



Your RSVP Connection e-newsletter

Retired & Senior Volunteer Program



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Annual RSVP Picnic



Tuesday, August 11
11:30am to 1:30pm
Island Park, Springfield
South Picnic Shelter

Join us again this year to celebrate the TREEmendous service RSVP volunteers give to the community, thank our sponsor, United Way of Lane County, and get together and have some FUN! Please bring a friend who might be interested in volunteering. Fried chicken drinks, dessert and fun entertainment provided. Please bring a side dish to share.

Watch for your invitation in the mail!

Volunteers Recognized for 500 Hours of Service

Twelve RSVP volunteers were honored at the Volunteer of the Year luncheon in April. Each were introduced and presented with the Presidential Call to Service certificate and pin for volunteering 500 hours or more this past year. Congratulations to Beverly Bladen, Ruth Browder, Ida Fields, Renate Goschie, Sharon Looney, Marcee Middaugh, Ronald Norton, John Nydahl, Jean Panelli, Naomi Pew, Olga Saban and Laura Lee Sipe McConnell.



RSVP volunteers Beverly Bladen and Laura Lee Sipe McConnell at the event.

Station Spotlight

Changes for Meals on Wheels

For the past 43 years Meals on Wheels (MOW) has supported individuals who wish to live independently in their homes by delivering a healthy meal and a regular safety check. For many this volunteer is the only person they see in a day.

In 1972, on its first day MOW served 12 seniors. Today, the program delivers an average of 565 meals to homebound people a day in Eugene, Springfield, Creswell, Cottage Grove, Oakridge, Junction City, Veneta and Florence. MOW has been a partnership with the Senior & Disability Services Senior Meals Program and the local American Red Cross Chapter. Red Cross delivers the majority of the meals in Eugene and the Senior Meals Program delivers most of the meals in Springfield and outlying areas.

Over the past few years, Red Cross has transitioned community programs to local agencies better aligned to provide these services. This allows Red Cross to focus on its mission of disaster preparedness, relief and recovery. Beginning July 1, 2015 FOOD for Lane County will assume responsibility for providing MOW in Eugene, ensuring the continued delivery of hot, nourishing meals to seniors. Volunteers serving as Red Cross MOW volunteers will continue to serve clients as FOOD for Lane County volunteers. Senior & Disability Services Senior Meals Program will continue to provide MOW in Springfield and the surrounding Lane County communities. All three organizations are working closely to ensure a smooth transition for clients, volunteers and staff.

Volunteer Opportunities

Meals on Wheels

Volunteer Drivers are urgently needed for several local Meals on Wheels routes (once a week for 2 hours). Also needed are volunteer substitute drivers.

Summer Reading Spots

United Way is recruiting volunteers to read to children at Eugene/Springfield Summer Reading Spots. The program takes place at Peterson Barn Park, Willamalane Swim Park Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting June 23 through August 20.

After School Program

Volunteers are needed to assist with After School Programs at Malabon and Fairfield Elementary Schools. We are looking for 2 to 4 leadership volunteers to serve as on-site supervisors providing stability and continuity at each school this fall.

If you're interested in any of these opportunities call 541-741-6000

Let's All Go to the Fair

RSVP will be at the Lane County Fair **Senior Social** on Thursday July 23rd from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. All activities will take place in the Wheeler Pavilion. We will have information on current volunteer opportunities and "goodies" too. Stop by and say "Hi"!

Senior Corps Week



This is Senior Corps Week. Time to salute all Senior Corps volunteers including you – RSVP members! We recognize

the extraordinary impact you make on the lives of those you serve across our country.