



Volunteering in Springfield

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Welcome Volunteers

Our Volunteer Coordinator Is Here



We welcome the City of Springfield’s Volunteer Coordinator, KarLynn Akins.

Beginning July 1, 2014 KarLynn stepped into the City of Springfield’s newly created Volunteer Coordinator position. KarLynn is responsible for coordinating the City’s Volunteer Program, which includes recruitment, retention, and placement of volunteers in various city departments.

Those volunteering in Springfield are great supporters of the city. It is the Volunteer Coordinator’s desire is to ensure that volunteering in Springfield is fun and personally rewarding. KarLynn will ask you, “What do you love doing?” Then she will work with staff to find a place to volunteer doing just that, what you love.

KarLynn is very enthusiastic about Springfield’s Volunteer Program and the people in it. If you are interested in participating and want to join this outstanding group of volunteers contact her for additional information. She enjoys meeting citizens and sharing ideas.

Welcome KarLynn

Newsletter Inaugural Issue

Approximately 250 people actively volunteer in City departments, on various boards, commissions, committees, and throughout the year at special events .

Have you ever wondered what happening in The City of Springfield’s Volunteer Community?

Now you have an opportunity to see what’s going on, what’s coming up, when it’s happening and where it’s going to happen. Are you curious about volunteer opportunities are available... All that and more is inside this newsletter

On January 28th the City of Springfield held its first city-wide Volunteer Recognition Award Dinner. Volunteers were presented with The President’s Volunteer Service Award certificate and a bronze, silver, or gold pin (dependent upon number of hours volunteered in 2014.) Please read the article on page 3 to for more information about this great event.

Do you have something to share or would you like to write for the City of Springfield’s Volunteer newsletter? Let us know... We are looking for Newsletter Volunteers.

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Special points of interest

- Volunteer Recognition Program
- Volunteer Celebration Dinner
- LOC project recognized for Volunteer Program of the Year
- New Volunteer Bulletin Board
- A check for \$342,667.50 was presented representing the volunteer hours donated in 2014.

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Sheryl Grimes—Volunteer



The President's Volunteer Service Award Program



The City of Springfield is recognizing the hours that volunteers put in with the President's Volunteer Service Award Program.

The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) is the premier volunteer awards program, encouraging citizens to live a life of service through presidential gratitude and national recognition.

PVSA is an initiative of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and is administered by Points of Light. With a shared mission of inspiring more to answer the call to service, PVSA celebrates the impact we can all make in bettering our communities and our world.

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes those who have achieved the

required number of hours of service over a 12-month time period or cumulative hours over the course of a lifetime.

Hours are measured over a 12-month period and awards are designated based on cumulative hours. The awards are offered in multiple levels and are designed to recognize each milestone of your service achievement. Levels include bronze, silver, gold and the highest honor, the President's Lifetime Achievement Award for those who contribute more than 4,000 hours of service in their lifetime.

For more information about this awards program please visit: <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/>

Some people want it to happen, some wish it to happen, others make it happen."

Citizen Police Academy

The Springfield Police Department is inviting applicants to participate in their Citizen Police Academy.

The Springfield Citizen Police Academy is a long established and important police/community relations program. It is designed to provide citizens with a better understanding of the nature of police work and to provide citizens with the opportunity to interact with department members in a non-emergency setting.

Graduates of this course will not be police officers, but will be better-informed citizens. The graduates will be in a position to relate their experiences to friends, and co-workers.

To apply to the Academy, go to <http://www.springfield-or.gov/police/documents/2015%20CPA%20Ap%20Packet%20-Final.pdf>.

Search for Volunteers

Currently Volunteers are needed for:

◆ **Lightening Celebration for Downtown** -

This is a city wide event to highlight the improvements and special lighting project downtown. Volunteers are needed for street/block supervision.

Date: Friday, March 13th

Time: 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm - Meeting at 3:30 pm for a briefing

◆ **Courier for the Police Department - Now**

Date: Ongoing — Daily

Time: 8:00 am to 9:30 am

Valid driver's license, must be able to pass a driving test to drive a City vehicle, and a background check. The assignment may be able to be shared between two people.

