Conservation District and Clallam County Noxious Weeds Coordinator Cathy Lucero to learn how to identify and control noxious and poisonous weeds in pastures and hayfields, deal with wet pastures, improve forage production, and practice rotational grazing. Workshop participants are encouraged to bring weeds for identification; try to collect entire plants, including roots.



MAY 22 (Thurs.) - Healthy Pastures & Health Horses

Time & Location: 6:00PM – 8:00PM in Sequim (address provided upon registration)

Cost: Free, but pre-registration is required. Call the Conservation District at 360-775-3747 ext. 1

The Conservation District welcomes Dr. Tara Black, who joins Sequim Animal Hospital on May 1st. She will speak on horse health and pasture management including parasite control and grass founder. Cathy Lucero, Clallam County Noxious Weeds Coordinator, will speak on identifying and controlling plants poisonous to horses and livestock.

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Clallam Conservation District is a subdivision of state government created to promote the stewardship and conservation of natural resources in Clallam County. Public meetings are held at 3:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Clallam Conservation District office, 228 W 1st St., Suite H in Port Angeles.

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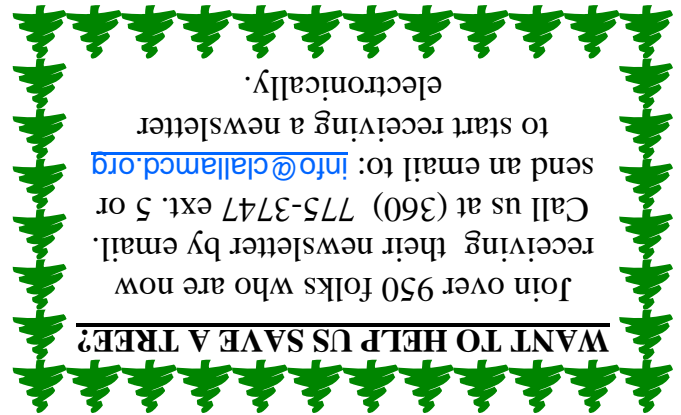
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