



Happy almost Summer!

FPCG is Busy this growing season. Below are some of the things we are working on. Consider **volunteering** with us! Reply to this email if interested.



### Public Events

May 18th three members of the FPCG Board joined the **Eastmoreland Garden Club's Spring Plant** event on SE Bybee Blvd. near the Eastmoreland Golf Course.

From our booth, conversations about community gardens and the Produce for People program led to better knowledge and friendships.

Hand-made cards were featured for sale, donations for bumper stickers accepted. It is a fabulous event that brings music, plants and people together.



### **Garden Manager support**

This year Friends of Portland Community Gardens was able to raise the amount of support in the form of gift cards for minor tools and funds for small repairs to \$100 for each of the 60 community gardens in the Parks system. This is a 25% increase from 2023.

In our distribution this year, we committed to meeting the garden managers at their gardens to give them the cards, building a closer relationship with the volunteer managers and more closely understanding their needs in the garden.



## Produce for People

On May 18th, FPCG working with the Parks Community Garden office held our second **Produce for People plant distribution** of the season. This distribution focused on plants that will be grown during the height of the growing season. We will have another distribution on August 10 that will focus on cover crops and winter vegetables.

## Volunteer opportunities this Summer.

FPCG is working on two major projects this summer.

We are building more **rolling garden beds** for various transitional housing programs. We provide the tools, the plans and supervision. You provide the sweat!

We are also taking on a major rehabilitation of a garden in the inner city. It is the Bliss Garden in Inner Southeast The type of help we are in need of is moving soil, filling planting beds, and containers and doing roll cart construction And, we will be starting this work in late Summer and continuing throughout the Fall 2024.

Contact us at [info@portlandcommunitygardens.org](mailto:info@portlandcommunitygardens.org) to let us know you are interested.

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