

2026 Winter Council of Governors Committee Report

Multiple District 19 Environment Committee

District Environment Chairs

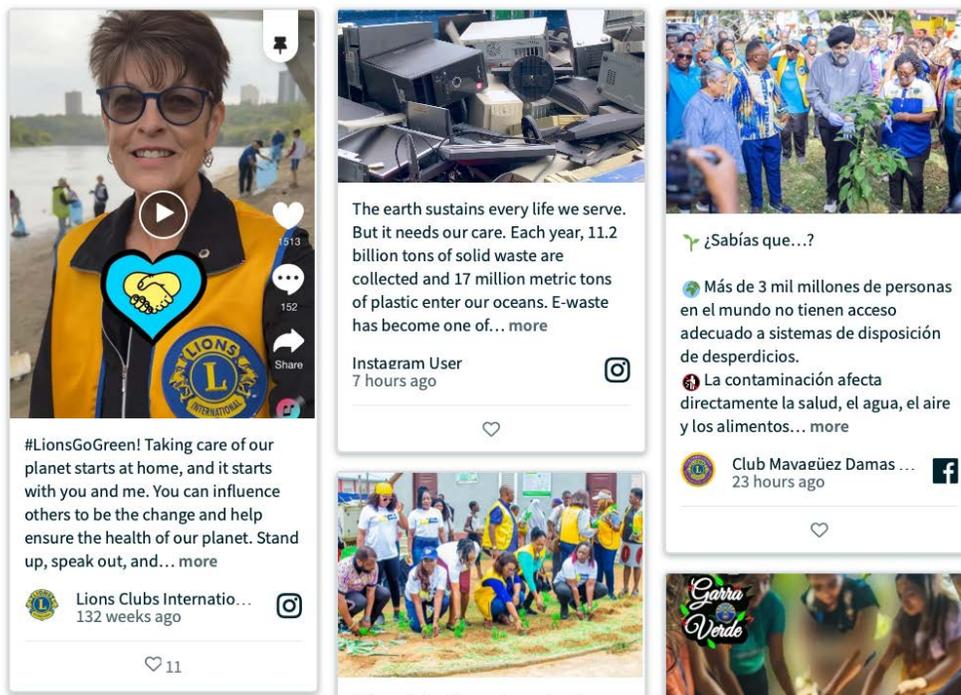
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MD 19 Environment Team Lions Year 2025-2026

Representing 5 districts, District Environment Chairs, and Zone Environment Chairs, and Club Environment Chairs work closely with four Lions serving as MD 19 Environment Co-Chairs. We are an Environment Team that meets monthly on Zoom, hosted by Council Chair Steve Brooks. **We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 12p.m. and invite interested Lions to join us.** For invitation, write to able@olypen.com. Our team increases in size and scope as we are joined by Lions from throughout our MD and from across the continent.

#LionsGoGreen

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/environment>



Lions International Website and Facebook, along with [Lions Virtual.org](http://LionsVirtual.org) provide ideas, images, and resources for Lions around the world. Enjoy the Social Media Posts Above. Spend time learning from these videos and more. When you post a Club Environment Service project, use the hashtag #LionsGoGreen.

As Lion Environment Chairs circulate through our districts, speaking to Lions, scanning Facebook pages, websites, and service reports, these are some of the Lions Environmental Service projects we see. We want to learn from each other and share the stories of our service. We post them here to inspire ourselves and YOU to tell our stories widely and well.

Re-imagining Environmental Service in SW Washington: A New Chapter for Lions in District N

As Clark County adapts to the untimely closure of the Southwest Washington Watershed Alliance, following the City of Vancouver’s withdrawal of funding, Lions are stepping forward to ensure that the community’s strong tradition of environmental stewardship not only continues—but grows.

Lions from the **Salmon Creek** and **Camas** clubs have come together to explore a timely opportunity: **reimagining the former Orchards–Evergreen Lions Club** as an environmentally focused Lions club or branch serving the Vancouver area. The goal is to create a welcoming service home for environmentally passionate community members, including former Watershed Alliance volunteers eager to stay engaged.

