



Volunteer Opportunities with Old North St. Louis Restoration Group

Community Gardens

Old North St. Louis is home to nearly a dozen community gardens, all of which need regular weeding, watering, planting, & other maintenance. Work in these gardens can take place as an individual effort or as a group initiative. Check with the ONSLRG office for exact locations of the gardens.

13th Street Community Garden is the only produce-growing garden and has unique needs related to food production for the North City Farmers' Market (and for the Old North Grocery Co-op). Volunteer assignments for the 13th Street Garden are handled by Veronica Holden, garden coordinator for the 13th Street Garden.

Neighborhood Clean-ups

Throughout the year but especially when Old North holds the annual Operation Brightside neighborhood-wide clean-up day. Contact the ONSLRG office to schedule a date or to learn about other clean-up projects on our calendar.

Monthly volunteer clean-ups, vacant building board-ups, graffiti paint-outs, and other neighborhood betterment activities are coordinated by the "**Macho Action Group**" on the first Saturday of every month (if the temperature is above 32 degrees, and it's not raining or snowing).

North City Farmers' Market

Every **Saturday morning from June through mid-October**. Tasks include setting up tables & tents at each of the market booths, staffing some of the food booths (for vendors who can't be at the market or other community information booths), clean-up and take-down.

Old North Grocery Co-op

The Old North Grocery Co-op is open for business at 2718 N. 13th St., but the building still needs some sprucing up, including some interior painting and exterior beautification. The store also could use some assistance with door-to-door community outreach / marketing.

Old North St. Louis House Tour, HomeGrown Street Festival & Other Events

The annual Old North House & Community Tour and "HomeGrown" Street Festival takes place in **May** – and puts the spotlight on the range of beautiful homes in the neighborhood and celebrates some of our city's best homegrown music, brews, foods, art, crafts, & other products. The event relies heavily on volunteers who help with set-up in the morning and take-down, as tour guides, & as greeters.

Various other events are scheduled throughout the year, including film screenings or art exhibits at the Old North Gallery, periodic street parties, and community meetings. These events usually need volunteers to staff sign-in or information tables, set up chairs and tables, clean up, etc.

Office Assistance

The Old North St. Louis Restoration Group office occasionally needs assistance with answering phones, stuffing envelopes, labeling newsletters, greeting visitors, setting up or taking down tables and chairs for meetings or events in the gallery, etc.

Community Outreach / Newsletter Distribution

The Old North St. Louis Restoration Group regularly distributes meeting & event flyers, newsletters, etc. to all households in Old North. Volunteers can help get these materials out in a timely manner.

Research

ONSLRG could always use help with researching potential grants or other funding sources, property histories, or documenting the contributions or stories of past residents or businesses.

Other Ideas? Let us know what you can do to help.

To volunteer for any of the above options, or for more information, call the ONSLRG office at 314-241-5031 or send an email to info@onsl.org. To learn more about Old North, visit www.ONSL.org