



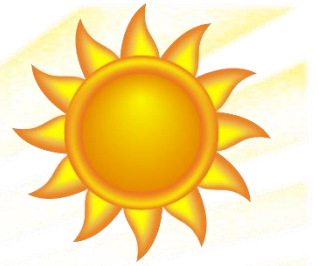
SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Philomath Community Services | *People Helping People*

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It feels like summer came early this year, doesn't it? We don't mind!

The transition from spring to summer is special, especially here in Philomath. It warms up, because we are so close to summer; yet the grass is still green, because we are so close to spring. The bees are busy pollinating, the plants are busy growing, and Philomath Community Services is buzzing and growing too, through this challenging and exciting time.

As always, we **thank you** for being a community of *People Helping People*, for making PCS what it is. We are grateful for each of you and want you to remember that we are here for you.

Newsletter Signup

If you are reading this but have not signed up for our newsletter, please [subscribe here!](#)

Philanthropic Achievement

Benton Community Foundation's [Philanthropic Achievement Awards](#) are set for this November. Deciding who to nominate was difficult, but it is our privilege to recognize the following individuals and groups:



★ **Nomination: Outstanding Innovating Program**

Sandy Heath and Lindy Young, co-managers of Lupe's Community Garden, for creatively growing our little community garden and making it more accessible.

★ **Nomination: Outstanding Philanthropic Business**

Jason Barrett with Jay B Construction, for his generous donation of over \$15,000 worth of labor, in order to provide shelter for our cooler.

★ **Nomination: Outstanding Volunteer Group**

June's Kids Kloset, a program that works with hundreds of families throughout the year, distributing clothing on 1,147 occasions through 2022.

★ **Nomination: Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser**

Ann Morgan of the Philomath Community Gleaners, for consistently and successfully writing grant applications to keep the Gleaners program running smoothly.

★ **Nomination: Outstanding Emerging Philanthropist**

Jennifer Ringwald with Holiday Cheer, for carefully connecting donors with children of greatest need, serving a record of 168 children last year!

It's Gleaning Season!

Gleaners are ready and able to pick any produce available, be it a backyard or a field. Please reach out directly to our Gleaners Program Manager, Patty, to coordinate a glean.

Patty prefers phone communication and can be reached at 541-839-[three]980.



Special Thanks

Earlier this season, the Community Services Consortium (CSC) sent a team out to help us in the garden. The volunteers were friendly, hardworking, and talented. We are very grateful. Thank you, CSC!

Last Call!

Our next workshop is coming up **this Saturday!** Please join us as we host the Master Gardeners, to learn about composting. This is an excellent opportunity to ask questions, share insights, and get to your neighbors. →

Save the Date!

Our first-annual **Community Celebration** is coming up! Please mark your calendars for:

- ★ 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- ★ Sunday, September 17, 2023
- ★ Marys River Park and Natural Area


Keep an eye out for our promotional flyers. There will be free food, info, a scavenger hunt, volunteer recognition, and more!




Composting

FREE workshop!
Family-Friendly

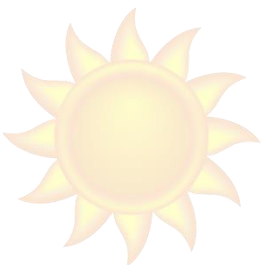
Saturday, June 24
10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Lupe's Garden
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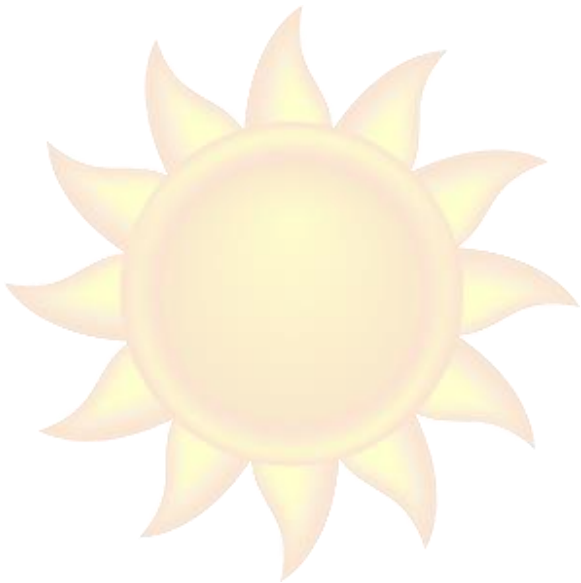
OSU Extension Service prohibits discrimination in all its programs, services, activities, and materials. Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made by two weeks ahead of the event to Elizabeth Records, 541-730-3471 or elizabeth.records@oregonstate.edu



