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***Fall is here!*** And with it comes opportunities to see salmon in the wild, plant native trees and shrubs to help slow climate change, and cozy up inside on a cold day to watch some short videos about local habitats.



**Take climate action on Make a Difference Day and Arbor Day**

vegetation along Padden Creek. The event will take place from **9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 26 at Fairhaven Park**. Volunteers will build upon the work that was started at the City's Earth Day work party earlier this year by planting native plants in areas where invasive English ivy was removed.

Planting native trees and shrubs is an important way to help slow climate change, since these plants absorb carbon dioxide and other pollutant particulates from the air, produce oxygen, protect biodiversity, reduce heat island effects and protect streams from rising temperatures. Volunteers will also remove invasive plants, which compete with native species for moisture, sunlight, nutrients and space.

The work party will conclude with free pizza and a message from Bellingham Mayor Kelli Linville. No RSVP is required for this free, family-friendly event. Tools, gloves and instructions will be provided. Volunteers need only bring weather-appropriate clothing, closed-toe shoes and a water bottle.



### Directions

The event is located at Fairhaven Park, [107 Chuckanut Drive North](#). Several Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) bus routes stop near Fairhaven Park. The park is also accessible by bike. Find your bus route using WTA's [online trip planner](#) or your bike route by visiting [www.cob.org/bike](http://www.cob.org/bike). Parking is available in the three parking lots within Fairhaven Park. Sign in will be located at the tents near the playground.

Learn about what the City is doing for climate action by visiting [www.cob.org/climate](http://www.cob.org/climate).



### First Habitat Photos time-lapse video complete

Thanks to the many citizens who have contributed photos to our Habitat Photos citizen monitoring project over the past two years, we were able to put together a time-lapse video showing the change that has occurred at the Padden Creek Daylighting restoration site since Fall 2017. The video provides a view of the creek looking downstream from the footbridge at the Rotary Trailhead. Check out the video on our [Habitat Photos webpage](#), and please keep submitting photos at our Padden Creek and Squalicum Creek Re-route photo stations. We hope to have more videos to share soon!



### Learn about local estuary impacts in this video

Did you know that Bellingham Bay has lost more than 280 acres of aquatic land to development over the past 150 years? Most of this land is estuary and nearshore habitat. Estuaries, called “nurseries of the sea,” are a vital part of our ecology, economy, and culture. Many marine organisms use estuaries as nursery grounds for spawning and for rearing young. You can learn more about the importance of estuaries and what work is being done to protect them by watching [this educational video](#) created by the City of Bellingham.

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It's that time of year again when we start to see salmon returning to our local streams. Our bi-annual spawner surveys started back up again in early September to document how these spawning fish use our City streams. On September 20, surveyors encountered some of the first spawning salmon of the year in Bellingham streams, counting 8 adult Chinook in Padden Creek!

***Do you want to see spawning salmon?*** The bridges in Maritime Heritage Park and Arroyo Park will give you the best chances of seeing them within the City. This [run timing graphic](#) will help you understand when you can expect to see different salmonid species in our streams. You can also join the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (NSEA) for one of their free [Salmon Sighting Events](#) in November.

Please remember to keep dogs and kids out of the water to protect salmon redds (nests) and avoid disturbing salmon during this critical time in their life cycle.

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***Learn more about the City's habitat restoration program at [www.cob.org/habitat](http://www.cob.org/habitat).***

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