

Updates

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Volunteer Needs/In Kind Donations

Please note the following reminder about the use of the Volunteer Needs/In-Kind Donation postings. The listings are designed to highlight just a few new or short-term volunteer or in-kind donation needs. Please give us feedback on the results you receive.

Also, we encourage organizations to post all short-term and on-going opportunities, as well as special events on Hanover's address for volunteering, www.HanoverVolunteers.org.

Donations Available:

- No postings this issue.

Donations Sought:

- GYSD Planning Committee seeking donations for Kick Off Event to be held on March 27, 2010. [See details below.](#)

Volunteer Opportunity Sought:

- No posting this issue.

Volunteers Needed:

Visit www.HanoverVolunteers.org to view all the latest listings! Here are just a few of the opportunities available:

- Angeldeer Ministries: [Assistant Teachers and Tutors](#)
- ElderFriends: [Grab a Friend...Be A Friend](#)
- Hanover Department of Social Services: [Tax Preparer](#)

- Hanover Department of Social Services: [Greeter for EITC Tax Site](#)
- Hanover Humane Society: [Publicity Coordinator](#)
- OAR of Richmond, Inc: [Group Facilitator](#)
- OAR of Richmond, Inc: [Program Volunteer--Central Office](#)

Hanover's Spirit of Volunteerism Award Nominations Extended To March 5th

Join the Hanover County Board Supervisors in recognizing outstanding volunteer service in our county by nominating individuals, groups or businesses for the countywide Spirit of Volunteerism Awards.

The public may nominate inspiring individuals or groups of any age serving small or large organizations, schools, neighborhoods, government, faith-based community initiatives, civic-lead community outreach and more, in the following categories: individual, youth, family, group, senior or business (new this year). Self nominations are also accepted.

All nominees will be recognized and award recipients will be announced at the countywide Spirit of Volunteerism Celebration on Tuesday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Hanover High School Auditorium. Special guest Bill Bevins will be the Master of Ceremonies for the event. The 2010 award donations are sponsored by Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, Ashland Wal-Mart Superstore, Battlefield Press, Inc., Covenant Woods and Owens & Minor.

Nomination forms and additional information are available at www.hanovervolunteers.org or by contacting the Hanover County Department of Community Resources at (804) 365-4300. **Deadline extended to March 5, 2010.**

There's Still Time to Get Involved with Hanover's Global Youth Service Day

Hanover County will participate in its 3rd Annual Global Youth Service Day by providing opportunities for youth and their families to volunteer during the countywide youth service weekend coming this April 23-25. Please join us in the youth service movement this year by hosting a GYSD project that would benefit your organization and our community!

Our department is ready to assist you with project details and promotion, volunteer recruitment and registration and more. For more information or to get involved contact Kara Dunleavy at 804-365-4180 or email kkdunleavy@co.hanover.va.us.

Attend Hanover's 3rd Annual GYSD Kick Off Event

All youth are invited to attend Hanover's Global Youth Service Day Kick Off Event on Saturday, March 27 from Noon to 2:00 p.m. at Shady Grove United Methodist Church to learn about and register for Global Youth Service Day projects. The Kick Off is a youth-led event that will give young people and their families an opportunity to meet agency representatives hosting GYSD projects, conduct mini-projects, sample free food, listen to live music courtesy of local bands, get a free GYSD t-shirt (while supplies last) and celebrate the collective good work young people provide on behalf of our community.

The GYSD Youth Planning Coalition is in the process of planning this year's Kick Off and is currently seeking donated refreshments and give-aways for the event. If you would like to support the Kick Off event or set up an info table as a way to connect with the community, contact Kara Dunleavy at 804-365-4180 or email kkdunleavy@co.hanover.va.us.

Keith Kenyon to Speak on the Impact of Alcohol & Drug Use on Academics & Athletics

While everyone knows it is illegal for youth to use alcohol and drugs, popular media often confuses the issue for adolescents by glamorizing alcohol and drugs in movies, advertising, and music. Young athletes may be more likely to abuse alcohol than their non-athlete peers and to suffer behavioral and psychosocial consequences as a result of drinking. They are also more prone to binge drinking.

Patrick Henry High School PTSA and PATS will host “*Understanding the Impact of Alcohol and Drug Use on Academics, Athletics, and Brain Chemistry: New Insights and Age Old Wisdom*” on Monday, March 8, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at the Patrick Henry High School Gymnasium.

