Volunteer Updates

Congratulations 2018 Recipients
Distinguished Volunteer Service Award

Nettie Andrews
Program Assistant, Richardson Nature Center

Wrick Dunning
Ski Patroller, Patrol Instructor, Park Patroller, Program Assistant, Hyland Lake and Elm Creek Park Reserves

Eli Hamberger
Youth Volunteer-Program Assistant, Gale Woods Farm

Jonah Hamberger
Youth Volunteer-Program Assistant, Gale Woods Farm

Patty Kowal
Program Assistant, Eastman Nature Center

Kevin McKinney
Natural Resources Surveyor and Project Assistant, Park Patroller, Program Assistant, Crow-Hassan, Elm Creek and Lake Rebecca Park Reserves

The Distinguished Volunteer Service Award is a district-wide award, the highest award bestowed upon Three Rivers volunteers. Recipients are selected based on individual accomplishments and represent the wide diversity of volunteer positions and facilities throughout the Park District.

Recipients will be honored with a reception and ceremony at the April 19 Board meeting (4:30 PM). To attend or for more details contact us at 763.559.6704.

Thank You 2017 Volunteers!
This past year 3,136 volunteers contributed 45,286 hours of service. Ongoing and short-term volunteers make a significant impact! Thank you!!
- Ongoing individuals: 787 ppl, 37,482 hours
- Ongoing groups: 1,123 ppl, 3,909 hours
- Short-term individuals: 284 ppl, 1,436 hours
- Short-term groups: 923 ppl, 2,175 hours

Volunteer Recognition Picnic
Sat. Sept. 8, 4-7 PM, Sumac Knoll group camp in Hyland Lake Park Reserve. Watch for more details.

Growing a Legacy
Nestled along the bike trail in Hyland Lake Park Reserve near Sumac Knoll group camp, there is a forest growing as volunteers contribute their time and talent to Three Rivers Parks.

Established in 2008, the Volunteer Forest was created to recognize volunteers with a tree planted upon reaching 4,250 hours of service and subsequent 250-hour milestones. The Park District is deeply grateful for the contributions of these volunteers and it is fitting that a Volunteer Forest was started, creating a lasting, visual reminder of the significant contributions made by long time volunteers.

Three Rivers volunteers are passionate supporters of the Park District’s mission “to promote environmental stewardship through recreation and education in a natural resources-based park system”, so it is especially fitting that only native tree species are planted. Each tree is grown at a nursery operated by Three Rivers, starting with native seed collected within 25 miles of Hennepin County. The nursery also grows trees and plants which are planted throughout the Park District.

Gene Lau, Paul Schlick, Audrey Friedman and John Proudfit were recognized at the very first tree planting ceremony in 2009. Roger Johnson, Bob Iverson, Sue Leizinger and Deb Endly have been recognized more recently as they have reached this milestone. These amazing volunteers have contributed a combined total of nearly 47,000 hours and more than 80 years of service.

Gene Lau has been a volunteer for over 30 years and has contributed over 9,043 hours to-date. He has volunteered in just about every park and volunteer project from Elm Creek to The Landing including events, nature center, cultural...
Three Rivers WELCOMES community members to share their talents, passion and energy to help carry out its mission.

Ongoing volunteers earn District-wide BENEFITS such as a Volunteer Fun Pass (which gives access to many park facilities at reduced rates or for free and provides greater rewards the more you volunteer) and hour-milestone awards such as pins, clothing, photos and tree plantings. Special training sessions and social gatherings may be offered by site or work group.

Volunteers must be 16 years or older or accompanied by a responsible adult unless stated otherwise. Family volunteering is encouraged. Volunteer selection for each position is based on current needs, requirements of the position and successful completion of training. New ongoing volunteers must complete a background check.

Review this newsletter for current needs. Call or email the contact person listed to find out more.

