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VOLUNTEERING AT CITY PARK

Volunteers at City Park help make the co-op a great place to live. All Members of the co-operative are encouraged to volunteer on a committee or project. (Co-op members are welcome to sit in on a committee/project meeting as a non-voting guest to observe without committing to become a member of that committee/project). The calendar of events on the City Park website (www.cityparkco-op.org) shows when the various committees or projects meet.

The following descriptions of the active committees and projects at City Park will give you an idea of existing opportunities to volunteer. Remember as well if you have an idea for another committee or project you can bring it up to the Board of Directors for discussion and consideration.

Aging in Place Project. Responding to the needs of seniors at City Park by providing support and education around the specific needs of this population. Various workshops on topics such as nutrition, safe use of prescriptions, cultural and travel events as well as estate planning are organized yearly. Low impact exercise classes are organized on a weekly basis as well as a weekly coffee club. A monthly book club was the latest addition to this busy project's list of activities.

Christmas Drop-in Project. This project is an annual event on Christmas day. Volunteers help set up the PMG Hall with food, soft drinks, coffee and welcome Members on this special day. Great opportunity to volunteer for a special day.

Community Development Committee (CDC). This busy committee plans and sponsors activities that help City Park Members meet and



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socialize with one another. This includes Classic Movie Nights, food and clothing drives to support local charities in December, Spring and Fall lawn sales, July 1st BBQs, beat the mid-Winter blahs event and many others. If you wish to join the committee or simply help out with one of these events please contact CDC, they appreciate all offers to help out.

Finance Committee. This committee reviews City Park budgets, contracts and arrears so as to make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Historical Project. Help collect, organize, store and display items that record the life of City Park and its residents. If you are interested in history this Project would be happy for you to join.

Landscape Project. The volunteers of the Landscape Project take care of the gardens that surround our buildings. These are divided into sections (plots) that are assigned to individual Committee members for the growing season. No need to be a professional gardener, just enjoy planning, planting, watering and weeding the garden plot assigned to you and the camaraderie of other garden enthusiasts. Volunteers are always welcome be it to take care of a garden plot through the season or help out during Spring and Fall clean ups. Meetings are usually held on the second Monday of every month (March to October)

LINK Project. This Project publishes City Parks Co-ops quarterly newsletter under the title of LINK. All City Park Members are encouraged to submit articles and photos at cityparklink@gmail.com to inform Members of events around and about City Park Co-op. Members are encouraged to join the LINK team of dedicated volunteers.



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Maintenance Committee. Often known as the Maintenance and Property Standards (MaPS) Committee. It provides recommendations to the Board on infrastructure and maintenance issues as well as on Pest Control. For example, in 2018 it undertook a survey on Member concerns related to Pest Control. A copy of the survey results is posted on the website. The MaPS Committee usually meets on the second Wednesday of the month.

Nominations/Elections Committee. This group is formed once a year in late Spring. They help with the annual election of new members to the Board of Directors. They publicize the election, seek out candidates, distribute nomination forms, arrange for an all-candidates meeting print ballots, and supervise the voting process at the Annual General Members Meeting each September.

Membership Selection/Welcome Committee. This important committee makes recommendation to the Board regarding new applicants, priority unit transfer requests, and creating or amending committee policies. Working closely with the Housing Administrator it ensures that the external and internal wait lists are maintained. The committee also ensures that a new Member is provided information about City Park and the neighbouring area as well in helping to resolve any issues related to their move-in.

The Committee meets on the third Monday of every month and is comprised of up to 15 co-op members. Two members of the committee conduct interviews of applicants wishing to become a co-op member on an as needed basis, usually twice a month.

Seasonal Lights Project: Since 2002 this project has worked hard to brighten up the outside of the co-op with seasonal lights. Their effort is



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much appreciated during the December to February period when darkness falls early. Consider volunteering for a day or two to help the project co-ordinator create a festive look to our buildings and grounds.

Volunteering is easy. Look for the calendar of events on the website www.cityparkco-op.org or the postings on the notice boards in the lobbies, mail rooms and laundry rooms. Remember you are allowed to sit in on any committee/project meeting as a non-voting guest to observe without committing to become a member of that committee/project.

IF YOU WISH TO JOIN A COMMITTEE OR PROJECT YOU CAN DROP BY THE OFFICE AND FILL OUT A FORM OR CALL RECEPTION (416-924-6294) AND INDICATE THE COMMITTEE OR PROJECT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING WITH YOUR NAME, TELEPHONE NUMBER (or e-mail) AND BUILDING AND UNIT NUMBER. A REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR CHOSEN COMMITTEE/PROJECT WILL THEN GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU.