



# City Lights Volunteers

SPRING 2012

*“You make a living  
by what you get. You  
make a life by what  
you give.”*

*– Winston Churchill*

For more information about the City Lights volunteer program or to sign up for a volunteer activity, please contact Bonnie Mertz at [bmertz@sanramon.ca.gov](mailto:bmertz@sanramon.ca.gov) or call (925) 973-2608. Anyone interested in volunteering must have a City Lights application on file. An application and event details can be viewed by visiting the City website at [www.sanramon.ca.gov/volunteer](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/volunteer). Please mail or bring in your signed application to the San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon 94583.

## SAN RAMON PERFORMING ARTS

*Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center  
& Front Row Theatre*

Help support the arts community of San Ramon. Volunteers, ages 16+, are needed to help usher for a variety of different performances! Please contact the Box Office for more information, 973-3343 or [BoxOffice@sanramon.ca.gov](mailto:BoxOffice@sanramon.ca.gov).

### **Youth Flag Football Coaches** Fridays, April 13 – June 1, 4:00–8:00pm *Iron Horse Community Gym*

Help a child reach their full potential by becoming a flag football coach for children ages 6 to 14. Two training camp days (April 13 & 20) and six games will be held on Fridays, beginning April 27. The estimated time per week is two hours on Fridays between 4:00 and 8:00pm. All games and practices are held on the fields behind the Iron Horse Community Gym. For information, call (925) 973-3322. Minimum volunteer age is 17.

### **“Parks Make Life Better” Days**

**Saturday, April 14, 10:00am–2:00pm**  
**Earth Day**

*Forest Home Farms Historic Park  
19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd.*

**Saturday, June 2, 9:00am–12:00pm**

**Boone Acres Park**  
*Davona Drive/Pine Valley Road*

Join our professional park maintenance staff for the first of several clean up events to assist the City in maintaining neighborhood parks. Tasks may include planting, pruning, applying mulch, replacing sand box materials, painting and general clean up. These events are open to all ages, however children under age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers are asked to bring work gloves and wear work clothes and shoes. Volunteers need to register in advance. If you are currently a City Lights volunteer you may register at [www.citylights.volunteerhub.com](http://www.citylights.volunteerhub.com), or please contact Bonnie Mertz at [bmertz@sanramon.ca.gov](mailto:bmertz@sanramon.ca.gov) or 973-2608 for further information.

### **Celebrate National Volunteer Week**

**April 15 – 21, 2012**

The theme for National Volunteer Week is “Celebrating People in Action.” The theme captures the meaning behind this signature week—honoring the individuals who dedicate themselves to taking action and solving problems in their communities. The City of San Ramon’s City Lights Volunteer Program was honored with over 20,000 hours of service in 2011. Without this help and support to our events and programs we would never have been able to continue to offer so many recreational activities to our community. It has been our pleasure to have

met and seen so many people willing to give of their time and talents in this past year. The City Lights Volunteer Program will be honoring volunteers who served the department with over 25 hours in 2011. This event will be held at the San Ramon Community Center on Thursday, April 19. Volunteers who have completed the minimum requirement will be sent an invitation in mid-March. Look for it in your mail box. This is our way of thanking those of you who have given so much of your time. We look forward to seeing you all then.

—Staff

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**Volunteer Landscape Assistant**

Wednesdays, March 14 – October 31, 9:00–11am

*Forest Home Farms Historic Park  
19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd.*

In the shade of the historic buildings and majestic oaks, cedars and redwood trees join Parks Department maintenance staff with maintenance activities that enhance this 16-acre National Historic Site and City Park. Activities may include planting and pruning, watering, leaf clean-up, irrigation installation, painting and fence repair, weeding, plant propagation, and creek restoration.

**Volunteer Gardening Assistant**

Tuesdays, 9:00–11:00am

*Crow Canyon Demonstration Gardens  
105 Park Place*

Enjoy working in the gardens with a Parks Maintenance Specialist in grooming the community garden. Activities include planting, weeding, watering, pruning, boxing of seasonal vegetables and fruit. Program participants should complete an application online at [citylights.volunteerhub.com](http://citylights.volunteerhub.com). Volunteers must be 18+ to participate. Wear work clothes, closed toe shoes, bring work gloves and water bottle. For more information call Bonnie Mertz at 973-2608.

