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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Park and Recreation Events

The Parks and Recreation Commission hosts a variety of community events throughout the year from an Egg Hunt to Summer Concerts. The Commission could use help to organize the events and assist the day of the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Debra Gustafson, Strategic Operations Director at debra.gustafson@northstpaul.org or (651) 747-2423.

Silver Lake Splash

The planning committee for the Silver Lake Splash could use your help. The Committee is looking for people to help plan the Silver Lake Splash, an annual community fundraiser which raises money to help keep lifeguards at Silver Lake Beach. The event is held annually in mid-July, but planning begins in February. The Committee is looking for people to help in the following areas: promotion, kids' games and activities, crafts, volunteer coordination, and logistics. The committee is also looking for volunteers to help on the day of the event, so even if you can't help on the committee, please let us know if you can help on the day of the event. If you are interested in volunteering at the SPLASH, please contact Debra Gustafson, Strategic Operations Director at (651) 747-2423 or debra.gustafson@northstpaul.org.

Southwood Nature Preserve Taskforce

In the south-east corner of North St. Paul, along Holloway Avenue, are 28 acres of nature preserve, which is maintained by the City and the Southwood Nature Preserve Taskforce. The preserve has trails that go through the various ecosystems of emergent shoreline, wet meadow, mesic prairie, savanna, upland prairie, oak forest, basswood forest and a cottonwood/silver maple flood plain. The Southwood Nature Preserve Taskforce is always looking for volunteers to help with maintaining the preserve and to volunteer at events such as their annual event Prairie Days. If you are interested in volunteering at Southwood Nature Preserve contact Cathy Troendle (651) 779-8699 or troendlecathy@q.com.

North St. Paul Green

North St. Paul Green is an organization of amateur gardeners and others who just like to get their hands dirty. The group enjoys working to beautify downtown North St. Paul by caring for the gardens on the main street. They meet approximately once a week in the summer depending on the weather. If you're interested contact Claudia Madigan (651) 777-3493.

Veterans Park

North St. Paul Veterans Park, located at 2460 Margaret Street and Highway 36 is a joint effort of the American Legion Post 39, VFW Post 1350, North High Air Force JROTC and the City of North St. Paul. The North St. Paul Veteran's Park Committee worked together to create a beautiful public space to give tribute to veterans and their loved ones. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with maintenance of the park or helping with events please contact Dan Fisher or call (651) 777-2406 or mdfisher26@yahoo.com.

North St. Paul Food Shelf

The North St. Paul Area Food Shelf is a non-profit organization which serves families living in North St. Paul and Oakdale. Volunteers are wanted for the following:

- Phone Operator: Ability to communicate with clients to make appointments. The daily shift is from 10:00 am until 1:00 p.m. on various days.
- Retail pickup; volunteer is needed to pick up donations from various retail establishments. Requires approximately 1 ½ hours for a given pickup. Having a truck or trailer would help with this position.
- Accepting and sorting food donations. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on selected day.
- Individual to assist with data processing functions. Assist with managing software and maintaining web page.

If you are interested in volunteering in any of these areas, either each week or every other week, please contact Ron Czerepak at (651) 770-1309 or mqczerepak@hotmail.com.

North St. Paul Toy Shelf

The North St. Paul Toy Shelf collects toys for children in need. If you are interested in Volunteering contact Norma Worm at (651) 777-0910 or Dawn Peterson at (651) 777-7693 or go to thetoysshelffree.org. If you would like to donate new or gently used toys drop off the locations have drop boxes:

- The Toy Shelf Inc. - 2553 7th Avenue
- North St. Paul City Hall - 2400 Margaret Street
- Oakdale City Hall - 1584 Hadley Avenue
- Oakdale Discovery Center - 4444 Hadley Avenue

North St. Paul Reserve Officer

The Reserve Officers come from many different backgrounds in life, but have a mutual goal to serve the community. Their duties include transporting prisoners, crime scene security, park and traffic control, assisting motorists, assisting with community events, and doing house checks. The Reserves receive annual training in defensive tactics and attend monthly meetings and training in various subjects. They are required to volunteer 18 hours per month. **Anyone can become a Reserve Officer.** For more information on the Police Reserve Program please contact Officer Jesse Barnes at (651) 747-2406 or jesse.barnes@northstpaul.org.

North St. Paul Historical Society

The purpose of the historical society is to promote an awareness of North St. Paul history for residents and visitors through education, interpretation, presentation and preservation. The museum is staffed on Saturdays and Fridays for visitors. We also welcome school groups and other groups for special tours. Educational programs are presented on the 4th Tuesday of most months. There are opportunities for volunteers to work at decorating; assisting in setting up displays, computer work, research work, assisting with refreshments when there is a general program, besides helping greet visitors when the museum is open and many other opportunities. The museum and the evening programs are open to the public at no cost. If you are interested in helping in this endeavor please contact Sue Springborn at (651) 777-7819 or smspringborn@comcast.net.

Fall Round-Up Parade

The Fall Round-Up Committee is looking for Volunteers to assist with Poster Distribution, Morning Line-Up Prep, Announcers Packet preparation, Parade Participant Safety Enforcement: and Car/Driver Volunteers: The parade is held on the third Thursday in September of each year. If you are interested in helping with the parade contact Parade/Holiday Hop Volunteer, Elizabeth Kolbeck at (651) 209-7766 or BakkenWood@gmail.com.

Ramsey County Library

Library volunteers help in many ways. In 2018, library volunteers provided over 25,000 hours of service. Questions about volunteering at Ramsey County Library? Please call or email Heidi Holland, Volunteer Services Librarian, at (651) 724-6023, volunteer@rcldreads.org.

North St. Paul Lions

The North St. Paul Lions meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 39 2678 7th Ave North St. Paul. If you are interested in more information regarding the North St. Paul Lions email: NStPaulLions@comcast.net.

North St. Paul Rotary

Rotary is an organization of business and professional men and women united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. If you are interested in joining Rotary International Contact the District 5960 Offices at (651) 636-9054.



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