A key champion of this effort is **Lion Patty Page of the Salmon Creek Lions Club**, who sees strong potential in pairing club formation with meaningful, visible community engagement from the very start. Drawing inspiration from the Watershed Alliance’s highly regarded environmental film series, Lion Patty has been exploring the idea of using a **film-based education and discussion series as the club’s pilot project**.

“People are drawn to meaningful conversations and shared learning,” says Lion Patty Page. **“When you combine that with a clear way to take action—like an environmental specialty club—you create something much more powerful than either one alone.”**

Early conversations with current Lions, prospective members, and community partners suggest this combined approach is compelling. The film series offers an accessible entry point for learning, dialogue, and relationship-building, while the Lions organization provides the structure and continuity needed to turn interest into lasting service and impact.

This emerging Environmental Lions initiative has already been recognized as a **recommended volunteer opportunity in Clark County**, reinforcing both its relevance and promise. More importantly, it reflects Lions’ commitment to honoring the Watershed Alliance’s legacy by building on what worked—education, partnerships, and community-driven action—while creating a new path forward.

As this effort continues to take shape, it stands as an inspiring example of how Lions can adapt, collaborate, and lead—meeting evolving community needs with creativity, compassion, and service

Written by Dr. Brian Scott (Camas Lions) with Patty Page (Salmon Creek Lions)



Salmon Creek Lions' collaboration with a Friends of Trees planting this past Saturday in January. Lion Jeff Reddicks of Salmon Creek Lions and Lion Michele Rouse of the Camas Lions litter picking at the Orchards Community Park this past November, which yielded 2 full bags of litter.

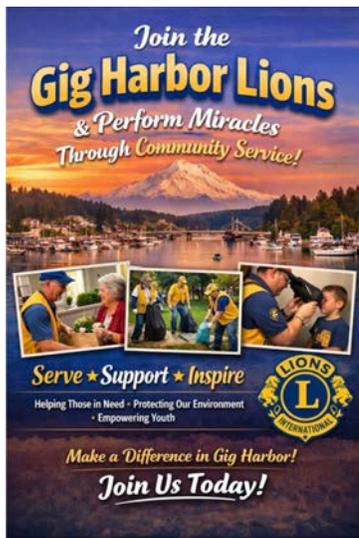


Lake Chelan Lions' Invitations for Annual Christmas Tree Sale. Creative and fun and posted throughout the season.

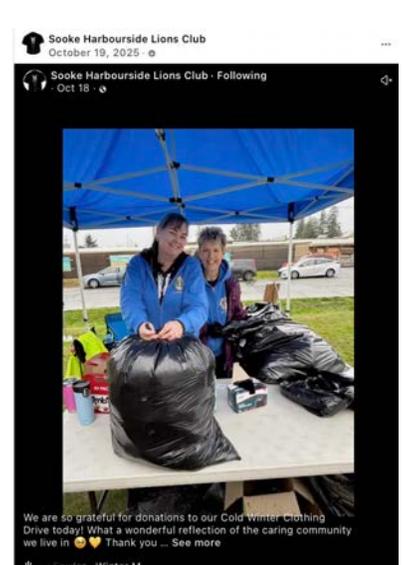
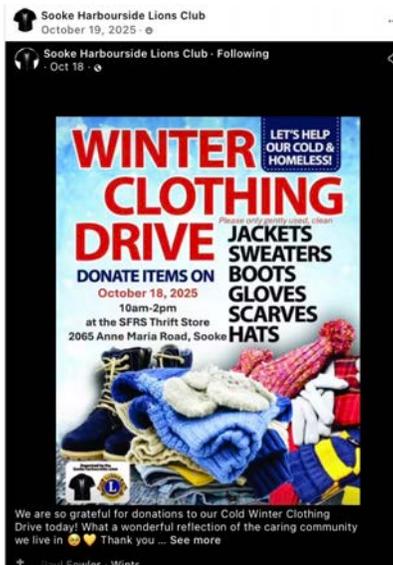


Many Clubs in District 19 L sponsored Christmas Tree Chipping. Trees are collected and turned to mulch for gardening. There were several locations and participating Clubs were Vancouver Cathay New Century Lions and Leos (pictured above) and Vancouver Broadway Lions, Vancouver Marpole Grandview Lions and Vancouver Ambleside Tiddlycove Lions.