◆ **Downtown Citizen Advisory Board Volunteer - Now**

The City of Springfield is currently accepting applications to fill a vacancy in the category of Downtown Business or Property Owner. Contact Linda Pauly for additional information. 541-726-4608 or download an application at:

<http://www.springfield-or.gov/dpw/DowntownPlanning.htm>

◆ **City Information Kiosk Desk - COMING SOON**

We are beginning to create a list of individuals who are interested in Volunteering four hours a day, one to five days a week or monthly. The job responsibility will include staffing an information booth at City Hall located in the foyer area. This is an opportunity to greet the public, provide directions and additional services to citizens. This position will be staffed with two people per shift. We are in need of 30 or more volunteers. The schedule is flexible and can be weekly, bi weekly or even monthly.

For additional information on any of these opportunities contact KarLynn Akins

Phone: 541-726-4652 or email: kakins@springfield-or.gov



City of Springfield Volunteer Recognition Dinner

The City of Springfield honored its Volunteers at City Hall on January 28, 2015 with a recognition and celebration dinner and awards ceremony.

The City of Springfield's Volunteer Program is made up of approximately 250 active volunteers. Over the past 10 months Volunteers have provided over 14,000 hours of volunteer service to their community.

The Volunteer Program is growing and expanding. During the past 8 months over 85 new volunteers joined the City of Springfield's Volunteer team. There are more than twenty (20) different areas in which to volunteer on a regular basis, in addition to participating on boards and commissions.

This past year the City of Springfield joined forces with the Points of Light Foundation and the City's Volunteer Program met the requirements for receiving Presidential accreditation for its Community Service program. Points of Light is an organization created by President George H. W. Bush in an effort to recognize volunteerism in our community.

Presidential award recipients recognized:

- Mayor and Counselors — Mayor Lundberg, Counselors Sean VanGordon, Hillary Wylie, Sheri Moore, Dave Ralston, Marilee Woodrow and Joe Pishioneri (Did you know the Mayor and City Counselors are all un-paid, volunteer positions?)
- Citizen volunteers who serve in a variety of areas from committees, special events, on boards and commissions and those who provide assistance in City departments.
- Bronze Presidential Pin recipients (volunteers who donated 100—249 hours of service in 2014)
- Silver Presidential Pin recipients (volunteers who donated 250—499 hours of service in 2014)
- Gold Presidential Pin recipients (volunteers who donated 500+ hours of service in 2014)
- Lifetime Achievement Award (Paul Lewis)

The Library, Development and Public Works, Fire and Life Safety, and the Police Department each recognized an outstanding volunteers of the year for their department. Congratulations to Anitha Vazrala, Margaret Nuse, Peggy Young, Marilyn Trotter, and Bev Harman.

The Police Department LOC (Lock Out Crime) Project received special recognition as the Outstanding Volunteer Program of the Year.

KarLynn is very passionate about the Volunteer Program and its Volunteers. As she stated at the dinner, "I am humbled and proud to celebrate you tonight. Without your service and help, so much could not be accomplished. The giving of your time, talent, voice and resources to make our community better is second to none. I believe each of you play a key role in helping and addressing many critical issues and the needs of our City. You educate us. Thank you for your service."

Volunteers Remembered

Fran Skerke loved her work as a Library volunteer. Fran worked for the Secret Service during World War II, then became a dental hygienist and school bus driver. Fran loved to read and garden. Her love for books is what brought her to the Springfield Library. Fran's cohorts in the library recalled her great sense of humor with tough persona and a heart as kind as you could ever find. She did her job perfectly and with passion. Fran passed away this past October after volunteering in the library for more than 15 years.

