

Miller/Walker Creek Volunteer Activities

Walker Preserve Restoration

The next volunteer forest restoration event will be on **Saturday, January 10** at Walker Preserve. Volunteers are needed to continue the work that has been done by previous volunteers since 2008 to clear the forest of invasive English ivy and other weeds, preserving the native forest and its wildlife inhabitants.

No experience is necessary, and coffee, snacks, gloves, tools and training will be provided!

When: Saturday, January 10, 9:30 AM to noon

Where: Walker Preserve park, SW 168th Street and 2nd Avenue SW in Normandy Park, up the road from Normandy Park City Hall. If driving, your parking options include:

- Three spaces in the small lot at SW 171st Street and Second Avenue SW
- On the street along SW 168th Street

From the gate behind the Walker Preserve sign walk down the trail towards the creek.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Please plan ahead - this park does not have a restroom.*

What: The group will remove a selected dense patch of English ivy from trees and pull roots out of the ground.

Bring: Clothing that will protect you from the cold, rain, and blackberry thorns. Filled water bottle, gloves if you have them

Volunteers must contact Elissa Ostergaard to sign up as the event will be cancelled if there are less than 8 attendees.

Email or call Elissa Ostergaard at elissa.ostergaard@kingcounty.gov or 477.4792.

Community Salmon Investigations (CSI) for Highline –Update

32 adventurous volunteers hiked up Miller and Walker Creeks in 2014 to count salmon! Surveys started on October 8, and ended on December 23, after the last live fish was seen on December 14. All the data are not yet in, but the preliminary numbers show a total live fish count of 219, with 80% pre-spawn mortality in the Coho population (80% of the returning Coho did not survive long enough to spawn). Stay tuned for the results presentation in a couple of months! Check the Miller-Walker CSI website for updates in January.

These projects are a joint effort of the City of SeaTac, City of Normandy Park, City of Burien, King County, the Port of Seattle, and the Miller and Walker Creeks Stewardship program.

For more information please contact: Elissa Ostergaard, Miller-Walker Basin Steward at 477.4792 or visit <http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/watersheds/central-puget-sound/miller-walker-creeks.aspx>



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Meet Our New School Resource Officer

City of SeaTac Deputy Chris Dearth replaced Deputy Karen Davy on December 1, 2014. Chris is a 6 1/2 year veteran of the King County Sheriff's Office who has been assigned to the City of SeaTac for over three years. Chris is excited and welcomes the unique, yet sometimes difficult, opportunity to work in our school systems. Chris' goal for this new position is to help SeaTac youth see past the POLICE uniform, and make himself available for open dialogues with students in order to help them become as successful as possible.

Todd Cutts, City Manager

