



# The Heat Rises on County Growth Issues...

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believe the County needs to take strong measures to ensure nothing like it ever happens again. The current regulations being proposed for landslide areas do not go far enough to provide for the safety for county residents. I will be sending out an action alert soon asking you to urge the County Council to adopt stronger regulations.

My Smart Growth page on Pilchuck's website ([www.pilchuck-audubon.org](http://www.pilchuck-audubon.org)) has a letter of recommendation for CAR. I also will post letters of recommendation for the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update for Snohomish County and for the City of Everett.

In addition to these three important land use issues, the county's planners are pushing for other changes to the codes that could have negative impacts. These issues are changes to State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements, vesting of building permits, and parking and zoning for commercial and industrial zones. While space prevents me from getting into the details of these issues with you, I will continue to keep you apprised of important land use issues.

Yes, it's been a hot summer. And it might not cool down until the end of the year!

## About Pilchuck Audubon Society

The Pilchuck Audubon Profile, official newsletter of Pilchuck Audubon Society is published monthly.

Pilchuck Audubon Society (PAS) is a grass-roots environmental organization with members throughout Snohomish County and Camano Island, Washington.

Our mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds and other wildlife, for the benefit of the earth's biological diversity.

Through education, advocacy, and community activism, PAS is committed to bringing people closer to wildlife in order to build a deeper understanding of the powerful links between healthy ecosystems and human beings, and to encourage the involvement of our members in efforts to protect the habitat this wildlife depends upon

for survival.

We serve as a local chapter of the National Audubon Society. PAS is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt, non-profit organization incorporated in the state of Washington.

### Newsletter submissions

Submit articles to [newsletter@pilchuckaudubon.org](mailto:newsletter@pilchuckaudubon.org) or mail to 1429 Avenue D, PMB 198, Snohomish, WA 98290. Submissions must be received by the 21st of the month preceding publication. We reserve the right to edit.

**To contact Pilchuck Audubon Society, call 425.610.8027.**

The monthly Profile is available online at [www.pilchuckaudubon.org](http://www.pilchuckaudubon.org)

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

## BARN DANCE FOR SMART GROWTH

*Sunday, August 2 from 5:00-9:00 PM*

Craven Farms, 13817 Short School Road, Snohomish

\$20, kids under 12 are free!  
Pay at the door!

Fabulous live music from the CD Woodbury Band --  
[www.cdwoodbury.com](http://www.cdwoodbury.com)

Includes food, beer, wine & non-alcoholic beverages

All proceeds support the **PAS Smart Growth Program**

RSVP to Kristin Kelly at [kristin@futurewise.org](mailto:kristin@futurewise.org)



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# Trip Calendar

Check our web site at [www.pilchuckaudubon.org](http://www.pilchuckaudubon.org) for the latest information.

## Tuesday, August 4

### Snoqualmie River Valley, Monroe to Carnation

Meet at 8:00 AM at Monroe Park and Ride on Highway 2, one half mile west of the Fairgrounds. Expect a fun time and exciting birds. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark 360-435-3750

## Tuesday, August 11

### Fir Island

Meet at 8:00 AM at Quilceda Village Walmart west of Marysville (I-5-Exit 200). Park away from store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd, and next to I-5. Expect almost anything. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark 360-435-3750

## Tuesday, August 18

### Deception Pass, Campbell Lake, Rosario Beach, Cranberry Lake

Meet at 7:30 AM at Quilceda Village Walmart west of Marysville (I-5-Exit 200). Park away from store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd, and next to I-5. Maybe seabirds, shorebirds, LBJs, etc. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark 360-435-3750

## Tuesday August 25

### Samish Flats

Meet at 7:30 AM at Quilceda Village Wal-Mart west of Marysville (I-5-Exit 200). Park next to I-5. Want to see what this area offers in Summer? Come along. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark 360-435-3750

# Upcoming Events, Festivals and Classes

## Port Susan Bay Day

August 1

Stanwood

You are invited to The Nature Conservancy's preserve at Port Susan Bay to learn from scientists about conservation, wildlife, estuaries, climate change, as well as bird watch with professionals, and enjoy family-friendly games, prizes, face painting and ice cream. Don't miss a bird walk led by a representative from The Nature Conservancy beginning at 1:15. For more information: [washingtonnature.org/portsusanbayday](http://washingtonnature.org/portsusanbayday).