In this presentation, Keith Kenyon will share information designed for teens, parents and coaches about the physiological, behavioral, and psychosocial impacts of alcohol and drug use on academic and athletic performance. His presentation includes extensive information on the physiological and behavioral impact of drugs like marijuana, the impact of sleep deprivation, and the damaging effects of energy drinks on our health.

Keith Kenyon is a speaker for the American Athletic Institute (<http://www.americanathleticinstitute.org/>) and has conducted trainings for the 5-year “Life of an Athlete” program in every school district in the state of New York. He was a high school coach and athletic director for over 20 years. For more information about this event, contact Aleta Meyer, meyera2@nida.nih.gov.

Hanover Youth Service Council Now Accepting Applications for Membership

The Hanover Youth Service Council (HYSC) is a youth-led countywide organization that consists of 35 middle and high school students selected for their dedication to service and leadership. The Council is currently accepting applications for membership. HYSC members promote service and address needs within Hanover County and beyond by planning and conducting various monthly service projects (issue areas include: animal welfare, seniors, the environment, community building, at-risk youth and more). Since its beginning in 1998, HYSC members have volunteered more than 5,100 hours in the community.

Applications are available online at <http://www.co.hanover.va.us/commres/default.htm> or through the guidance offices at Hanover middle and high schools or by contacting Kara Dunleavy, Hanover County Department of Community Resources at 804-365-4180 or email kkdunleavy@co.hanover.va.us.

Free Tax Preparation Assistance

Hanover Department of Social Services is providing free tax preparation assistance from 4:30-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings through April 15, 2010. Residents may qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit.

This assistance is geared toward low-income individuals and families with income below \$49,000 for families having three qualifying children. For those who make less than \$49,000 – Family/ \$13,000 – Individual, the department can assist if the return is not complex. Complicated returns will be referred to other free sites in the Greater Richmond area. Call 804-365-4109 for more information and a list of necessary documents to have on hand for proper tax return preparation.

NOTE: THE MARCH 3rd SESSION HAS BEEN CANCELED.

United Way Offers On-line Resource of Tax Preparation

United Way of Greater Richmond and Petersburg is offering a free online tax preparation service for those with an income of \$59,000 and below. The software is precise, easy to use and includes an on-line guide which assists users through the process. United Way of Greater Richmond and Petersburg is able to offer this online service as a result of a grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation and in partnership with One Economy. Visit to www.myfreetaxes.com/rivercity to access the service. For additional information contact Jessica English, Manager of Community Initiatives United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg at 804-771-5846.

Patrick Henry YMCA to Host “Middle School Madness”

On Friday, March 26th, Patrick Henry YMCA will host a “Middle School Madness” event for middle school students in the area. The event will be held at the Patrick Henry YMCA,

217 Ashcake Rd. Ashland, VA from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The night will consist of music, food, games, and more. The price for admission is \$5 and includes pizza and drink.

For more information contact Jean Finney, Youth and Family Director at 804-798-0057 or email finneyj@ymcarichmond.org.

Hanover Fire-EMS to Host American Red Cross Pet First Aid Trainings

Hanover County Fire-EMS will host two American Red Crossing training sessions on Dog and Cat First Aid. The Training session details are as follows:

Thursday, March 11, 2010 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. OR

Wednesday, April 21, 2010 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Location: Hanover Fire-EMS Administration EOC Rooms A & B

13326 Hanover Courthouse Rd Hanover, VA 23069

A minimum of 8 registrations are needed to hold each class. The maximum class registration is 14 per session. To register, contact Dana Davis at 804-365-4822 or email dtdavis@co.hanover.va.us.

Richmond Area Resource Fair for Families-Connections 2010

Connections 2010, a resource fair for children and youth with special needs and their families, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 24 at the Children's Museum of Richmond, 2626 W. Broad Street. The event is free. The first 500 fair participants will receive free admission to the Children's Museum and free tote bag.

More than 60 exhibitors will be on hand to give families and professionals information about their services. In addition, there will be many special features including magician Jonathan Austin and other child-friendly entertainers, complimentary dental screenings and fluoride varnish, therapeutic horseback riding demonstrations, pet therapy dogs, free legal and financial consultations, door prizes and arts and crafts. Special accommodations are available including sign language and Spanish interpreters.

