



RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VIRGINIA

April 2022 Updates:

Dear Volunteer,

Thank you to everyone who completed the 2022 RSVP Volunteer Celebration Poll! All of your comments were considered by the RSVP Advisory Council Recognition Committee. Therefore, I am pleased to announce that we will offer an outdoor picnic for this year's celebration. **Save the date for Tuesday, May 24, 2022.** You will find further details below.

In addition, RSVP is required to submit an annual report in April to fulfill federal grant requirements. I ask that each of you **turn in your March volunteer hours by April 15th**. Thank you in advance!

Below you will find updates and volunteer opportunities.

RSVP Updates:

RSVP Scholarship for Human Services / Human Medical Field

April 15 is the cutoff date to apply for the Scholarship awards given by the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Montgomery County and Radford. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to outstanding **high school students** in the Montgomery County and Radford school systems who plan to pursue studies in a human services/ human medical field. For applications or more information, students should visit RSVP's website at www.montgomerycountyva.gov/rsvp, contact their school counselors, or contact RSVP at hayesaw@montgomerycountyva.gov.

Applications must be submitted by email to rsvp@montgomerycountyva.gov.



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Overseas Coupon Program

We are happy to announce that manufacturer's coupons valued at **\$15,362 were mailed to our adopted bases in March!** Thank you to our loyal volunteers that clip, sort, collect, and deliver coupons for this program!



TRIAD

A Shred-A-Thon sponsored by the Christiansburg/Montgomery TRIAD S.A.L.T. Council will be held on Tuesday, **April 26 from 3-6 pm** in the Christiansburg Recreation Center parking lot. Help prevent identity theft, shred unwanted documents, protect your information, and clean out clutter! This will be a drive thru event, no walk-ups will be allowed. Please put documents to be shredded in a box or plastic tote, no bigger than 22.5x18x11.5, limit 3 per car. Please make sure

you only have documents to be shredded. Items that can't be shredded include: Metal, including 3 ring binders, composition notebooks, hanging file folders, paint brushes, padlocks, hardback books, keys, eyeglasses, bungee cords, etc.

Crafting with Christiansburg Library – April through November 2022



Join Linda Spivey, Outreach Coordinator at the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library, in the RSVP Activity Room on Monday, April 18 at 10 am to make a set of colorful coasters with simple tiles.

Registration is required.

Please sign up by Friday, April 15 to participate.

RSVP is collecting items for The Open Hands Backpack Program – Please bring all donations to RSVP by Friday, April 29th.



The Open Hands Backpack Program is a community outreach program jointly established by The Bridge Foursquare Church, Christiansburg Elementary, and Christiansburg Primary schools to identify and address food insecurity. The program provides food to the children on weekends and over school breaks when they do not have access to meals provided by the schools.

Imagine if you were a child with very little to eat, never sure when your next meal might be. This program delivers bags of food to each school containing 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, 2 snacks, and a juice. This ensures that no child goes hungry over the weekend.

We are currently providing food to over 50 children each week. We would greatly appreciate donations of the following items:

Canned Pasta such as Ravioli, Spaghettios
Canned Soup
Beans and Franks
Peanut Butter Crackers (Nabs)
Box of Instant Oatmeal Packets
Fruit Cups

Pop-Tarts
Macaroni & Cheese cups or boxes
Ramen Noodles
Granola Bars
Fruit and Grain Bars
Capri Sun Drink Pouches

Thank You in Advance,
Robert (Robbie) Hall
Sharon Hall
Program Administrators

Volunteer Opportunities:

Home Expo

The NRV Homebuilders Association Home Expo will be held the weekend of April 9-10 at the Christiansburg Recreation Center. Volunteers are needed at the entrance to fill shifts to hand out the bags on **Saturday, April 9 from 12-3. Please call the office if you would like to help!**



With spring here it's time once again to start planning for Montgomery County's annual Broomin' and Bloomin' litter cleanup event. On behalf of Montgomery County, I invite you to participate in this year's event.

Since 1983, individuals and groups have been invited to take part in this countywide cleaning effort. As in past years, participants will be picking up litter along area waterways, public parks/playgrounds, walking trails, roadways, and other public locations.

Broomin' and Bloomin' is an excellent opportunity to protect our local environment. It's also a way to promote community pride and goodwill and help ensure that Montgomery County will be sustainable for generations to come.

A few things to note:

RAIN OR SHINE: The event is being held on April 23, 2022, between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., rain or shine.

Event Supplies: Safety vests, gloves, and orange trash bags will be provided.

Sign-Up by April 15: If you haven't already, please complete the registration form by April 15th. If you are signing up for a group, please provide the total number of volunteers as soon as possible. Sign up online at <https://forms.montva.com/Forms/BBvolunteerform>

We value your efforts: As a way to say "thank you" volunteers will receive fun giveaways for their participation!

Please remember that each bag of trash collected makes a difference in our community.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your support of this worthwhile event to help keep Montgomery County beautiful!