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General Three Rivers Information:
763.559.9000, www.ThreeRiversParks.org

EXPLORE VOLUNTEERING AT THREE RIVERS

Explore opportunities, meet staff and get started!
Sat. Mar. 17, 1-4 PM, Eastman Nature Center, Maple Grove
Sat. Apr. 21, 10 AM-2 PM, Richardson Nature Center, Bloomington
Sat. Jul. 21, 10 AM-5 PM, Cedar Lake Farm, near New Prague
Sat. Aug. 11, 12-4 PM, Coon Rapids Dam Visitor Center, Brooklyn Park

No need to register. Just drop in. For more information contact Three Rivers Volunteer Resources staff or the staff listed for each site/work group.

Three Rivers Park District is a natural resources-based park system that manages park reserves, regional parks, regional trails, and special-use facilities in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Three Rivers offers activities for every season, as well as programs for nature, recreation, history, art and farm education.

Three Rivers’ mission is to promote environmental stewardship through recreation and education in a natural resources-based park system. Three Rivers owns and operates over 27,000 acres of parks and trails and serves millions of visitors annually.
Three Rivers volunteer opportunities are located across the Twin Cities metro area. The following listings show current recruitment needs and are arranged by sites/work groups. For more information or to sign up, contact the designated staff member listed. An interview and training may be required for certain positions.

**VOLUNTEER POSITIONS**

*Most positions require an ongoing commitment. Openings vary.*

**Animal Care Assistant & Specialist**
- **Assistant:** Feeds, handles and monitors animals; cleans equipment and cages/pens; prepares food; records data and performs other basic care duties as needed. Animals vary.
- **Specialist:** Requires higher skill level, training, responsibilities and time commitment.

**Natural Resources Monitor & Surveyor**
- **Monitor:** Observes and records data on numbers, health and behavior of wildlife or plant populations on a pre-set trail or area. May also include cleaning and repairing of nesting boxes.
- **Surveyor:** Searches for wildlife or plant populations, nests, etc. May involve mapping, use of GPS or tracking devices, cameras, and ability to accurately identify targeted species. Prior knowledge and advanced skill level required.
- **Specialist:** Requires higher skill level, training and responsibilities.

**Patroller**
- **Park Patroller:** Provides information and basic level first aid care to guests year-round at designated facilities, trails, programs and events. Annual recertification required.
- **Ski Patroller:** Provides information and advanced level first aid care to guests at alpine ski areas (including a tubing hill and cross-country ski activities in immediate proximity to the hill). National Ski Patrol training, membership and annual recertification is required.

**Program Assistant & Interpreter**
- **Assistant:** Provides customer service assistance at programs, events and facilities.
- **Interpreter:** Provides presentation/teaching assistance at programs, events and facilities.
- **Specialist, Instructor:** Requires higher skill level, training and responsibilities.

**Project Assistant & Specialist**
- **Assistant:** Helps with various projects such as gardening, seed collection, invasive species removal, minor maintenance, displays, program materials prep, sewing, mailings, cataloging and whatever else may come up.
- **Specialist:** Requires higher skill level, training and responsibilities.

**SERVICE PROJECTS**

Three Rivers welcomes participation from community groups, students and scouts. Go to www.ThreeRiversParks.org/volunteer. Possibilities include: Global Youth Service Day, Beat Back Invasives Removal Events, Adopt-a-Woodlot, Adopt-a-Garden, Adopt-a-Trail, Prairie Seed Collection, Scouting Award Projects, Service Learning, and more.

