## **Event publicity Article:**

## PRUNING "HOW TO" TALK AT MAPLE VALLEY LIBRARY

February is an excellent time for gardeners in the Northwest to prune a wide variety of trees and shrubs to promote healthy, attractive plants during the growing season. Cole Stevens, certified arborist and owner/operator of Canopy Solutions LLC, will give us some tips on how to do that successfully during the next Lake Wilderness Arboretum program, EXPLORE . . Pruning With a Certified Arborist – tips for the home gardener and when it's time to call a professional. He will include types of pruning tools, how to prune effectively, and some common errors to avoid as well as explain when a professional should be called.

This free one-hour program is open to the public and will be presented in the Community Room at the Maple Valley Library (21844 SE 248<sup>th</sup> St) on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:30am. Please contact Lake Wilderness Arboretum Foundation at <a href="mailto:info@lakewildernessarboretum.org">info@lakewildernessarboretum.org</a> for more information.

## Intro:

Cole Stevens is a certified arborist who enjoys exploring the outdoors, mountain climbing, and who believes that healthy urban forests are a huge asset to those in our area and should be preserved for future generations. He and his team from Canopy Solutions have volunteered their time and skills in a number of area community projects, including Gaffney's Grove Maple Valley Disc Golf Course and tree care at Tahoma National Cemetery.