## Be Wild: Capturing the Spirit of the Sagebrush Sea

August 12

Seattle

Conservation photographer Dave Showalter will share photos and stories from the most iconic—and imperiled—landscape in the American West - the Sagebrush Sea. You'll encounter strutting sage-grouse, shy Burrowing Owls, and more than thirty other species of sagebrush.

Visit <https://www.mountaineers.org/about/locations-reservations/seattle-program-center/events/dave-showalter-capturing-the-spirit-of-the-sagebrush-sea-bewild-2015-speaker-series> and use the code AUDUBON-HALFOFF where you see "Enter promo code" for 50% percent off the regular ticket price. 7:00 PM Mountaineers Program Center -- 7700 Sand Point Way NE

## 29th Annual Oregon Shorebird Festival

September 4 – 6

Charleston, OR

The Oregon Shorebird Festival's 29th year will include a full weekend of activities planned for birders of all skill levels. The

festival is headquartered at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology in Charleston. Activities include expertly guided land based field trips to Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, New River and the Coos Bay area. There is a pelagic trip on Saturday for those who want to experience birding on the water. <http://www.fws.gov/oregoncoast/shorebirdfestival.htm>

## HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE RESEARCH

Do you have concerns about the aerial application of herbicides and fertilizers onto commercial forest land in Washington? A fellow non-profit conservation organization, the Washington Forest Law Center, is doing research on impacts of forest chemicals. Please contact Wyatt Golding [atwgolding@wflc.org](mailto:atwgolding@wflc.org) to follow up. More details on our website.

## PUGET SOUND BIRD FEST IN EDMONDS

SEPTEMBER 11 – 13

REGISTRATION BEGINS AUGUST 1

<http://www.pugetsoundbirdfest.org/>

This three-day event includes speakers, guided walks, land and water-based field trips, exhibits, and educational activities for children and adults. Plan to spend the weekend in Edmonds, birding and meeting other birders, naturalists, photographers, and people engaged in fascinating bird research projects.

## SWIFTS NIGHT OUT

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12 4:00PM-DUSK

<http://monroeswifts.org/>

Come witness an amazing natural event occurring in our community!  
Celebrate the arrival of the 2nd largest roost of Vaux's Swifts in America!  
Watch thousands of these birds swirl into a 4-ft.-square chimney in just minutes!

**Wagner Center --  
639 West Main St --  
Monroe**

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## Pilchuck Audubon Society Membership Information

Support your local Audubon chapter by becoming a member. PAS dues are tax deductible (consult your tax professional for details). The PAS tax ID number is 91-6183664.

- New Member ..... \$28
- Renewal ..... \$28
- Lifetime Member ..... \$1,000
- 10 monthly payments of \$100
- 4 quarterly payments of \$250
- 1 payment of \$1,000
- Donation ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- My employer will match my contribution!  
 My employer's gift matching form is enclosed with my contribution.

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## GO BIRDING AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Want to contribute to vital seabird science in the Puget Sound and Strait of Juan de Fuca? The ninth season of Seattle Audubon's Puget Sound Seabird Survey kicks off on October 3rd, 2015 and we are now recruiting enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers to help us monitor the status of our local wintering seabirds.

Volunteers should be able to identify Puget Sound's seabird species and be available on the first Saturday of each month, October through April, to conduct a 30-minute seabird survey.

Training on survey methodology will be provided at the end of September. If determining between Lesser and Greater Scaup is a challenge, we'll team you up with more knowledgeable surveyors.

Learn more, including training dates at [www.seabird-survey.org](http://www.seabird-survey.org) and email Toby Ross, Science Manager ([tobyross@seattleaudubon.org](mailto:tobyross@seattleaudubon.org)) if you would like to learn more or take part.