Bill Long, Montgomery County, VA

longwt@montgomerycountyva.gov

RSVP Collection for the Montgomery County Animal Care and Adoption Center (ACAC)

The list below contains the current Wish List for the ACAC. The items needed most include medium to large Nylabone type dog chews and medium to large Kong and soft training treats for the dogs. They are also preparing for kitten season, so any Purina kitten pate (Friskies is good for cats and kittens), Purina kitten chow, litter scoops (dollar store type), cat toys, and cat treats are appreciated! **The RSVP office will be accepting the items below through Thursday, April 28th at 5 pm.**

Animal Care and Adoption Center



Wish List

*Purina Dog Chow

Purina Cat Chow

*Canned Dog Food

*Purina Kitten Chow

Large Dog Chews

*Kitten Formula

Nylabones

*Pate Kitten food

Kong Dog Toys

Pate Wet Cat Food

Soft training treats

Cat scratch posts

Dog Toys

Cat Toys

Sandwich/Quart Bags

Cat treats

Blankets

*Litter scoops

****Most needed***



Women's Resource Center

There are openings for Volunteers at the WRC donations center in Radford. Volunteers help to sort and organize donations. To join the team, contact Tanner Will directly or call the WRC hotline to get started.

Tanner's email: maintenance@wrcnr.org

540-577-0507 (direct line to Tanner) / 540-639-1123 (WRC hotline)

Volunteer Hour Sheets

You can submit volunteer hours by mail, email or by visiting <https://forms.montva.com/Forms/RSVP-hours>. If you use this link, your volunteer time will be emailed to RSVP staff. Please let me know if you would like an electronic copy of the hour sheet.

RSVP is accepting the following donations:

- Stamps for the Wounded – please leave at least a quarter-inch margin of paper around used postage stamps you tear off envelopes or packages.
- Gently-Used Paperback Books for Operation Paperback. We now have a container for books inside the RSVP office.
- Manufacturer's Coupons for the Overseas Coupon Program (can be used for 6 months after expiration date)
- Eyeglasses for the Lions Club
- Aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House
- Bud vases for our annual Hugs and Buds program for Veterans

The following activities are scheduled in April and **we will be providing transportation for vaccinated volunteers**. Each facility has different COVID-19 regulations. Contact the office for more details.

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| • Feeding America – Sorting Food | April 6 | 1-4 pm |
| • Noble Senior Living – Birthday Party | April 15 | 3 pm |
| • English Meadows – Tea Party | April 18 | 10 am |
| • Virginia Veterans Care Center – Birthday Party | April 19 | 2:30 pm |
| • Kroontje – Birthday Party | April 20 | 2 pm |

Volunteer Information:

COMPANION & HOMEMAKER SERVICES

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

\$17/hr

Want to help serve the NRV's aging population? Senior Companion Services is looking for applicants 50 years and older to help serve the community.

WORK ONLY THE HOURS YOU WANT

We work together to create a calendar of your availability. Seniors and their families who need help book your service.

We are looking for team members who can maintain 20 hours of availability per week.

Why Applicants 50 Years and Older?

- Reliability
- Respect
- Sense of Duty to Community

Call Us Today If You Are Interested

(540) 557-7969

companionservices.org



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April 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p><i>"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love" - Martin Luther King, Jr.</i></p>					1	2
3	4	5	6 Feeding America Sorting 1 - 4 pm Leave RSVP @ 12 noon	7	8	9 Home Expo Christiansburg Rec. Center 9 am - 5 pm
10 Home Expo Christiansburg Rec. Center 12 - 5 pm	11 Overseas Coupon Program/Cards for Nursing Homes and Veterans 9-12	12	13	14	15 RSVP Scholarship Applications Due Noble Sr. Living Party 3 pm	16
17	18 Crafting with C'burg Library 10 am Tea Party with RSVP English Meadows Blacksburg 10 am	19 Virginia Veterans Care Ctr. 2:30 pm Leave RSVP @ 1:30 pm	20 Kroontje Party 2:30 pm	21	22 Earth Day	23
24	25 Overseas Coupon Program/Cards for Nursing Homes and Veterans 9 - 12	26 TRIAD Shred-A-Thon 3 - 6 pm	27	28 Final Day For MC Animal Care and Adoption Ctr. Donations 	29	30

Condolences:

- To family and friends of Ann Hepler, former volunteer with 9 years of service.
- To family and friends of Ethel Young, former volunteer with 21 years of service.
- To family and friends of Alfonso Walker, former volunteer with 21 years of service.

April Birthdays:

- 02 Joyce Griffin
- 04 Sharon Brown
- 12 Hugh VanLandingham
- 13 William "Bill" Chrisman
- 13 Roberta Hall
- 14 Carol Cornish
- 15 Ronald Shear
- 16 Carole Hargrove
- 16 Pat Somerville
- 17 Polly Myers


- 23 Erma Jones
- 23 Shirley Linkous
- 27 Clarity James
- 27 Donna Neumann
- 28 George McNeill
- 29 Kai Duncan
- 30 Liza Bell



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Join Us for the 2022 Volunteer Celebration Picnic!

RSVP of Montgomery County and Radford invites you to celebrate another year of serving the needs of our community. The work of our organization would not be possible without our amazing volunteers ... THAT'S YOU! To show our appreciation, we welcome you to join us in a celebration of each other and the accomplishments that have been made in the past year.



Who: Volunteers of RSVP of Montgomery County and Radford
What: Volunteer Celebration Picnic
When: Tuesday, May 24th, from 12:30 - 4:00 PM
Drive-thru meals are available from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Where: Creed Fields, 4390 Riffe Street, Elliston, VA 24087
What to Bring: We will be providing food, beverages, games, prizes, and more!
* If you would like to bring a lawn chair, you are welcome to do so!
Response required to 382-5775 or rsvp@montgomerycountyva.gov before May 17th.

Please respond by May 17th at 5 pm to provide your meal choice and let us know if you need transportation. I hope you will make plans to join us!

In service,

Mandy Hayes

RSVP Coordinator



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