



SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER

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From all of us at Philomath Community Services (PCS,) we hope you're enjoying this warm and sunny spring! We have been busy and have several updates to share...

New Board Members

As of this year, we welcome new Board Members Taraleen Elliott, Terry Weiss (Philomath City Council Liaison,) Laura Coen (Holiday Cheer Program Manager,) and Connie Barnes (Treasurer from January into May.) With this impressive team, we are excited with the potential for continued growth, organization, and productivity. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view our complete Board roster.



Garden Work Party

In April, volunteers helped kick off the growing season by helping spread compost, move concrete, and guide raspberry plants at Lupe's Community Garden. The Garden is off to a good start.

Also, the Garden now has set hours. Please feel welcome to come get your hands good and dirty **every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:30 PM**. A second weekly work session is being discussed.



New Staff

As of January 1, 2019, PCS hired their first-ever Executive Director. The Board of Directors of Philomath Community Services, Inc. is happy to announce the hiring of Mark McGuire. Mark has experience running a nonprofit and is rooted in our local agricultural community. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read our detailed online announcement.



Holiday Cheer

Every year, Holiday Cheer offers a holiday dinner, hygiene basket, and gifts for children to families in need. In December 2018, Holiday Cheer enabled more than 50 local sponsors to provide for 40 families, including 126 children. Ines Erickson retires this year as Program Manager for Holiday Cheer. Philomath Community Services would like to thank her for four years of coordinating the program and its volunteers for our community. Laura Coen is our new Program Manager for Holiday Cheer.

City Serve

Big thanks to those who came out for a day of hard work through City Serve! We had 23 helpers and got lots of gardening done. Additionally, we were able to assemble seven shelving units and reorganize part of our upstairs.



Update from our Garden Manager:

Things are growing in Lupe's Community Garden. The rain alternating with the sun has been great for vegetables... as well as weeds. We are busy planting lettuce, eggplant, cabbage, cucumbers, beans (green, yellow, & purple), and squash. Some new vegetables we are trying out this year include celery, kohlrabi, and purple potatoes. Several different varieties of tomatoes have been planted. These include chocolate cherry tomato and the popular sweet and tasty Sun Gold cherry. Also growing are some slicing varieties, such as Siletz and Pruden's Purple, and Cour di Bue, and Silver Fir tomato. Also, new this year is a sandbox for kids built by the Eagle Scouts and big flower bed!



Plans Ahead

We are planning to have a presence at the Philomath Frolic and Rodeo fairgrounds, and we will also be walking in the parade. Local groups will be coming out for work parties throughout the summer, and new volunteers are always welcome. Please let us know if you can lend a hand!

If you'd like to volunteer or donate in support of our work, please [VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#) or contact our Executive Director at director@philomathcommunityserviecs.org.

Thank you for your continued support and interest!



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