

Salem Parks Foundation



The Vision



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Support the Eco-Earth!

Summer 2024

Your Help is Needed to Fill the Gaps!

Thanks to your generosity, the fundraising goal is within reach. Please help put us over the top with this appeal so that we can get started restoring Eco - Earth now. If you need more good reasons to support the restoration of the Eco-Earth Globe, the letter from Travel Salem on page 4 makes some excellent points about the importance of the Eco- Earth globe to our community.

Thank You!



The Reality



Ways to Give to Eco-Earth

- Be sure to indicate that your gift is for the Eco-Earth restoration.
- **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.





Eco-Earth Donors

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This letter is to express Travel Salem's support for the restoration of the Eco-Earth Globe located in Salem's Riverfront Park. This iconic landmark holds a special place in the hearts of the community and has become a symbol of creativity, community engagement, and environmental consciousness.

The Eco-Earth Globe, originally conceived as a community project to transform an industrial acid ball, used by a paper mill, into a vibrant piece of public art stands as a testament to the power of collaborative efforts and the ability to repurpose and revitalize spaces for the greater good. Over the years, it has become not only a cherished focal point in Salem but also a source of inspiration for residents and visitors alike representing the world.

The restoration project undertaken by the [Salem Parks Foundation](#) is a commendable initiative that will undoubtedly contribute to the preservation of this beloved landmark. As the destination marketing and management organization for Salem, Travel Salem has seen the positive impact of the Eco-Earth Globe on our community, serving as a backdrop for countless celebrations, events such as IRONMAN 70.3, and a symbol of our commitment to environmental stewardship.

We believe that investing in the restoration of the Eco-Earth Globe is an investment in the cultural and aesthetic richness of Salem. The vibrant colors and intricate design of the Globe reflect the diversity of the community.

Additionally, the Eco-Earth Globe has become a popular subject for photography, both for residents and visitors. Its presence on social media and in promotional materials showcases Salem as a city that values art, cultural diversity, and sustainability.

By contributing to this project, a significant piece of Salem's history will be preserved and ensure that the Eco-Earth Globe remains a beacon of environmental awareness for years to come.

Sincerely,

Angie Villery President & CEO angie@TravelSalem.com

Save the Date!



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September 27, 2024 to benefit the Salem Parks Foundation's (SPF) Legacy Fund. Plan to attend to support SPF's permanent funding source for Salem's parks.

2024 Salem Parks Foundation Neighborhood Park Grant Awards:



D St., Thorp, and Hoover Parks: \$1,275 - Plexiglas covers for the information kiosks

Ellen Lane Park: \$3500 - park bench

Livingston Park: \$5000 - 2 backless benches

McKinley Park: \$150 - finishing materials

McRae Park: \$3000 to add to SPIF* for 2 soccer goals

Nelson Park: \$3500 - Metal picnic table

Stephens-Yoshikai Park: \$3500 - park bench

Sunnyslope Park: \$1000 to add to SPIF* for pickleball court striping

*Salem Park Improvement Fund: City of Salem's park grant program.