



As the Pacific Northwest Regional Director of PGMS, I am pleased to announce the kick off meeting for their latest Branch, the "Western Washington Branch," to be held at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington.

This will be an open meeting for members and those interested in becoming part of the leading organization for grounds managers. Featuring two education sessions by local vendors, Coates Landscape Supply and Winfield United, the meeting will include lunch. It is free to attend, however we do require an RSVP.

When: January 31, 2018

Where: University of Puget Sound | 1500 N Warner St. Tacoma, WA

Parking: Stadium Lot at Corner of N Union and N 11th St.

Schedule

- 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.** Introduction about PGMS, Installation of Branch Officers, Future Meeting Dates and Locations, Education Ideas/Opportunities (Donuts/Coffee provided by PGMS)
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m.** Break
- 10:45 – 11:20 a.m.** **Winfield United:** Frank Santiago, from Dow Agro Sciences will speak about the pre emergence weed control in beds, discuss timing, usage rates, and selecting the correct product for your needs.
- 11:20 a.m. – Noon** **Coates Landscape Supply:** Preston Farner Equipment. Where are your costs? What is the value of efficiency or the cost of down time? The How, When, and What to maintain on equipment and the value of routine maintenance.
- Noon – 12:45 p.m.** Lunch/Social sponsored by **Coates Landscape Supply**. Take this opportunity to network with fellow grounds professionals in your local area!

RSVP by January 29th to ensure lunch to: **Joe Kovolyan, CGM, CSFM:** jkovolyan@pugetsound.edu

Future meeting dates and locations will be sent electronically to the PGMS Branch Membership. As a member, meetings will be free of charge, however, non-members will be able to attend with a fee. PGMS membership means you are not only part of the local branch, but also a member of the National organization, allowing you access to unparalleled resources, such as networking, education, and certification.

PGMS is the oldest individual green industry association (since 1911) and the majority of members are institutional grounds managers employed by colleges and universities, municipalities, resorts/hotels, hospital complexes, theme parks, casinos, parks and recreation, etc. Membership also includes educators, supplier members, independent landscape contractors, and students. Visit pgms.org for more information.

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