As the COVID Distractions Survey

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This year, we have launched the COVID Distractions Survey, which we hope will provide some insights into how you have been managing your newfound time, especially during the pandemic.

Here are some highlights from the survey:

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- Did you know that there are over 90,000 plants to install in the new gardens? These gardens are nearly ready for planting, and people are invited to participate in planting sessions this fall.

As we gear up for another season, we want to extend a special thank you to all our volunteers. We are grateful for your dedication, and we look forward to finding ways to share the garden with others.

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We hope to see you at the Communication Breakfast on Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to noon. We will be recognizing our volunteers, and there will be an opportunity to volunteer for planting sessions this fall.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us at ruh212@psu.edu or 814-867-2591. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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