Lions invite participation and membership with creative posters and Social Media posts. Give this a try!!



Clothing Distribution and Recycling and Re-distribution. Great Service for Lions

*Kitty Chiu, District L Environment Chair is creating bi-monthly newsletters.
Enjoy this latest edition.*

19-L ENVIRONMENTAL TIPS & TRICKS



January & February 2026

Sustainable Winter Living For Western BC & NW Washington

Save Energy & Stay Warm

- Seal drafts around windows and doors to keep heat inside.
- Lower thermostats slightly and wear warm layers.
- Open curtains on sunny days and close them at night.
- Heat only rooms in use and close doors to unused spaces.
- Clean furnace or heat-pump filters to improve efficiency.

Use Less Electricity

- Use LED bulbs throughout the home.
- Turn off lights when leaving rooms.
- Unplug electronics or use power bars to reduce standby power.
- Take advantage of daylight hours when possible.

Conserve Water

- Take shorter showers to save water and heating energy.
- Install low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators.
- Fix dripping taps and running toilets promptly.
- Run full loads in dishwashers and washing machines.

Reduce Food Waste & Eat Sustainably

- Choose seasonal and local winter foods when available.
- Plan meals to reduce food waste.
- Freeze leftovers and batch-cook soups or stews.
- Compost food scraps where services exist.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

- Donate unwanted items instead of discarding them.
- Recycle electronics, batteries, and light bulbs properly.
- Avoid single-use items; choose reusable alternatives.
- Repair items when possible instead of replacing them.

Choose Sustainable Transportation & Outdoor Living

- Walk, bike, or use transit when weather allows.
- Combine errands to reduce car trips.
- Enjoy low-impact winter activities like walking or snowshoeing.
- Dress for the weather to stay active outdoors.

Support Community & Well-Being

- Support local farmers, markets, and small businesses.
 - Share tools, skills, or resources with neighbours.
 - Set one achievable sustainability goal for the winter months.
 - Spend time outdoors to stay connected to nature during winter.
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Food Distribution Project. Camas Lions and Rotary Members hosted an Emergency Food Drive.



Leslie Chasse
 All-star contributor · November 21, 2025 ·
 The facts of today's politics has forced twice as many families too seek food assistance So an emergency food drive with the Camas Rotarians was called and in 2 weeks we Collected 515 lbs of food to hold the Treasure House Food Bank for a few more days.
 Thank you Camas Rotary and Camas Lions for stepping up on short notice and once again making a difference in the community!



CB-Sekiu Lions Thank the Community with Holiday Boughs



PHOTO NANCY MESSMER

Each year, members of the local Lions Club come together to spread holiday cheer throughout the Clallam Bay - Sekiu communities. Joey, Nancy, and Roy gathered fresh tree boughs, salal, and holly, while Donna purchased the bows. Ray cut the boughs into usable lengths, and Andy, Roy, Nancy, Ray, and Bev assembled the festive holiday swags.
 The Lions then delivered the swags to community institutions and local businesses as a thank-you for the important role they play in keeping Clallam Bay and Sekiu welcoming and livable places. Shown here, Cara at Toast and Jam accepts delivery of one of the holiday swags.

Clallam Bay Sekiu Lions work with State Parks to host a First Day Walk every New Year's Day at noon. It is a great walk, rain or shine.



Friends of Hoko River State Park/Clallam Bay Sekiu Lions

Forks Forum Article: Clallam Bay Sekiu Lions gathered materials for holiday wreaths. They created decorative swags for the community and distributed boughs and holly throughout the holidays from their Den garden. Each year, the Lions welcome the New Year by hosting a First Day Walk. (District L)



Planting Trees
 District O



The Tenino Lions Club
 November 3, 2025 ·
 We would like to thank Lions Club members Mary MacLennan and Shelley Teart for co-chairing our apple sales project this year. Both Mary and Shelly are newer members and they both wanted to take this endeavor on.
 Thank you also to the Civil Youth Patrol for their assistance in loading boxes. They loaded 45 boxes of apples into the van in record time!

