



# From the Garden

2026  
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## Mixed Berries Galore!

Our perennials have begun bearing fruit! Snack on blueberries, loganberries, and raspberries in the garden this week.



### This Week in the Bybee Lakes Victory Garden

<b>Mon 8</b>	58° / 54° Rain 98%	<b>Jacob in garden 8-12, 4-6:30 &amp; Process Meeting</b> Gardening for Life Class (PTs only) @ 4:30pm
<b>Tue 9</b>	62° / 49° Partly Cloudy 24%	
<b>Wed 10</b>	68° / 51° Mostly Cloudy 17%	<b>Jacob in garden 8-12</b> Gardening for Life Class (PTs only) @ 10am
<b>Thu 11</b>	76° / 52° Sunny 5%	
<b>Fri 12</b>	80° / 54° Partly Cloudy 5%	<b>Jacob in garden 8-10:30</b> Gardening for Life Class (PTs only) @ 10am
<b>Sat 13</b>	89° / 61° Sunny 3%	Jacob tabling at Vancouver Farmers Market @ Esther Short Park 9-3 Come by for volunteer hours
<b>Sun 14</b>	95° / 63° Partly Cloudy 24%	OSU Extension Master Gardeners in the garden from 10:30am-12:30pm

### This Week's Harvests for the Kitchen

We will be harvesting produce for the kitchen every **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8am-9am.**

- Leafy Greens for salads
- Snap peas for salads
- Mixed berries
- Carrots (maybe)

I love gardening because it allows me to spend time outdoors and watch things grow. There is a special feeling of accomplishment in planting seeds, caring for them, and eventually harvesting fresh fruits and vegetables. Gardening brings me peace, keeps me active, and provides healthy food that I have grown myself





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## A message from Jacob (VetREST Garden Manager)

Plants in the garden are doubling in size every day! Our tomatoes have begun flowering, carrots are growing thicker by the day, and completed our first ever blueberry harvest - over a pound of blueberries in one go! If you've noticed reddish-purple berries in our blackberry patch, those are **loganberries** - a hybrid between blackberries and raspberries and turn a deep red-purple when they are ready to pick. Check out the **figs** on the tree next to the greenhouse too - they should be ripening very soon! They stay green when ripe and will become quite squishy when they're ready - just try to get to them before the birds do!

The first half of this week will be nice and cool. I've found it feels **HOT in the garden** whenever the temperature reaches 70 degrees and it's sunny. Last week, this happened as early as 10am one day! I suffered from a bit of heat exhaustion last week so please take care of yourself when you're in the garden this week. I'm sure it will change but next Sunday is forecast to be in the 90s! The **canopy tent** over the picnic table will be staying up all week as well as wind speeds look like they'll stay low.



We can't wait to begin distributing bouquets from our flowers at the garden (see the **CSA page** for more info). Our flowers have begun blooming and they are just exceptional! Reds, pinks, and whites will soon take over our flower garden. Speaking of flowers, Kite has been keeping our earliest volunteer sunflowers safe (volunteer meaning they were from seeds already in the ground). These will be the first sunflowers to bloom in the garden. Last year our **earliest sunflower** bloomed June 17<sup>th</sup> - stay tuned to find out if we break the record! And speaking of records, we planted a pumpkin seed from a record-setting **2000lb pumpkin** grown for a giant pumpkin competition! We'll see how our plant does this year.

## We are looking for regular volunteers to join us in the garden!!

You may volunteer with us in the garden anytime from 8am-12pm MWF.

Come help with harvests for the kitchen, tool maintenance, pruning, weeding, composting and more! You'll learn a lot by spending time with us. Send me a text or email (info below) to get involved.

**Have tools or supplies to donate? We are always looking for gardening tools and gloves.**



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## Capturing the Moment



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