



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Fairfax County Public Library

You too can join our elite corps of dedicated volunteers! You can make a big difference in the quality of library service in your community by sharing your time and talent.

Opportunities

Library volunteers work side by side with staff in every Library activity. There is an ongoing need at most branches for:

- help checking books in and out,
- sorting and shelving,
- shelf-reading (Adopt-a-Shelf!),
- assisting with special projects,
- demonstrating new technologies to the public,
- answering phones, gardening, and more.



For more information, see: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/volunteer/>



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Volunteer Solutions

We provide information, education and referrals to older adults, adults with disabilities and caregivers. We are especially interested in recruiting volunteers who can speak: Arabic, Cambodian, Chinese (all dialects), Farsi, Korean, Laotian, Spanish, Urdu, and Vietnamese.

Opportunities

Caregiver Respite **NEW** – Respite volunteers give family caregivers of older adults, who can't be left alone, a well-earned break. Volunteers are matched with families in or near their own neighborhoods. Volunteers receive training and support. Register as a volunteer with Volunteer Solutions. Minimum commitment 6 months.

Grocery Shopping – shop for an older adult or accompany them to the grocery store. Commitment: two hours every other week.

Household Services – take down curtains, unpack boxes, change light bulbs, paint small areas, straighten cupboards or closets, organize paperwork, write letters. Commitment: varies.

Meals on Wheels - transport meals to older adults or adults with disabilities Monday through Friday close to where you live or work. Meals delivered between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Program also needs treasurers, driver coordinators, and group coordinators. Commitment: ranges from two hours one time a month to more.

Nutritional Supplement Delivery – pick up and deliver nutritional supplements to an older adult's home. Ensure supplements are picked up at a site that is convenient to your home or work. Commitment: a six-month commitment is requested. Two to three hours per month. Deliveries are made early in the month.

Social Visits – visit older adults who need company. Commitment: once or twice a week visits for one to two hours at a time. A one-year commitment is encouraged.

Staff Vietnamese and Korean Bilingual Information Lines – join the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging's Bilingual Information Line call centers and provide older adults information about services in their own languages (Korean or Vietnamese). Training offered. Commitment: a one-year commitment is preferred. One 2-hour time slot, Monday - Friday between 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Community Ambassador Program – We need you if you are bilingual and would like to help limited English proficient older adults better understand the available programs and services that Fairfax County has to offer. Activities include seminars and resource fairs held in various ethnic community-based settings. Commitment: varies.

Fairfax Pets on Wheels - visit residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities with your pets. Provide companionship and compassion through pet therapy. Pet orientation and temperament testing is required. Commitment: one time weekly or monthly.

Long-Term Care Ombudsman – visit a nursing home or assisted living facility resident and advocate for resident rights. Training is offered once a year in the fall. Commitment: a one-year commitment is required. Four hours during the day, one time weekly.

For more information, see: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm>



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Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)

NCS relies on people like you to help build a stronger community through our programs and services. Volunteers work side by side with staff in every activity in long-term assignments or something temporary. If you enjoy working with kids, people with disabilities, seniors, or have a knack for teaching, special events planning, working outdoors, writing, answering telephones, or other activities, join us!

Opportunities

Athletic Services

- On-Site Volunteer Field and Facility Directors

Community Centers

- Instructors
- Center Aides
- Mentor
- Tech Friends
- Youth Sports Coaches
- Front Desk Volunteers
- Serve Meals to Children While School is Out for the Summer

Senior Services

- Reception Desk Volunteers
- Advisory Council Members
- Class/Program Instructors

Teen Services

- Special Event Volunteers
- Mentors
- Chaperones
- Coaches
- Room Monitors
- Activity Facilitators

Therapeutic Recreation Services for People with Disabilities

- Recreation Aide & Counselor-In-Training (CIT)
- Office Aide
- Leisure Coaches/Partners

Fairfax Cooperative Extension

- Mentors
- Master Gardeners
- Nutrition Educators
- Financial Planners/Educators
- ESL (English as a Second Language)
- 4-H Camp Leaders and Project Leaders/4-H Fair Volunteers

Computer Clubhouses

- Tech Friends/Mentors
- Instructors
- Technicians

Computer Learning Centers Partnerships (CLCP)

- Tech Friends/Mentors
- Instructors
- Technicians

For more information, see: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/volunteer/>



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Park Authority

With over 24,000 acres of parkland, park Authority offers challenging and rewarding volunteer assignments in virtually every program area including nature centers, historic sites, gardens, neighborhood parks, athletic fields, recreation centers and golf courses.

