



Seeking Macalester-Groveland Volunteers!

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council (MGCC) invites you to participate in our efforts to bring the community together through annual events. We've outlined some of the ways you could be involved this year. We encourage you to join us in helping to make Macalester-Groveland a great place to live, work, learn and play.

- **Frost Fest (January)**
This annual winter event at Groveland Park features ice skating, music, games, hot chocolate, treats and a raffle. Volunteers are needed to help kids with activities and handing out treats.
- **Annual Meeting and Neighborhood Gathering (April)**
This annual neighborhood gathering invites Mac-Grove residents to learn about the work of MGCC and participate in board elections. This year, we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the District Council system in the City of St Paul. In addition to our regular meeting, we will be holding a silent auction. Volunteers are needed to help us manage "Desserts of MacGroveland", welcome guests, assist with the silent auction, set-up and clean-up.
- **Home Improvement Fair (April)**
In partnership with Highland District Council, this annual event features 80 exhibitors, 20 free workshops, and draws hundreds of residents. Volunteers would assist with set-up and clean-up.
- **MacGrove Moves (April-June) and the Golden Shoe Hunt (May)**
To promote biking, walking and healthy lifestyles, MacGrove Moves and the Golden Shoe Hunt encourage residents to leave their cars at home and walk or bike to destinations in the neighborhood. Volunteers would assist with publicity and promotion.
- **Fall Community Cleanup (late September)**
In partnership with Highland District Council, we bring together haulers and vendors in one central location and make it possible to reuse or recycle your old stuff for less cost than you would pay a garbage hauler to take it away. Last year, over 600 families participated. Volunteers would assist neighbors in dropping off their items in the appropriate location. This one event needs over 70 volunteers to run smoothly!

- **Mac-Grove Fest** (*September*)

This annual neighborhood celebration features live music, food from local restaurants, **Mac-Grove Business Marketplace**, games and activities for kids, representatives from the police and fire departments. Volunteers would help out in a number of ways; children's activities, set-up and clean-up, welcoming neighbors, helping keep food area clean, etc.

- **Alley Garden Awards and Native Garden Awards Celebration** (*October*)

Neighborhood gardens are nominated each year for the Alley Garden and Native Garden Awards. Winners will be invited to a ceremony to recognize their efforts to beautify their alleys and reduce crime in their neighborhood. This event is open to the entire Community and features a speaker about yard and garden issues. Volunteers are needed to do the judging and then set-up and clean-up for the fall event.

There are many other options for volunteering as well. If you have any questions or are able to volunteer, please contact us by email at mgcc@macgrove.org.