**Community Engagement**

Chia Lee, 763.694.1125, Chia.Lee@threeriversparks.org

**Program Assistants**

- Community Festivals ● Events ● Partner Organizations
  Weekdays and weekends, various locations, May-September
  Work alongside community engagement staff and share your enthusiasm for the outdoors as we provide outreach programming and promotion outside of our park locations.
  - Champlin: Father Hennepin Festival, Sat. Jun. 9
  - Crystal: Bike Rodeo, Thu. May 3; Father's Day Fly-In, Sun. Jun. 17; Crystal Frolics Family Festival, Sat. Jul. 28
  - Edina: Open Streets on 50th, Sun. Sept. 23
  - Golden Valley Arts and Music Fest, Sat. Sept. 15
  - Richfield: Open Streets at Penn Fest, Sun. Sept. 16
  - St. Louis Park: Parktacular, Wed. Jun. 16

**Golf**

Laura Patrick, 763.694.7671, Laura.Patrick@threeriversparks.org

**Program Assistants & Interpreters**

- Golf Volunteer Sign-up Day
  - Tue. May 8, 6:30-8 PM, Eagle Lake Youth Golf Center
- The First Tee
  May-August, weekdays/weekends, morning & afternoon, Baker National Golf Course, Eagle Lake Youth Golf Center, Glen Lake Golf & Practice Center, Cleary Lake Golf Course (weekdays only)
  May include assisting with events; league/lesson check-in; staging teaching areas; rule and etiquette instruction; accompanying juniors on the golf course; monitoring lesson area for child safety; mentoring on golf tradition and life values.
- **Facilities**
  April-October, 7 days/week, especially afternoons, Eagle Lake Youth Golf Center (Contact: Troy Nygaard, 763.694.7697, Troy.Nygaard@threeriversparks.org)
  May include assisting with driving range and being a starter.

**Recreation Areas and Trails**

Volunteer Office, 763.559.6706, volunteer@threeriversparks.org

**Park Patrolers**

- Park Trails ● Regional Trails ● Events
  Help park guests while enjoying parks and trails by bike, foot, skates, horse, cross-country skis or snowshoes.
  - Required training starts Sat. Mar. 17 and is offered again in fall.
**Volunteer Needs**

**Outdoor Education**
Help support nature, recreation, history, farm and arts programming. Join a volunteer work group at an education site or one that travels around the Park District. Check out this listing to get started. More opportunities are available to active work group members. **For more information or to sign up, contact the designated staff member listed.** An interview and training may be required for certain positions.

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**BAKER NEAR-WILDERNESS SETTLEMENT**
in Baker Park Reserve; Jim Bradley, 763.694.7857, James.Bradley@threeriversparks.org

**Program Assistants**
*New volunteers: contact Jim for interview and training.*
- Camp Hosts*
  - Scheduled groups, times vary
- Site Events
  - Maple Syrup Festival, Sun. Mar. 11, 1:30-6 PM

**Project Assistants**
- Kitchen work, miscellaneous projects as needed

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**CULTURAL RESOURCES**
District-wide; Bill Walker, 763.694.2059, Bill.Walker@threeriversparks.org

**Program Assistants**
- Historic Building Hosts (not in costume)
  - The Landing: Wednesday-Sunday in summer, weekends in fall
    (Contact: Richard Williams, 763.694.7786, Richard.Williams@threeriversparks.org)
  - Pierre Bottineau House, Elm Creek: Saturdays, June-August, Training provided, to be arranged
  - Grimm Farm Open House, Carver: Saturdays, June-August
    (Contact: Kirk Mona, 763.694.7650, Kirk.Mona@threeriversparks.org)

**Project Assistants & Specialists**
- Historical research as projects occur
- Help create brochures, publications, etc.
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Naturalist & Volunteer Workshops:
Minnesota Naturalists’ Association
For details on future events and registration, visit: http://mnnaturalists.org/WORKSHOPS
- Puppetry Plus: Mar. 26, Silverwood Park
- Climate Change: Jun. 11, Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve
- Reading the Landscape: Sept. 17, Audubon Center of the Northwoods
Volunteer Needs

OUTDOOR RECREATION SCHOOL
District-wide; Heather Gordon, 763.694.2052, Heather.Gordon@threeriversparks.org

Program Assistants & Interpreters
*New volunteers: contact Heather for interview and training.