For more information about the event, contact Central Virginia Care Connection for Children at 804-827-1795. Information can also be found online at www.careconnections.vcu.edu

Elders' Creative Spirit Art Show

Audrey Skeen, an ElderFriends volunteer and Glenda Kotchish of Art Works have created the Richmond Elder Creative Spirit Art Show on the belief that anyone can express themselves through the love of art and craft at any age; in addition to giving area art lovers an opportunity to share in the creative spirit within local elders. The show will begin March 26, 2010 at the Art Works Art Center, 320 Hull Street Richmond, VA 23224.

This show will honor working elder artists (65 and older) and those connected with ElderFriends who are experiencing their creative spirit. The goal of the show is to celebrate the cycle of creativity that elders experience whether working in their own art studio, home, community, day support group or supported facility. Any elder artist is welcome to show their work. All types of arts & crafts including paintings, pottery, fiber arts (knitting, crochet, and quilting) or paper crafts are welcome. Relate dates are as follows:

Art Due: 3/15/10

Show Begins: 3/26/10

Show Reception: 3/26/10 from 7 pm – 10 pm

Show Ends: 4/18/10 at 6 pm

If you are interested in participating in the Elders' Creative Spirit Show contact Audrey Skeen at amskeen@mtdpottery.com or Glenda Kotchish at glenda@artworksrichmond.com.

New Song United Methodist Church Offering “Celebrate Recovery” Support Group

New Song United Methodist Church will be offering a support group and recovery program for the community. The purposes of New Song United Methodist Church’s “Celebrate Recovery” are to fellowship and celebrate the healing power of faith through the 12 Steps and 8 Recovery Principles. These approaches can be helpful to individuals dealing with various forms of addiction and recovery as well those seeking to develop healthy relationships. At New Song, they believe that changes are made through sharing experiences, strengths and hopes with others as well as accepting faith in solving problems in one’s life. Childcare is provided.

Sessions will begin on Friday, March 5th at 6:00pm (dinner), followed by the Large Group Gathering at 7:00 pm, Small Groups at 8:00 p.m., and then a café/dessert time at 9:00pm. Contact Heather Shaheen for details about this ministry at 804-909-1334 or email hshaheen@cavtel.net. Donations for dinner and childcare are appreciated. The church address is 7450 Colt’s Neck Rd, Mechanicsville, VA 23111.

Virginia Supportive Housing’s Homebuyers Club

Individuals who are interested in purchasing a home in the next year but need to address credit and debt issues before entering into homeownership are invited to join Virginia Supportive Housing’s Homebuyers Club. Topics include: Personal Finances, Credit Issues, Working with a Realtor, Loan Approval and more.

The club meets every 3rd Monday from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at 1010 N. Thompson Street, Richmond. To register, call Donna Stallings at 804-525-1941 or email dstallings@virginiassupportivehousing.org

2010 Schedule For the Hanover Human Services Network Meetings

Please mark your calendars for future Hanover Human Services Network Meetings. This forum is designed to allow various service entities to network with one another, share information about their programs, identify common issues and develop possible problem-solving strategies. All human service organizations, including governmental, faith-based, non-profit and civic clubs which serve the Hanover community are invited to participate.

All meetings are held at the Hanover Human Services Complex located at 12310 Washington Highway, Ashland from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

April 1 location: Hanover Tavern across from Hanover County Courthouse
July 8
Oct 7

The Department of Community Resources convenes these meetings. To RSVP your plans to attend, contact Lisa Adkins at 804-365-4302 or email ldadkins@co.hanover.va.us

March Dates

- 3/8 [Impact of Alcohol & Drug Use on Academics & Athletics](#)
- 3/11 [Pet First Aid Training](#)
- 3/26 [“Middle School Madness”](#)
- 3/27 [Hanover’s Global Youth Service Day Kick Off](#)

April Dates

- 4/1 [Hanover Human Services Network Meeting](#)
- 4/21 [Pet First Aid Training](#)

4/23-25 [Hanover's 3rd Annual Global Youth Service Day](#)

4/24 [Connections 2010 Richmond Area Resource Fair for Families](#)

May Dates

5/4 [Hanover's Spirit of Volunteerism Celebration](#)

NOTE:

*To submit a posting for future issues of the Community Resources **Updates** or to be added to the monthly distribution list, submit your request to Lisa Adkins at ldadkins@co.hanover.va.us or call 804-365-4302.*

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