

In 2023 your support...

- Contributed over \$21,000 for 2023 Neighborhood
 Park Grant Awards
- Grew the Legacy Fund to \$97,000
- **Built** the Eco Earth Renovation Fund to \$345,500
- Sent out three newsletters to advocate for Salem's parks

The SPF mission is advocacy and support for the parks of Salem. Without the support of donors who believe in that mission enough to contribute, we could only dream about great parks. We know parks improve our city and its citizens mentally, physically, culturally, environmentally, and economically. We believe that parks add beauty and create places to think, walk, and play for everyone. Because you care enough to support Salem's parks through your donations, we know that you do, too.

Thank you for contributing to SPF and supporting Salem's parks!

Ways to Give to Parks

- <u>Mail</u> a check to Salem Parks Foundation at P.O. Box 5764, Salem, OR 97304 or donate online at <u>www.salemparksfoundation.org</u>.
- **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 <u>www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards</u>.
- <u>Bottle Drop/Give</u> Fill pre-labeled blue bags with cans and bottles. Drop them off at a Bottle Drop site. Send an e-mail to <u>info@salemparksfoundation.org</u> We will arrange to get the bags to you. Half of the proceeds from BottleDrop go to the Eco-Earth project.
- **<u>Consider gifting</u>** the park lovers on your list with a donation to parks in their honor.



Thank You for your support!

Eco - Earth

There is good news about the Eco-Earth Restoration Fund. See page 4 for the update on fundraising to restore this Salem icon of world peace, bio and cultural diversity.





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2024 Neighborhood Park grant applications... are on the way to your Neighborhood Association. Each spring Salem Parks Foundation offers grants to Salem's Neighborhood Associations for improvements to their local parks. Have an idea for improving your neighborhood park? Contact your Neighborhood Association and suggest applying for a SPF grant. For ideas, check

https://salemparksfoundation.org/park_projects.htm Applications are due May 31, 2024.

Good News! The Oregon Legislature voted to budget \$150,000 to restore Salem's Eco-Earth Globe in Riverfront Park. It is part of a package to bolster 13 cultural projects throughout the state. We are now within \$55,000 of meeting the \$400,000 estimated cost of restoration.

A big thank you to our legislators and to all donors who have contributed to this special project. We look forward to Eco-Earth soon becoming again a source of community pride in our most visited park – a shining symbol of cultural diversity, world peace and ecological awareness.

Please help put us over the top and donate by sending a check to Salem Parks Foundation, P.O. Box 5764, Salem, OR 97304 or by donating online at our website, <u>www.salemparksfoundation.org</u>. Be sure to note Eco-Earth on your check or on the on-line form.



All donors of \$500 or more will be noted on an honor plaque to be placed near the Eco-Earth Globe. Every donation counts and is greatly appreciated!



GOAL: \$400,000