Distributing Fruit
 District N

Lake Stevens Lions Club
 Top contributor · January 11 at 8:15 AM · 🌐

Lake Stevens Lions Club would like to help you disposing of your old glasses?
 Donating reusable eyewear (Reading, prescription, sunglasses & kids glasses) can significantly improve vision for those without access to corrective lenses. Drop-off locations are available throughout Lake Stevens and Granite Falls Passport Office.
 Visit www.lakestevenslionsclub.org for location and more information.
 #lakestevenslions #lakestevenslionsclub



**Lions Eyeglass Recycling. Collecting, and Sorting and Cleaning and Sending!
 Worthy Work! Photos Featuring District O and District L**

Jocelyn Wan
 November 17, 2025 · 🌐

Serving with TWECS has become one of the most meaningful journeys of my life. Each time I step into the warehouse to sort, clean, and pack eyeglasses, I'm reminded that even the smallest acts of service can bring clear vision and renewed hope to someone across the world. What began as a simple gesture has grown into my personal mission to create change, one pair of glasses at a time.
 Month after month, I'm grateful to lead friends, colleagues, and fellow Lions into this shared purpose. Watching new volunteers discover the joy of giving through recycled eyeglasses inspires me even more. Together, we turn ordinary moments into life-changing service—and that is the true beauty of what we do. #WeServe



Jocelyn Wan
 November 10, 2025 · 🌐

Service, smiles, and warm hearts at the Burnaby Lougheed Lions Den tonight, sorting eyeglasses for TWECS. Thanks to all who joined — and special thanks to Lion Raymond for the warm drinks and Dr. Marina for the yummy pizza! 🍕 #WeServe #LionsInAction #Vision



Jocelyn Wan
 October 20, 2025 · 🌐

Another wonderful evening sorting eyeglasses for those in need — vision, service, and friendship in action! 🙏



District I Environment Chair Bernie Jensen from Kamloops Brock Central Lions Club is full of energy and good ideas. Enjoy this sampling. Think about doing similar projects in your area.

Environment – Bernie Jensen. We found some really unique programs that are offered through an organization called BC Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation". This Foundation "offers school based gardening and nutrition programs in Kamloops (and around the province) that provide students with hands-on learning opportunities, teaching healthy habits, environmental stewardship, and cross-cultural understanding". Their programs "reach over 90% of public, independent, and First Nations schools across British Columbia, benefitting more than 600,000 students". They "are dedicated to ensuring that their programs are available even in the most isolated regions of our province, reaching all K-12 BC schools". Sponsorship can provide programs like "Spuds in Tubs", "Harvest Bin Project", "Planting a Promise", and "Common Ground: The Strawberry Project" in many schools around our school district.

More ideas from Bernie, from the Zone newsletter written by 2VDG Kim Jensen.

Last year, Kamloops Brock Central Lions Club supported Seedy Saturday in Kamloops. This year, Bernie, hopes to support it again, with help from any and all interested Lions. The Seedy Saturday event is happening in two locations this year as well as two dates. On Wednesday, March 11, the Farmer's Market is hosting an event in downtown Kamloops and on Saturday, March 14th, at the Mount Paul Community Food Centre. The Seedy Saturday events support both the "Environment" and the "Hunger" Lions International Pillars of Service.

Kamloops Brock Central Lions Club hosted Glen Cheetham, the City of Kamloops Climate and Sustainability Manager, yesterday evening at their first meeting of the year. He brought with him a proposal that Lion Bernie mentioned to him about supporting cycling in Elementary schools. The project concept is to "support a structured, age-appropriate bike safety and skills program delivered directly in elementary schools". He reported that "in an elementary school within School District #73 there were 72 out of 131 students who had never ridden a bike before. That's more than half the student body starting from zero". This project would support several of Lions International's Service Pillars including youth empowerment, environmental stewardship, community safety, and health and wellbeing. Glen also mentioned collaboration with local cycling groups who provide education and safety regarding cycling and they also recycle unclaimed bicycles and repair them; the RCMP who provide the unclaimed bikes, and the Kamloops Brain Injury Society who provide helmets and proper fitting of the helmets. Call (778-257-7471) or email (bernard.jensen2@gmail.com) for more information about the project concept that Glen provided in his proposal.

