



Working Together to Make a Difference

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Adopt-a-Park

As a group or neighborhood, learn about park stewardship and assist with maintenance and beautification at your adopted park.

All Hazards / Emergency Preparedness

With training assistance from the Olympia Fire Department, prepare your family and neighborhood to be self-sufficient for 72 hour or longer in case of a disaster or emergency.

Block Watch

Promote safety and crime prevention by organizing a neighborhood block watch with assistance from Olympia Police Community Relations staff and volunteers.

Community Gardens

Garden green ... create a sustainable food source ... deepen your roots in your neighborhood. Individuals or groups may rent a community garden plot at Sunrise or Yauger Parks.

Graffiti Removal

Remove graffiti before it takes a hold in your neighborhood. City staff will provide supply kits and instructions.

Neighborhood Crossroads

With technical assistance from the City, create a neighborhood gathering space. Projects may include intersection painting, benches, or other creative installations.

Neighborhood Matching Grant

Obtain a financial grant from the City to beautify and enhance public areas in your neighborhood. Volunteer time on your project may be used for the match.

Neighborhood Speed Watch

Use the City's speed display trailer to raise awareness in your neighborhood about traffic speeds.

Rake a Drain

City crews work to keep storm drains clear, but with about 10,000 drains in Olympia, we welcome volunteer neighborhood help to rake a remove leaves and debris from storm drains in residential areas.



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Volunteer Opportunities

Advisory Committees and Commissions

Learn about timely issues and give policy advice to the City Council and staff. Some committees provide volunteer coordination and support for events and activities.

DUI Victim Impact Panel

As a Panel speaker, share your personal experience of how you were impacted by drinking drivers.

Junior Park Ranger

For youth ages 5-11. Experience and learn about parks, nature, and stewardship. Assist with special projects.

Police Explorer Program

For youth ages 14-1/2 – 21. Learn about law enforcement as a career. Assist with community events and other public safety activities.

Stream Team

Learn about and help restore/protect streams, shorelines, and wetlands for a cleaner Puget Sound.

Volunteers in Parks

Help maintain and improve Olympia parks with volunteer trail and park maintenance, bulb planting, ivy pulling. Assist with special events, office support, camps, and athletics. Become a park steward. Park Volunteer work parties are every Saturday, September through June, except for holidays.

Volunteers in Police Services

Take an active role in community safety with neighborhood speed watch, Harbor Patrol, fingerprinting, vacation house checks, graffiti hotline monitoring, and office assistance. Police volunteers also greet and assist City Hall visitors.