



Volunteer Opportunities

City of Des Moines

City Departments

Des Moines Parks, Recreation, & Senior Services

<http://www.desmoineswa.gov/index.aspx?nid=398>

For information, email Janet Best:

jbest@desmoineswa.gov or call at 206-870-6527

Actively seeking volunteers, community groups, scouts, and businesses to assist with specific programs, events and park clean-ups. There are a wide variety of programs, projects and advisory committees to choose from.

- Earth Day
- Park Clean-up/Adopt a Spot
- Seniors & Activity Center
- Coaching—Youth Sports
- Beach Park Naturalist Program
- Friends of Des Moines Creek
- Sonju Community Orchard & Garden
- Youth Council

Des Moines Police Department

For information, email Msgt. Doug Jenkins:

djenkins@desmoineswa.gov or call at

206-870-7608.

Volunteer positions vary depending on agency need, and volunteer's experience level. Current positions include:

- Administrative Assistance
- Finger Printing Services
- Graffiti Abatement
- Community Outreach

City Boards & Committees

Des Moines City Council

Citizens Advisory Committee; Created to allow citizens, neighborhoods, and businesses to engage as broadly as possible in the discussion and resolution of issues and concerns that directly affect them.

<http://www.desmoineswa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2681>

Des Moines Parks, Recreation, & Senior Services

Des Moines Arts Commission; To provide leadership in establishing cultural opportunities to improve the quality of life, enhance the aesthetic environment and to promote Des Moines as a center for great arts.

<http://www.desmoinesartscommission.com/>

Human Services Committee; Advise Council on priorities of human service needs within the city in accordance with the current human services plan. Members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, serve without compensation for a two-year term.

<http://www.desmoineswa.gov/index.aspx?NID=97>

Senior Services Committee; To advise the City Council on policy and budget issues relating to the delivery of senior services. Members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, serve without compensation for a four-year term.

<http://www.desmoineswa.gov/?nid=101>

Des Moines Library Board; Advises City Council and the King County Library System on the planning, promotion, construction, and development of public library facilities and programs. It also makes recommendations that they deem advisable for the development of future library resources. Members are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the City Council, serve without compensation for a 1 year term.

<http://www.desmoineswa.gov/index.aspx?NID=98>

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee; Advises Council on the annual expenditure plan for the use of 1% Lodging Tax consistent with the Seattle Southside Regional Tourism Authority's Strategic Marketing Plan. Members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Members serve without compensation and terms are reviewed annually.

<http://www.desmoineswa.gov/index.aspx?NID=442>

Landmarks Commission; An Interlocal Agreement was established with the King County Landmarks Commission to serve as the Des Moines Landmarks Commission as needed for the City's landmarks project review. One Des Moines Citizen is appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, serve as a Special Commissioner to the King County Commission without compensation for a three year term.

<http://www.desmoineswa.gov/index.aspx?NID=441>

Des Moines Police Department

Department Advisory Board; The purpose of the Department Advisory Board is to allow members of the community to provide the Chief of Police and his staff advice and insight on proposed direction, procedures, and outreach opportunities, and to share customer perspective on our services as a law enforcement agency. Members are appointed by the Chief of Police. To apply, call 206-870-7604 or email police@desmoineswa.gov.

Civil Service Commission; Performs the duties established by state law for the selection, appointment, and employment of Police, excluding the Chief of Police. The actions of the committee are governed by their adopted [Rules and Regulations](#). Members are appointed by City Manager and serve in alternating 6 year terms.

<http://www.desmoineswa.gov/index.aspx?NID=96>

Local Non-Profit Opportunities for Involvement

Rotary Club of Des Moines/Normandy Park

The Rotary Club of Des Moines & Normandy Park is an association of civic leaders who are making our community and the world a better place through events and support of many local charities.

www.dmrotary.org

Destination Des Moines

Is a non-profit 501(c)6 organization focused on the promotion and marketing of the City of Des Moines through activities that continue in the vitality of our "Waterland" community.

www.destinationdesmoines.org/about

Des Moines Legacy Foundation

Improve, and create community and park and recreation services. Promote interest in and opportunities for charitable giving. A positive force in providing tools to assist the changing needs of our community. To enhance services for all ages.

www.desmoineslegacy.org

Des Moines Lions Club

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

<http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/desmoineswa/>

Des Moines Masonic Lodge

Lodge hosts both a Fraternal Order and several other Masonic groups. Participants hold regular meetings, fund raising events, and sponsor different charitable causes in the community.

<http://www.desmoineslodge245.com/>

Des Moines Oddfellows Lodge

IOOF improve and elevate the character of mankind by promoting the principles of friendship, love, truth, faith, hope, charity and universal justice.

<http://www.ioofwa.org/>

Des Moines Area Food Bank

Provides emergency food service to those in need in the cities of Des Moines, most of SeaTac, and the South Hill of Kent, Washington. No one is turned away.

<http://www.myfoodbank.org/volunteer.html>

Highline Schools Foundation

Provides community resources to help Highline Public Schools succeed. We believe that by helping to enrich the classroom and school experience, we can engage students to reach a higher level of learning, and the entire community will benefit.

<http://www.highlineschoolsfoundation.org/about>

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Simply put, the VFW strives to do good things for deserving people - our veterans, their families and their communities. From local grassroots ideas to national influence, we work every day to make a difference. It's our strength as an organization. And, with each individual membership, we only grow stronger.

<https://www.vfw.org/oms/findpost.aspx>

Des Moines Police Foundation

Aiding the Des Moines Police Department (DMPD) in providing funding and opportunity for personnel to enhance their training. Benevolence and bereavement support for the families of officers injured or killed in the line of duty. Improve communications between the DMPD and the citizens of Des Moines through community outreach events.

www.desmoinespolicefoundation.com

South King Firefighter's Foundation & Aid Fund

Fire fighters Foundation is focused on helping citizens both locally and internationally. The South King Fire & Rescue Aid Fund is a Des Moines focused Charity that provides funding for many charitable organizations in addition to funding for Fire Department works such providing help to those that need help right after an emergency for basic necessities.

<http://www.southkingfire.org/index.aspx?NID=137>