Opportunities

Park Monitor

With the addition of new athletic fields, off-leash dog areas, and an expanded network of trails, the Park Monitor Volunteer Program is here to aid in maintaining a high quality of service and safe operation of our parks. All Park Monitors are required to be at least 18 years of age.

Dog Park Monitor: Is responsible for the safe operation of an Off Leash Dog Area and is familiar with the Dog Park Rules to provide assistance when needed to encourage compliance of these rules. The Dog Park Monitor reports any unsafe conditions or maintenance needs to park staff.

Athletic Field Monitor: Makes decisions on whether assigned athletic fields will be playable or not and adjust the athletic field sign to the open or closed position according to the playability determination. Also ensures compliance with Athletic Field Rules.

Trail Monitor: Assigned to a particular trail(s); makes observations of that trail(s) and convey them back to park staff for appropriate action; becomes familiar with the Trail Rules and able to recognize tree hazards, and other maintenance needs such as: creek and culvert blockages, trail surface damage, vandalism, graffiti and sign damage. Reports any unsafe conditions or maintenance needs to park staff.

Invasive Management Area Volunteer Program

Did you know that many invasive plants are preventing us from enjoying our forests and are degrading our natural ecosystems? Want to help with parkland restoration or use cool tools? Students/scouts, do you need to earn some community service hours? IMA is more than just pulling weeds; it is about habitat restoration. Invasive plant species are difficult to remove and control, but with the help of IMA volunteers, undesirable non-native, invasive plants are removed manually and native plants returned to the habitat.

Adopt a Field/Adopt-A-Park Programs

The **Adopt-A-Field** program is a cooperative venture with interested athletic organizations whereby these organizations assume the maintenance responsibility for designated athletic fields.

The **Adopt-A-Park** program is a cooperative venture with interested community organizations and citizens. Groups or individuals assume the maintenance responsibility for designated park areas or facilities, which may include flower beds, playgrounds, stream valleys, trees and other points of interest.

AND MORE

At RECenters, golf courses and lake front parks, volunteers serve as exercise buddies, manage golf play, greet park visitors, beautify park grounds, assist with office operations, help adults and children with disabilities master aquatic safety and swimming skills.

For more information, see: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/volunteer/>



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Fairfax County Police Department

Interested in assisting law enforcement officers? Do you have what it takes to meet the high standards Necessary to become an FCPD Auxiliary Police Officer? Learn more about the duties & rewards of becoming an Auxiliary Police Officer.

Opportunities

What do Auxiliary Police Officers do?

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- Augment patrol officers
- Cover officers on traffic stops/traffic control at crash scenes/crime scene security
- Assist during community events
- Assist during DWI check point events
- May be assigned to various police units such as;
- animal control, court liaison, criminal investigations



What are the qualifications to become an Auxiliary Police Officer?

- Be at least 21 years old
- U.S. citizen
- Good health
- Pass background investigation: polygraph exam, driving record, financial assessment
- Pass an entrance exam/interview process

What training is provided?

- Six months of training, taught by FCPD Criminal Justice Academy staff
- Two weeknights & select Saturdays for mandatory training
- Range & track trainings
- Approximately 200 hours per volunteer

What topics will I learn more about?