• Programs*
  - Adapted Programs, ongoing opportunities
  - Archery Programs, ongoing opportunities
  - Climbing Wall Programs, ongoing opportunities
  - Fishing Programs, ongoing opportunities
  - Geocaching Programs, ongoing opportunities
  - Maple Syruping, March as scheduled, French, Training: Thu. Mar. 1, 5-7 PM
  - Water Sports Programs*
    ◆ Paddle Programs (canoe, kayak, stand-up paddleboard)
    May–October, weekdays & weekends, various parks (ages 18+)
    Required Paddle Volunteer Training: Sat. May 12, 1-5 PM, Fish Lake
    ◆ Log Rolling Programs, indoors & outdoors, no experience necessary

• Signature Races
  (Contact: 763.559.6706, or volunteer@threeriversparks.org)
  - Trail Mix, Sat. Apr. 21, 7 AM-3:30 PM in shifts, Lake Rebecca
  - Big Woods Classic, Sat. Jul. 14, 8 AM-4 PM in shifts, Lake Rebecca

• Mountain Bike Races:
  - Menacing 40 Race:
    ◆ Elm Creek: Sat. Jun. 16, 7:30 AM-2:30 PM in shifts
  - Big Woods Classic:
    ◆ Lake Rebecca: Sat. Jul. 14, 8 AM-4 PM in shifts
  - Additional races: evenings, contact staff for schedule

• Scout Programs*
  Weekdays, school year through June, 4:30-6 PM

• Site Events*
  - Maple Syrup Event, Sun. Mar. 18, 1-4 PM & Sat. Mar. 24, 10 AM-1 PM, French
  - Maple Syrup Event, Sat. Mar. 10, 10 AM-1 PM, Cleary Lake
  - Family Fishing on the Opener, Sat. May 12, 1-3 PM, Bryant
  - Adapted Recreation Demo Day, Sun. May 20, 1-4 PM, Fish Lake

• Summer Camps*
  Locations & times vary, district-wide, weekdays, June-August

Project Assistants
- Maple syrup processing, March, French, Training: Thu. Mar. 1, 5-7 PM
- Photographers, ongoing (public programs, camps, events), district-wide

RICHARDSON NATURE CENTER
in Hyland Lake Park Reserve; Kimi Aisawa Romportl, 763.694.7679, Kimi.AisawaRomportl@threeriversparks.org

Program Assistants & Interpreters
*New volunteers: contact Kimi for interview and training.

• Public Programs*
  - Maple Syrup, Sat. Mar. 3, 10 & 24, 1:30-4 PM

• School Programs*
  Weekdays, September-June

• Site Events
  - Maple Syrup through History, Sat. Mar. 17, 9 AM-4:30 PM, The Landing
  - Earth Day, Sat. Apr. 21, 9:30 AM-2:30 PM
  - Beach Party, Wed. Aug. 1, 11:30 AM-3:30 PM, Bryant Lake
  - Party in the Prairie, Sat. Sept. 22, 2:30-8:30 PM
  - Chairlift Rides, Fri. Oct. 12, 4:30-9:30 PM & Sat. Oct. 13, 3:30-9:30 PM

• Summer Camps*
  Weekdays, June-August

SILVERWOOD PARK
Linda Dobosenski, 763.694.1118, Linda.Dobosenski@threeriversparks.org

Program Assistants

• Public Programs*
  - Puppet Adventures of Ned the Naturalist (free drop-in puppet show/art activity), Sundays: Mar. 11, Apr. 15, May 13, Jun. 10, Jul. 8, Aug. 12, 1–3 PM

• Site Events
  - Make and Mingle, Sun. Mar. 21 & Tue. Jun. 21, 6-9 PM (age 21+)
  - Egg Hunt, Sat. Mar. 24, 1-4 PM
  - Field Trip, Sat. Sept. 15, 11 AM–5 PM

