

GARDENS & GREENHOUSE VOLUNTEER INFORMATION



Love gardening? The City of Shoreline is actively seeking volunteers to help manage the three following garden facilities. Check out details about each and contact staff if you are interested in volunteering opportunities.

1.) RICHMOND HIGHLANDS RECREATION CENTER GREENHOUSE

The greenhouse at Richmond Highlands Recreation Center was built in 2015 to provide gardening opportunities for our Specialized Recreation program participants. Volunteers help maintain the greenhouse and work directly with our CHOICES program staff to lead adult participants in garden activities such as germinating seeds, growing plants and cooking with harvested produce.



Why volunteer at the greenhouse?

- **Make an Impact** – Sharing your passion for gardening with program participants makes a direct impact in their lives, helping them connect with nature, learn skills and make healthier food choices.
- **Experiment** - The greenhouse allows for fun experimentation in gardening and growing plants year-round. Creativity is encouraged and staff always welcome new ideas for connecting our program participants to nature through the greenhouse.
- **Social Connections** – Connect with other like minded people and help create a welcoming gardening space.

Time Commitment

- **Volunteers meet Monday + Wednesdays from 10am-Noon. Volunteers need to be able to meet one or both of these days to work as a team in the greenhouse and to work with staff and CHOICES program participants.**
 - Volunteers can additionally choose to work independently on other days to maintain greenhouse.

Age/Ability Requirements & Environment

- **Adult volunteers with a decent amount of gardening experience preferred.**
- **Need to be able to bend and lift up to 10lbs. and be able to use garden hand tools.**
- Working both inside and outside the greenhouse all year round (busier during spring/summer/fall months).
- Greenhouse is heated during winter and has a ventilation system for helping manage summer temperatures.
- Volunteers have access to the Richmond Highlands Rec Center for kitchen, classroom and restroom facilities.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

- **Contact Chrystel Matthews – Recreation Specialist I, (206)801-2648, cmatthews@shorelinewa.gov**
- Richmond Highlands Recreation Center Greenhouse – 16554 Fremont Ave N. Shoreline



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2.) TWIN PONDS PARK FOOD BANK GARDEN (March – November)

Twin Pond Community Garden offers 38 leasable plots for Shoreline Residents. Additionally, Food Bank Garden volunteers manage 1,400sq.ft. of gardens where they grow, harvest and deliver up to 2,500 lbs. of produce each year to area food banks. It is one of the largest volunteer run food bank gardens in our region operated in partnership with the City of Shoreline and 501c3 non-profit Diggin' Shoreline. Several lead volunteers work with a larger group of supporting volunteers to handle all operations. The larger scale of Twin Ponds Garden allows volunteers to utilize their many unique skills including: garden planning, community outreach, education, event planning, maintenance, fundraising and bookkeeping. Twin Ponds welcomes new and experienced gardens of all backgrounds, ages and ability levels.

Why volunteer at Twin Ponds Food Bank Garden?

- Make an Impact - Help fight food insecurity in our community by growing produce for area food banks.
- Use Your Unique Skills – Use skills beyond just gardening (ex. Planning, outreach, maintenance, fundraising)
- Share Your Knowledge / Learn From Others - Help others and improve yourself!
- Stay Active & Healthy - Gardening is excellent physical activity, helping increase flexibility, mobility and build strength. Gardening relieves stress and improves mental well-being along with encouraging healthier eating.
- Social Connection – Connect with other like-minded people, built relationships and create community.

Time Commitment

- **Seeking ongoing volunteers who can help manage gardens March – November.**
 - **Volunteers work independently to check on the garden during dormant winter months.**
- **Group meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-Noon. Volunteer one or both days.**
- Volunteers also needed for watering gardens all days of the week in summer months (mornings or evenings).
- Opportunity to organize and lead volunteer groups on weekends.

Age/Ability Requirements & Environment

- **Teen and Adult volunteers welcome.**
 - **Adult not required to accompany teens. Teen volunteers are encouraged to volunteer with a friend or second person for safety. (Volunteers who manage work groups are background checked annually)**
- **Minimum Physical Requirement: Gardens are low to the ground and require bending and using hand tools.**
- Watering and garden maintenance requires moving heavy hoses, supplies and equipment. Volunteers can opt out of these duties if not physically able to complete them.
- Work is outdoors in all conditions including full sun and light rain.
- No restroom at the garden. Restroom located at other end of Twin Ponds Park.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

- **Contact Marianne Johnson – Recreation Specialist II, (206)801-2638, mjohnson@shorelinewa.gov**
- Garden Location: Twin Ponds Park Community Garden - 15401 1ST AVE NE



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3.) SUNSET PARK FOOD BANK GARDEN (March – November)

Sunset Park Community Garden offers 42 leasable plots for Shoreline Residents. Additionally, Food Bank Garden volunteers manage 400sq.ft. of produce, pollinator and herb gardens where they grow, harvest and deliver up to 700 lbs. of food each year to Hopelink Food Bank. A small but dedicated group of volunteers to handle all operations including planning, growing, watering, harvesting and donating produce. Sunset Food Bank Garden welcomes new and experienced gardeners of all backgrounds, ages and ability levels.

Why volunteer at Sunset Food Bank Garden?

- Make an Impact - Help fight food insecurity in our community by growing produce for area food banks.
- Use Your Unique Skills – Use skills beyond just gardening (ex. Planning, maintenance, donation procurement)
- Share Your Knowledge / Learn From Others - Help others and improve yourself!
- Stay Active & Healthy - Gardening is excellent physical activity, helping increase flexibility, mobility and build strength. Gardening relieves stress and improves mental well-being along with encouraging healthier eating.
- Social Connection – Connect with other like-minded people, built relationships and create community.

Time Commitment

- **Seeking ongoing volunteers who can help manage gardens March – November.**
- **Group meets Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am-Noon. Volunteer one or both days.**
- **Volunteers also needed to:**
 - **Drive donated produce to Hopelink Food Bank on Tuesdays.**
 - **Water gardens on summer mornings/evenings.**
 - **Help recruit and organize other volunteers.**

Age/Ability Requirements & Environment

- **Teen and Adult volunteers welcome.**
 - Adult not required to accompany teens. Teen volunteers are encouraged to volunteer with a friend or second person for safety. (Volunteers who manage work groups are background checked annually)
- **Minimum Physical Requirement: Gardens are low to the ground and require bending and using hand tools.**
- Watering and garden maintenance requires moving heavy hoses, supplies and equipment. Volunteers can opt out of these duties if not physically able to complete them.
- Work is outdoors in all conditions including full sun and light rain.
- Portable restroom located in the park.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

- **Contact Marianne Johnson – Recreation Specialist II, (206)801-2638, mjohnson@shorelinewa.gov**
- **Garden Location: Sunset Park Community Garden – 17840 10th Ave NW, Shoreline.**