- Ethics
- Constitutional law
- Use of Force
- Defensive Tactics
- Report writing and note taking
- Traffic, crowd and crime scene control/security
- First aid and CPR
- Parking enforcement
- Evidence collection and chain of custody

For more information, see: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/jobs/auxiliarypoliceofficer.htm>



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Boards, Authorities and Commissions

In our democracy, government is of the people, by the people and for the people. That is why citizen participation in local government is so essential. Local government is the form of government closest to us in our everyday lives, and the one we are most able to influence. Advisory bodies play a very important role in county government.

If you are interested in serving on a county board, authority, commission, or committee ("BAC"), contact your District Supervisor. Please be prepared to provide a current resume. Certain members of BACs must file financial disclosure statements upon appointment, and annually thereafter.

Opportunities

- 2010 CENSUS COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE
- A. HEATH ONTHANK AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE
- ADVISORY PLANS EXAMINER BOARD
- ADVISORY SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD
- AFFORDABLE DWELLING UNIT ADVISORY BOARD
- AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTAL DISTRICTS ADVISORY BOARD
- AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- ALCOHOL SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM LOCAL POLICY BOARD
- ANIMAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION
- ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
- ATHLETIC COUNCIL
- AUDIT COMMITTEE
- BARBARA VARON VOLUNTEER AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE
- BOARD OF BUILDING AND FIRE PREVENTION CODE APPEALS
- BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS (BOE)
- BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (BZA)
- BURGUNDY VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTER OPERATIONS BOARD
- CELEBRATE FAIRFAX, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- CHESAPEAKE BAY PRESERVATION ORDINANCE EXCEPTION REVIEW COMMITTEE
- CHILD CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL
- CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL
- CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
- COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
- COMMISSION ON AGING
- COMMISSION ON ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION



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- COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY BOARD (CAAB)
- COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD (CCJB)
- COMMUNITY POLICY AND MANAGEMENT TEAM, FAIRFAX-FALLS CHURCH
- COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION AND REINVESTMENT ADVISORY GROUP
- CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMISSION
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD (CJAB)
- DULLES RAIL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, PHASE I
- DULLES RAIL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, PHASE II
- ECONOMIC ADVISORY COMMISSION
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA)
- ENGINEERING STANDARDS REVIEW COMMITTEE
- ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL (EQAC)
- FAIRFAX AREA DISABILITY SERVICES BOARD
- FAIRFAX COMMUNITY LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL
- FAIRFAX COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS CORPORATION BOARD
- FAIRFAX COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- FAIRFAX COUNTY HISTORY MUSEUM SUBCOMMITTEES
- FAIRFAX COUNTY SAFETY NET HEALTH CENTER COMMISSION
- FAIRFAX-FALLS CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
- GEOTECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD
- HEALTH CARE ADVISORY BOARD
- HEALTH SYSTEMS AGENCY BOARD
- HISTORY COMMISSION
- HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
- HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL
- INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL
- LAUREL HILL PROJECT ADVISORY CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
- LIBRARY BOARD
- MCLEAN COMMUNITY CENTER GOVERNING BOARD
- MOSAIC DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
- NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD
- NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL COMMISSION
- NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
- OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON DRINKING AND DRIVING



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- PARK AUTHORITY
- PLANNING COMMISSION
- POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY
- RESTON COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD
- RESTON MASTER PLAN SPECIAL STUDY TASK FORCE
- ROAD VIEWERS BOARD
- ROUTE 28 HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
- SECURITY ALARM SYSTEMS COMMISSION
- SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION
- SOUTHGATE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL
- SUPERVISED VISITATION AND SUPERVISED EXCHANGE TASK FORCE
- TENANT LANDLORD COMMISSION
- TRAILS AND SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE
- TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
- TREE COMMISSION
- TRESPASS TOWING ADVISORY BOARD
- UNIFORMED RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- UPPER OCCOQUAN SEWAGE AUTHORITY (UOSA)
- VOLUNTEER FIRE COMMISSION
- WATER AUTHORITY
- WETLANDS BOARD
- YOUTH BASKETBALL COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARD

For more information, see:
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/>