• Summer Camps*
  - Camp Doodlebugs: Fantasy Creatures of MN, Jun. 11–14, 10 AM–noon; Up, Up, and Away, Jul. 9–12, 10 AM–noon;
  - Digging In Clay:
    See It To Believe It, Jun. 11–14, 9 AM–noon;
    Wheel Throwing, Jul. 9–12, 9 AM–noon; Aug. 6–9, 1-4 PM
  - Nature’s Protectors Camp, Jun. 25-28, 1-4 PM
  - Wild, Wild (Mid)west Camp, Jul. 23-26, 1-4 PM
  - Zoom in on Nature Photo Camp: Jul. 23-26, 9 AM–noon

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THE LANDING-MN RIVER HERITAGE PARK
Richard Williams, 763.694.7786, Richard.Williams@threeriversparks.org

Site Orientation
A site orientation is required for all positions and includes a site tour, basic volunteer training and overview of 19th century Minnesota history, volunteer opportunities and requirements.
- Sat. May 12, 9 AM-noon (Pre-registration is preferred.)

Program Assistants & Interpreters
- Historic Building Hosts
  - Wednesday-Sunday in summer, weekends in fall (not in costume)
- Living History Interpretation*
  Year-round, flexible
- Musician*
  Year-round, flexible
- School Programs*
  Weekdays, school year
- Site Events
  - Maple Syrup through History, Sat. Mar. 17, 9 AM-4:30 PM
  - Victorian Easter Egg Roll, Sat. Mar. 31, 9 AM-4:30 PM
  - Civil War Weekend, Sat. May 5, 9 AM-5 PM & Sun. May 6, 9 AM-3 PM
  - Memorial Day Weekend, May 26-28, Sat. & Mon. 9 AM-5 PM, Sun. 11 AM-5 PM
  - Chuck Wagon Dinner, Sat. Jun. 16, 6-9 PM
  - Independence Day 1889, Wed. Jul. 4, 9 AM-5 PM
  - Down on the Farm, Sat. Jul. 7, 9 AM-5 PM & Sun. Jul. 8, 11 AM-5 PM
  - Bees and Honey, Sat. Aug. 11, 9 AM-5 PM & Sun. Aug. 12, 11 AM-5 PM
  - Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 1-3, Sat. & Mon. 9 AM-5 PM, Sun. 11 AM-5 PM

Project Assistants
- Miscellaneous project & maintenance needs

Natural Resources

FORESTRY
Missy Anderson, 763.694.7817, Missy.Anderson@threeriversparks.org

Surveyors
- Rapid Response & Early Detection (R²ED) team
  Year-round, 4-6 hours/month minimum, locations/schedule flexible
  Identify and map new infestations of targeted plants. Targeted species vary. Some species may require removal. Use of a personal GPS unit or smartphone is encouraged.

Project Assistants
- Beat Back Invasives Removal Events
  - May, see poster insert for dates, times & locations
- Invasives Removal (on call)
- Adopt-a-Woodlot
  Spring-late fall, ongoing invasive species removal (garlic mustard, buckthorn, exotic honeysuckle, etc.) on adopted woodlot.

HORTICULTURE
Arla Carmichiel, 763.694.7845, Arla.Carmichiel@threeriversparks.org

Project Assistants
- Adopt-a-Garden
  Spring-fall, two days/month, several parks
  Weed and clean up rain gardens and landscape plantings. A sponsor recognition sign is provided for a two-year commitment.

WILDLIFE
Steven Hogg, 763.694.7848, Steven.Hogg@threeriversparks.org
Angela Isackson, 763.694.7851, Angela.Isackson@threeriversparks.org

Monitors & Surveyors
- Bluebirds
  April-August, weekly, full season commitment, as openings occur (Angela)
- Breeding Birds
  May-June, as needed (Steven)
  Prior knowledge and advanced skill level required. Must be able to ID all local breeding birds by song & sight.
- Osprey Nests
  April-August, 2-4 nest checks, metro-wide (Steven)
- Turtles (Blanding’s)
  June, 6-10 PM, Crow-Hassan (Angela)
- Turtles (Softshell)
  Jun. 1-Jul. 15, 10 AM-4 PM, French (Angela)
- Wildlife Camera Trapping
  Year around, Carver
  Set up trail cameras and survey wildlife species and occurrences. Mammal ID skill required. (Steven)

Project Assistants
- Prairie Seed Collection
  August-October, see poster insert and website for dates & locations (Angela)
- Independent Seed Collection
  Advanced skill required (Angela)
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To help reduce consumption of our natural resources, only one copy of this publication is mailed per household. Contact us if you prefer to opt out of this mailing. This publication may be viewed at www.ThreeRiversParks.org/volunteer.

