



Waterford Oaks Platform Tennis and Pickleball Courts



Volunteer Information

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities are available for those interested in maintaining the courts for winter conditions. If interested, reach out to 248-975-9717 or volunteer@oakgov.com.

Volunteer Application Process

In order to become an Oakland County Parks (OCP) volunteer, interested persons will need to complete a two-part process:

- Fill out the proper application for either adult or minor
- Adults must pass a background check. The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission has directed background checks include a search of three areas:
 - » Nationwide Criminal Database
 - » Social Security Address Trace
 - » Nationwide Sex Offender Registry

These steps are intended to provide for the safety and security of park patrons, other volunteers and staff. Potential volunteers will be invited to complete this process via email and text. The provided link will expire within five days.

Once approved and in OCP's database, applicants will be able to sign up to volunteer at events.

To proceed with the volunteer application process, fill out the [adult application](#). Those ages 14-17 can have a parent or guardian complete the [minor application form](#).

Those under the age of 14 interested in volunteering must fill out the minor waiver and be accompanied/chaperoned by an adult who has a valid adult application, waiver and background check on file.

Platform Tennis/Pickleball Volunteer Positions

Assistance is needed to keep the courts well-maintained and accessible for evening and weekend play. Volunteers will be issued keys to padlocks so they can maintain the courts outside of staffed hours.

Time Commitment/Schedule: Volunteer shifts will be on an as-needed basis due to winter weather conditions after 3 p.m. Monday-Friday and all day on weekends.

Location for this Volunteer Position: Waterford Oaks Platform Tennis/Pickleball Courts

Duties and Responsibilities: In the event of winter weather, the volunteer will unlock and shovel snow off the courts as well as operate fuse boxes, lights and heaters.

Primary Responsibilities for staff and approved volunteers:

- Unlocking gates to court and accessing tools in shed as needed
- Taking proper care of the court surfaces, which includes only using plastic shovels (no metal edges) and brooms. Snowblowers and use of salt or de-icer are not allowed
- Shoveling snow parallel with the floorboards
- Cleaning both courts before heaters are used
- Operating fuse boxes, lights and heaters to facilitate play
- Utilizing heaters to dry off the courts after shoveling

Expectations: Volunteers will maintain a positive attitude and represent Oakland County Parks in a professional manner, including appropriate attire for service. Volunteers will be required to:

- Update the volunteer agreement, waiver and background check annually
- Meet with the park supervisor or other lead staff to be trained and confirm operation of fuse boxes, lights, heaters, shed and equipment
- Maintain tracking of access and service hours using VicNet, which is audited by the park supervisor

Skills and Experience: No experience is necessary, but familiarity with platform tennis courts is preferred. All training on equipment and access will be provided.

Resources and Equipment: Padlock keys, shovels, volunteer vest or other equipment will be provided.

Possible Risks: Potential risks include, but are not limited to, exposure to outdoor elements, injury caused by equipment or weather, interaction with members of the public, exposure to wildlife, etc.

Supervision: Volunteers will report to Waterford Oaks Park Supervisor Matt Parady and may serve alongside other volunteers.