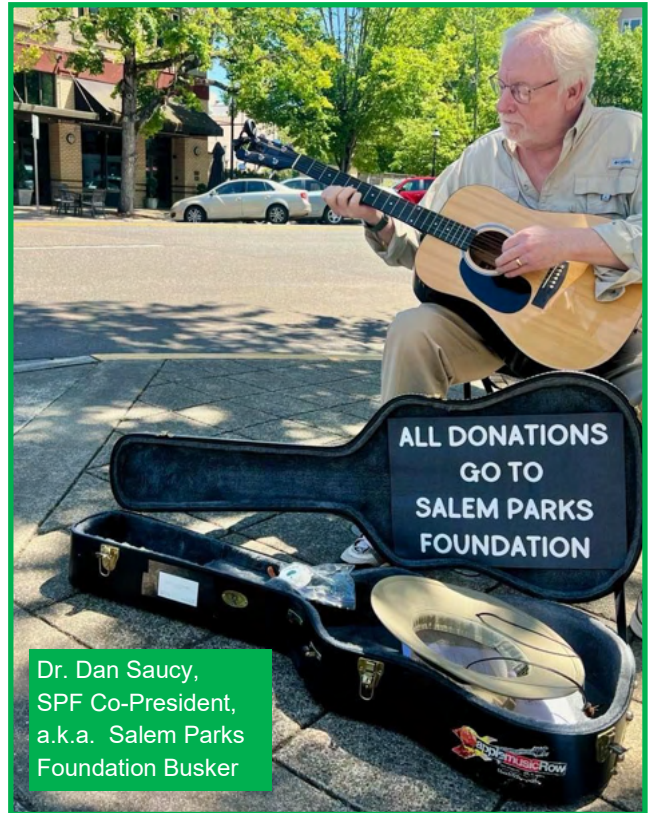




In 2025, Thanks to your generosity,

- Sponsors and attendees contributed \$23,000 to support Movies in the Park at Riverfront Park.
- The Legacy Fund grew to \$132,358.
- \$25,208 contributed to Salem park improvements.
- The Eco - Earth Fund has grown to \$408,000 and currently is awaiting a restoration plan.
- The 2025 Neighborhood Grant Program awarded \$19,800 for Neighborhood Park improvements.
- Three newsletters sent out to inform and advocate for Salem's parks.

Our Spring 2026 newsletter is dedicated to you, our donors. Your support makes our mission of support and advocacy for the parks of Salem, Oregon a reality.



Dr. Dan Saucy,
SPF Co-President,
a.k.a. Salem Parks
Foundation Busker

Ways to Give to Salem's parks

- **Mail** a check to Salem Parks Foundation at P.O. Box 5764, Salem, OR 97304 or **donate online** at www.salemparksfoundation.org.
- **If you are over age 72**, arrange with your IRA custodian to send some or all of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) directly to Salem Parks Foundation. This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).
- **Not 72 yet?** You can still make a Qualified Charitable Distribution at age 70 1/2.
- **Make a charitable bequest** in your will to SPF and/or name it as a retirement plan beneficiary.
- **Link** your Fred Meyer Rewards card to **SPF** at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.
- **Bottle Drop/Give** Fill pre-labeled blue bags with cans and bottles. Drop them off at a Bottle Drop site. Send an e-mail to info@salemparksfoundation.org We will arrange to get the bags to you. Half of the proceeds from BottleDrop go to the Eco-Earth project.
- **Consider gifting** the park lovers on your list with a donation to Eco-Earth in their honor.
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Neighborhood Park Grant Program - 2026 Salem Parks Foundation offers grants to Salem's Neighborhood Associations (NA) for park improvements. If you have an idea for a project in your neighborhood park, contact your NA and ask them to apply. 2026 applications are due May 31.

2024 & 2025 projects:

- Sunnyslope Park – Pickleball Court Striping
- Stephens-Yoshikai Park – New Bench
- Nelson Park – New Picnic Table
- Livingston Park – Two New Benches
- Ellen Lane Park – New Bench
- Marion Square Park – Basketball Backboard & Rim
- Geer Park – Soccer Goals
- McKinley Park – Phase 1 of Walking Track and Pathway Replacement

Projects awarded but not yet installed...

Grant Park, 2 soccer goals, including installation; Englewood Park, 3-sided kiosk; D Street Park, 1 bench; Hoover, Thorp, D Street Parks: kiosk modifications, Mckinley School Park, completion of walking paths; West Salem Park: replace bench.



New bench at Ellen Lane Park

Save the Date! Take a Walk in the Park

Riverfront Park Saturday, May 9 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Ron Cooper will be taking a group photo at 12:00 Noon in front of the Eco-Earth globe - even if you can't come for the walk, please come for the photo.

2026 Take A Walk in the Park - dedicated to support for the Eco-Earth Restoration.

Start at Riverfront Park Pavilion or Wallace Marine Park at the west side of Union St. Railroad bridge. Take a 2 mile walk, stop at 4 stations to get a completely stamped passport to enter the drawing for great prizes and collect your cookie at the end. This event is free, but donations are gratefully accepted.

At 12:00 Noon, please join the group photo in front of the Eco-Earth. We hope for a large show of support for restoration of the Eco-Earth globe - in great need of repair after 23 years of serving as Salem's symbol of our world and its struggle for peace, cultural diversity and ecological awareness.

Eco-Earth Update: The City has received a second conditions assessment and repair recommendation for Eco-Earth. Similar to the initial assessment, renovation rather than repair is recommended. Estimated cost has increased to \$1.3 - \$1.5 million.

Thanks to our donors, Salem Parks Foundation has been able to keep our fundraising promise to the City of \$400,000, but since the current estimates are much higher, Eco-Earth's future is uncertain. We continue to advocate for this project and appreciate your support!