Help Navigating Healthcare

This past spring, we welcomed Oscar Monroy, our new Health Navigator from Benton County Health! Oscar is on site at PCS during our Thursday hours (9am to 12pm,) helping folks look for health care options.

Updates may be found [here](#).



Helping Here and Abroad

PCS had the opportunity to participate in a donation drive to support those in need in war-torn Ukraine.

All of your donated items were brought together with supplies from other groups, and the Corvallis Sister Cities Association coordinated over 100 volunteers help assemble over 400 first aid kits to serve folks in dire need.

Thank you for looking out for your neighbors, near and far!



Thanks All Around

We would also like to recognize the Bahá'í and Grange volunteers who came out this past spring to help out in Lupe's Community Garden.

We are pleased and impressed with how much work got done!



New Videos

And you are invited to click or tap below to view our recent YouTube videos! In honor of the new growing season, one video has a couple Master Gardener interviews from a recent workshop on container veggie gardening, and the other is a 4-minute DIY video for beginner composting.



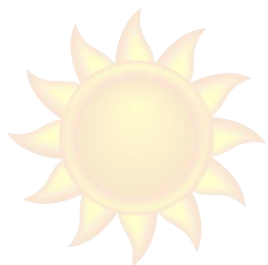
[Master Gardener Workshop](#)



[Composting for Beginners](#)

Amazingly Steadfast Support

Thank you to the Siletz Tribe for the generous grant to our Gleaners program. These funds have been reliable, consistent, and a pillar of our program.

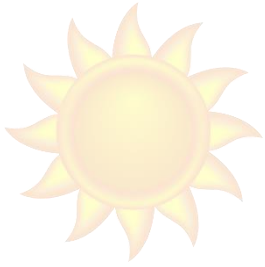


National Volunteer Month

We recently recognized National Volunteer Month (April,) and again we would like to offer our deepest thanks to the many individuals and organizations that help PCS best serve our community.

Take Lupe's Community Garden, for example. Here is a list that shows some of our gracious garden contributors. And this is just a sampling of all contributors!

It takes a village, and we sure have a special one here in Philomath.



Ready for Summer!

Our cooler is covered, finally protected from the elements! Thank you, Jay B and team for building this magnificent structure. Just in time for the hot summer.



Highlights from Philomath News

We would like to repost a couple heartwarming stories from our local news agency, Philomath News:

Grange donates to PCS out of recent event's proceeds

The Marys River Grange hosted their annual Plant Sale and Seed Swap, donating proceeds to PCS. What a wonderful neighbor!

Students raise money for Philomath Community Services

Philomath High School made and sold artwork, donating proceeds to PCS. Our community truly has bright students in every sense of the word.

Food Preservation

And finally, mark your calendars for our upcoming Food Preservation Workshop series!



 Oregon State University
Extension Service

**OSU Extension Service Presents
Food Preservation Workshops**

Come learn about different methods of preserving foods, see equipment, ask questions, and try samples!

**Philomath Community Services hosting at
Philomath Community Church**

Saturday, July 29, 10 am, Freezing & Dehydrating

Saturday, Aug. 19, 10 am - Water Bath & Steam Canning

Saturday, Aug. 26, 10 am - Pressure Canning

Call 541-713-5000 to RSVP

PCS Online

PCS may be found online at Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and Nextdoor. What is your preferred online platform? You are invited to [contact us](#) and let us know where we can reach you online.



Thank you for your continued support!



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