Alice Baker enjoyed working with Fire & Life Safety. She was born in Pennsylvania in 1925. After high school, she studied drafting and worked at the Armory until the end of World War II. After the war, Alice went to work for Bell Telephone and then took a drafting position with Hughes Aircraft, working in a mostly male career field. She held that position for 24 years. One day Alice happened to be at the Senior Center in Springfield, Fire Chief Dennis Murphy was addressing the group. After listening, Alice was convinced that she needed to volunteer with the City. Over the years Alice told many of her friends they should volunteer for FireMed, in the Fire Department. Through Alice's ongoing support and participation the Volunteer program flourished. Alice volunteered with our Fire department for 20 years before retiring due to a terminal illness.

Police Department Volunteer Recognition Dinner

Paul Lewis



Paul has been a dedicated Springfield Police Volunteer for well over 20 years.

Paul became involved in Springfield Neighborhood Watch in the mid 1980's. He subsequently became president of Neighborhood Watch and served that program for several years. While Paul was involved in Neighborhood Watch, he saw the need to provide home security installations to low income, seniors and disabled citizens. Thus, the LOC Project was born. It is estimated that Paul volunteered over 15,000 thousand hours of service to the Citizen's of Springfield. Therefore, we would like to recognize him for a Lifetime Achievement award, not only for his work creating and developing the LOC Project but for all of his service to the City of Springfield.

Great job Paul and thank you!

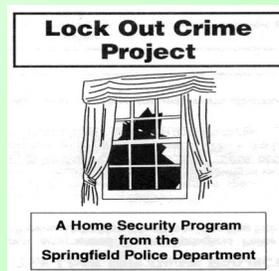
**A SPECIAL THANK YOU
TO SHERYL GRIMES
FOR THE CREATION,
WRITING AND EDITING
OF THE VOLUNTEER
NEWSLETTER.**

In August 2014 the Police Department held its Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

Police Department volunteers work in Animal Control, Crime Prevention, Fleet Maintenance, Community events, and the LOC Project, just to name a few.



LOC Project



The Springfield Police Department LOC (Lock Out Crime) Project was created in August 1990 under the direction of Paul Lewis after it was determined that many victims of crimes and low income Springfield citizens were unable to implement the security recommendations made by the Police Department, due of the cost. The program relies on funding from Community Development Block grants. The LOC Project Team members are all volunteers and provide installation of new doors and locks for citizen's. In 2014 the LOC project team installed over 115 doors and locks in the City of Springfield.

Fleet Maintenance



The Fleet Maintenance Team volunteers assist the Springfield Police Department by performing minor maintenance checks, inventory, cleaning, and shuttling police vehicles. This team of individuals also help with graffiti abatement projects and more throughout the City.

Teams of two to three operate Monday thru Friday, from 7a.m.- 11 a.m., ensuring the Police feet of vehicles is in top shape not to mention keeping the police vehicles clean, inside and out.

Volunteer Bulletin Board - City Hall

Have you noticed anything new on the walls in City Hall?

Located just to the left of the Library Meeting Room door is the new *Volunteers in Springfield Bulletin Board*.

This board tells the story of Springfield's volunteers. Who they are and what they are doing.

Information about new volunteer opportunities and upcoming City events that volunteers will be needed for will be posted here.

For those interested in volunteering, applications are available next to the board.

The graphics and design were created by Galina Quigley—Volunteer.



"No matter how big and powerful government gets, and the many services it provides, it can never take the place of volunteers." - Ronald Reagan"

Boards / Commissions / Committees

Volunteers are vital to the workings of City government.

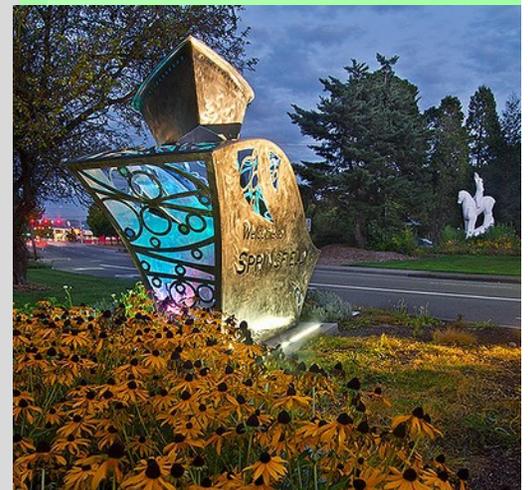
The Mayor and City Council members are all citizen volunteers.