Races and Events

Many volunteers are needed! Short-term volunteers are welcome. Visit www.ThreeRiversParks.org/volunteer, call 763.559.6706, or email volunteer@threeriversparks.org to sign up. Help with start/finish line, food, set-up, clean-up, water stops, course sweeping, zero-waste education, activities for kids, face painting, prep work, greeting, registration, and more.

SIGNATURE RACE SERIES

**Trail Mix: Ultra Marathon**
Sat. Apr. 21, 7 AM-3:30 PM in shifts
Lake Rebecca Park Reserve, Rockford

**Big Woods Classic: Mountain Bike Race**
Sat. Jul. 14, 8 AM-4 PM in shifts
Lake Rebecca Park Reserve, Rockford

**Autumn Woods Classic: Run/Walk**
Sat. Oct. 13, 7 AM-12:30 PM
Elm Creek Park Reserve, Maple Grove

**Ski Rennet and Fat Bike Rennet**
Sat. Jan. 19, 2019, 7 AM-9 PM in shifts
Hyland Lake Park Reserve, Bloomington

SITE EVENTS
Maple Syrup Festivals, Egg Hunts, Mountain Bike Races, Saturday Mornings on the Farm, Earth Day, Fishing Opener, Adapted Recreation Demo Day, Beach Party, and many more site events need volunteers. See pages 3-7 for listings.
SPRING 2018
Service Project Events

MULTIPLE PARK LOCATIONS

GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY
Apr. 20-22, several locations and times
This world-wide service event activates young people into making a difference in their communities. Projects may include clean-up, gardening, trail prep, event assistance and more! Open to high school and college-aged youth.

EARTH DAY SERVICE PROJECT
Sat. Apr. 21, 10 AM–2 PM, Hyland (Richardson)
Invasive Plant Removal and Earth Day Event. Youth must be accompanied by an adult. Drop in anytime.

BEAT BACK INVASIVES
Help keep invasive species at bay. Help with a removal event or sign up to be “on call”! Exotic invasive plant species such as garlic mustard, narrowleaf bittercress and common buckthorn are a threat to the future of native natural habitats. Youth must be accompanied by an adult. (8 years+) (G)

Removal Events, 9 AM–noon
- Fri. May 4 & Sat. May 5, Silverwood
- Fri. May 11, Hyland (Recreation Area)
- Sat. May 12, Tierney’s Woods

TREE PLANTING
Help reestablish native habitat in these Scott County parks by planting seedlings representative of a maple-basswood forest and an oak savanna. Tools provided. Families, individuals, and groups welcome. Youth must be accompanied by an adult. (8 years+)
- Sat. May 12, 9 AM–noon, Spring Lake
- Sat. Jun. 9, 8:30 AM–12:30 PM, Doyle-Kennefick

ADOPT-A-GARDEN
Spring-fall, twice a month, 2-year commitment
Enlist your group to weed and clean up rain gardens and landscape plantings. Youth must be accompanied by an adult.

ADOPT-A-WOODLOT
Spring-fall, ongoing, 2-year commitment
Enlist your group in the war against exotic invasive plant species. Youth must be accompanied by an adult.