Bernie has also made contact with McQueen Lake Environmental Centre and is looking for ideas on how we can support the Centre. They are in need of a potable water system and help with upgrading the kitchen so that they can have overnight stays again.

January 27, 2026 Bernie's Plans.

I am still following up on other projects that I've mentioned before like the [Urban Fishing Pond for all ages](#), helping with the development of Juniper Ridge Park consisting of 540 acres, and BC Agricultural in the Classroom Foundation.

Right now I am busy getting organized for Seedy Saturday and possibly adding pollinator to the mix. We also have Lions Environment Week in April to prepare for. Lots of things to do!



Leavenworth Lions of WA
 October 9, 2025 · 🌐

Another successful US2 Highway Cleanup.
 Not pictured: Brad and Laurie O'Brien, Joyce Stevens. Nice work Leavenworth Lions club.

Coeur D'Alene Lions pick up 2 miles both sides of Hwy 95 twice a year in May and October. They picked up 35 bags on Oct.18

Lions Railriders Ione, WA
 November 1, 2025 · 🌐



Lions Railriders Ione, WA
 Nonprofit organization Send message

Lions Railriders Ione, WA
 October 25, 2025 · 🌐
 Lions Kim DiRienz, Gregg & Monica Zografos, Ivan Ketka, Gayle Pollock were "cleaning up" Le Clerc Rd. N for NPOV Lions Club bi-annual adopted road litter pickup!

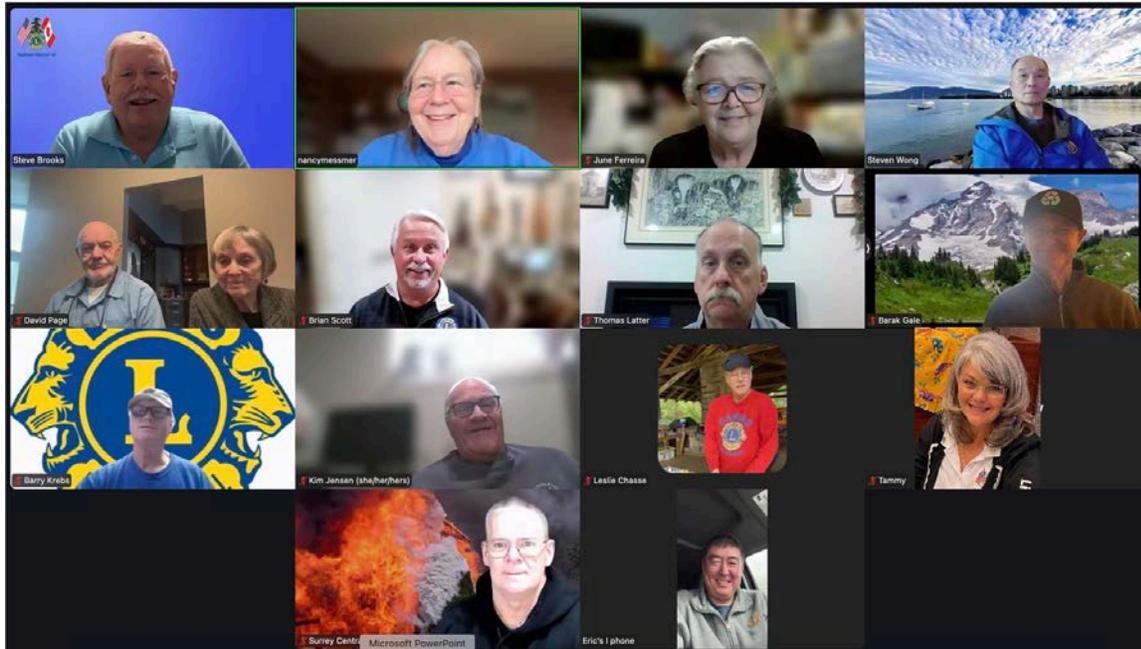
SOUTH COBB LIONS CLUB
 January 20 at 12:39 PM · 🌐