The listing of the Boards, Commissions, and Committees that Springfield citizens can apply to be part of are listed on the City's website - www.springfield-or.gov. Look under 'I WANT TO - APPLY FOR - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Applications will only be accepted during open enrollment periods. The open enrollment period is from the date of the News Release advertising the vacancy and the deadline for applications to be turned into the City Manager's Office.

Here is a listing of some of the Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- * Arts Commission
- * Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee
- * Budget Committee
- * City Council
- * Community Development Advisory Committee
- * Development Advisory Committee
- * Downtown Parking Advisory Committee
- * Historic Commission
- * Library Board
- * Friends of the Library Board
- * Library Teen Advisory Board (13-19 yrs)
- * Main Street/McVay Advisory Committee
- * Downtown Planning Citizens Advisory Committee
- * Planning Commission
- * Police Planning Task Force



In 2014 Volunteers donated over \$342,667.00 in hours of service to the Citizens of Springfield.

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VOLUNTEERS

Qualifications

16 years of age or older
Good moral character
Good driving record
No felony convictions
Pass background check

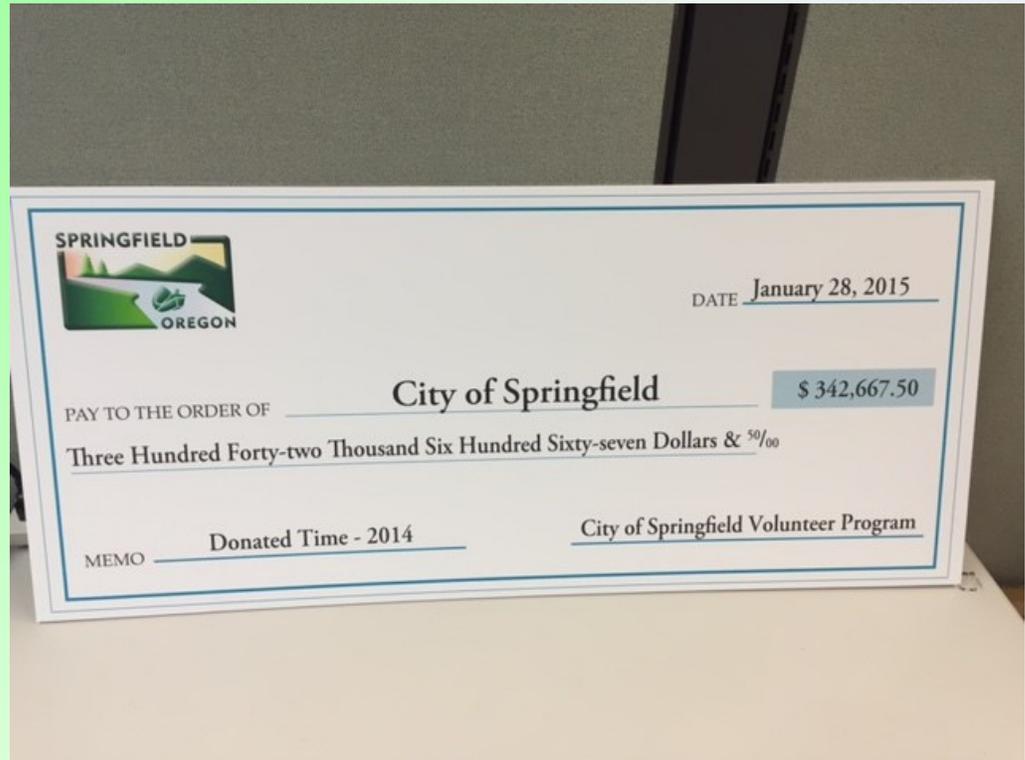
Requirements

Good people skills
Enjoy your time
Attend meetings
Volunteer at least 4 hours per month
Maintain a positive attitude
Present a professional appearance

Police Department
Reserve Officers

Courts
Fire and Life Safety
Library

Development and Public Works
Administrative Services
City Manager's Office



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