PRAIRIE SEED COLLECTION
Aug. 18-Oct. 20, 10:30 AM–1:30 PM, several locations
Help restore prairie by collecting native wildflower seed. Youth must be accompanied by an adult. (12 years+) (G)
- Sat. Aug. 18 & 25, Tue. Aug. 21 & 28, Crow-Hassan
- Thu. Aug. 30, Elm Creek

Registrations required unless noted.
For more information or to register
visit www.ThreeRiversParks.org/volunteer,
email volunteer@threeriversparks.org
or call 763.559.6706.
(G) Groups of 10 or more may inquire about arranging a date.

www.ThreeRiversParks.org
history and outdoor recreation programs, prairie seed collection, bluebird monitoring, and more!

Audrey Friedman, has been a ski patroller for over 35 years with 6,311 hours to-date and assists with patrol administrative functions. For most of that time she was also an Outdoor Emergency Care course instructor.

Paul Schlick, has been a volunteer for over 27 years with 6,298 hours. He helps with or leads nature center and natural resources projects like annual raptor and Blanding’s turtle surveys and special projects like an extensive wildflower display, historical research of the Whitney Eastman archives and writing.

John Proudfit, who passed away before he could be recognized at a tree planting ceremony, contributed 5,528 hours as a ski patroller and instructor for many years.

Bob Iverson has been a volunteer for 30 years as a ski patroller, park patroller and program volunteer with 5,204 hours. He also helps with annual park patrol training and is an Outdoor Emergency Care course instructor and instructor trainer.

Sue Leizinger, has been a raptor care specialist, natural resources monitor and nature center program assistant for almost 21 years with 5,066 hours.

Deb Endly, has been a ski patroller, instructor and leader for 24 years with 4,776 hours. She serves as shift leader and is a critical member of the Outdoor Emergency Care team both at the patrol level and with National Ski Patrol.

Roger Johnson, has been a volunteer for over 37 years with 4,587 hours to-date. He has been a ski patroller, instructor and leader for 36 years and is now a park patrol volunteer providing first aid at races and events.

New in 2018 - A dream since the Volunteer Forest was created has been to add a gathering place within the forest which allows volunteers and park guests to enjoy the forest as it grows. Through the support of donations made to the Park District, two accessible benches will be added this spring. Walkers and bikers using the paved trail may stop and use this area or volunteers can make a special trip to enjoy the trees.

Join us for this year’s tree planting ceremony this fall, stop by during your next bike ride at Hyland or come to the Volunteer Recognition Picnic on Sat. Sept. 8, 4-7 PM at Sumac Knoll group camp next to the Volunteer Forest in Hyland Lake Park Reserve. Watch for more details.

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**Donations**

**MANY WAYS TO GIVE**

Our donors and volunteers help us to create a better community by opening up opportunities for everyone to learn and grow in the outdoors and by preserving our open spaces. Your tax-deductible gifts can be given to Three Rivers Park District or to the Three Rivers Park District Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and our philanthropic partner. Visit ThreeRiversParksFdn.org or ThreeRiversParks.org to learn more about these and other ways to give:

**Direct support to what’s needed most**

When you provide an unrestricted contribution, we can use your gift immediately to help Three Rivers better serve our community.

**Make it meaningful**

Direct your donations to a favorite park, commemorate a special occasion or honor a loved one, provide scholarship support or protect wildlife habitat. You tell us how you would like your gift to be spent in the parks and we will ensure that your donation reflects your values.

**Leave a legacy**

Make a lasting gift for generations to come by remembering us in your will, estate or trust. Please contact us so we can be of assistance and recognize you now for your future generosity.

**Dollars for Doers**

Many corporations offer volunteer grant programs to recognize and inspire employee volunteerism by donating funds to the same cause, therefore allowing the employee to “give twice.” Check with your Human Resources department to see if your company has a program.

**And, “Give to the Max” on November 15!**

During Minnesota’s annual celebration of giving, your gift to the Three Rivers Park District Foundation may be eligible for a dollar-for-dollar matching gift through the generosity of an anonymous donor. Watch for details at www.ThreeRiversParks.org.

**Questions?**

Call 763.559.9000 or email Giving@threeYWersParks.org or Info@threeYWersParksFdn.org.