SOUTH COBB LIONS CLUB
 January 20 at 12:38 PM · 🌐

The Destiny World Church hosted an incredible MLK Day Of Service litter cleanup whereby 86 volunteers from their church, Austell Community Taskforce, Kids Care, Faces, Rho Zeta Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Cobb County Solicitor General Makia Metzger, Building Strong Horizons Inc, South Cobb Lions Club and Delta Signa Theta sorority came together to remove 81 bags of litter from Riverside Pkwy, Factory Shoals Road, South Gordon Road and Lansky Werber Road. We appreciate the snacks, coffee and drinks provided by the church as well as the Precinct Two Police who kept traffic slow in areas where we were working. It was a fun and fulfilling way to celebrate the MLK Day of Service.
[#keepcobbbeautiful](#)

Environment Chairs meet monthly on Zoom to share project ideas and learn from each other. We write reports for our District Newsletters and now we post to our new Facebook group. We hope to inspire each other and our fellow Lions to do impactful Environmental Service.



It is fun using the A-I Meeting Summary for our meetings.

Here is the "Quick Recap" for January 6, 2026.

"The monthly meeting of the MD19 Environmental Committee brought together Lions from across the district to share updates on environmental projects and initiatives. Members discussed ongoing activities such as tree planting, litter cleanup, and park adoption, with several clubs reporting successful collaborations with local organizations and schools. A new Facebook group was launched to better facilitate communication and sharing of ideas between clubs. The committee also heard updates on a potential new environmental Lions club in Clark County and discussed the importance of documenting and promoting their service work. The conversation ended with members sharing positive statements about the impact of Lions' environmental efforts."

Environmental Service is one of the three causes that Lions do this year in April to be eligible for the Club Excellence Award. Earth Week is April 18-26.

Amplify your club's impact during Weeks of Service

This initiative unites Lions and Leos worldwide to address the critical issues of mental health and well-being, hunger, and the environment. By participating, you'll be part of three impactful weeks dedicated to creating positive change and making a difference in communities around the globe — together. So get involved and help drive collective action for a better future!

Mark your calendars

Mental health and well-being October 4-12, 2025	Hunger January 3-11, 2026	Environment April 18-26, 2026
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Environment

The recycling and waste management service area resource is designed to help you learn the facts on waste and plan service projects centered on responsible recycling in your community. Consider planning an e-waste recycling project on Earth Day on April 22!

[View now](#)

Visit the [environment global cause](#) webpage to learn more about creating a healthier, more sustainable world.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/environment>



Lions MD19 Environmental Committee

Public group · 34 members



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Fellow Lions. We have created a new Facebook Group for the Lions of MD19 Environmental Committee. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lionsmd19environmentalcommittee> Please follow this group and post your Lions Environmental Projects. Share this group with other like-minded Lions. Thanks. Robin Woolmer. Surrey Central Lions

Robin Woolmer is in Alderwood Park.
Admin · December 18, 2025 ·
The Earl Marriott Leo Club conducted a litter clean up in the park behind the high school. Six members participated.

Tammy E Allan
January 22 at 8:41 AM ·
Great job Wenatchee Valley Lions!

Lilies of the Valley
January 22 at 7:15 AM ·
WOW!!! How did this happen!!!!
It was all our volunteers, donors, sponsors, flower lovers --- too many to list!!! Thank you for a wonderful, miraculous, wonderful 2025!!!
#purposeofthepurpose #shininginthetroughflowers #lovingwhatwedo #wenatcheevalley #liliesofthevalleyorg

Robin Woolmer is in Port Coquitlam, BC.
Admin · December 11, 2025 ·
Invasive Himalayan Blackberry removal in the dog park.

Himalayan blackberries came to BC as an intentional introduction in the late 1800s by botanist Luther Burbank, who cultivated them from Europe for their large, tasty fruit, marketing them to the Pacific Northwest; they quickly escaped cultivation, spreading rapidly via birds and rooting canes, becoming a dominant invasive species in BC's lush, temperate environment by the mid-20th century.

MD 19 Environment Chairs. Call or Email. We can assist you with ideas and resources.
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