**Community Garden Allotment Volunteer**

*South Garden, 9300 Alcosta Bl.*

*North Garden, 105 Park Place*

The Department Garden Coordinator is seeking the help of a garden volunteer to assist with monthly tasks that include inspections, preparing notices to gardeners, maintaining bulletin boards, copying and mailing newsletters and taking minutes at occasional garden meetings. Hours and tasks are very flexible depending on availability. Please call Louise Weber at 973-3255 for more information.

**Dance Recital**

Saturday, June 9, 1:00–7:30pm

*Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center*

Shift #1: 1:45–3:30pm; Shift #2: 4:45–6:30pm

Six female volunteers, ages 16+, are needed to help with set-up, decorations, supervising and playing games with the dancers. Volunteers should wear closed-toe shoes.

Two volunteers, ages 16+, are also needed for each of the two shifts below to greet patrons, take tickets, assist people to their seats, monitor the lobby, and assist with refreshments and cleanup as needed. Volunteers should wear a white shirt and black pants.

**Van Driver**

Drive the Senior & Community Center van to pick up participants for activities at the Alcosta Senior & Community Center and other events. Flexible schedule—as little as one day per week! Class B license is required. Training and cost of license will be provided. For more information, please call 973-3250.

**THERAPEUTIC RECREATION PROGRAM**

Volunteers, age 16+, are needed at each of the following events to assist City staff and patrons with disabilities. For more information on volunteering in the Therapeutic Recreation Program, please call 973-3325.

**Special Olympics Swimming**

Saturdays, March 31 – April 28

Sundays, May 6 – May 20

11:00am–12:00 noon

*San Ramon Olympic Pool*

Six to ten volunteers are needed to help with the swimming program. Volunteers should be capable swimmers and comfortable working with participants in the water. *The program is also looking for a head coach who would be willing to lead the overall program for the full eight weeks. Please call Steve Cox, 973-3325, for more information.*

**Special Olympics Bocce Ball**

Tuesdays, March 20 – May 22, 3:15–5:00pm

*Alcosta Senior and Community Center Park*

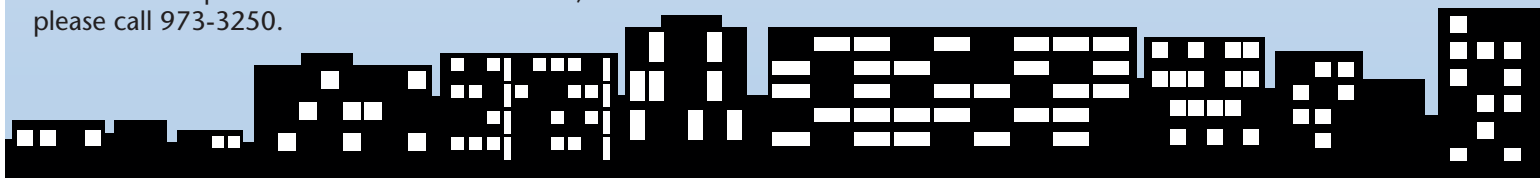
Six volunteers are needed to help participants with bocce ball—no experience required!

**Therapeutic Bowling**

Mondays, April 16 – June 25, 3:15–4:45pm

*Danville Bowl*

Energetic and responsible volunteers are needed to work with special needs youth on a weekly basis. No bowling experience is required, only a positive attitude.



**SAN RAMON ART & WIND FESTIVAL MAY 27 & 28**



**Festival Set-Up & Take Down**

Volunteers, age 13+, are needed to help with set up and take down. This job requires walking, standing and lifting.

**Saturday, May 26**

Shift #1 10:00am–2:00pm (4 people)

**Sunday, May 27**

Shift #2 7:00–10:00am (6 people)

**Monday, May 28**

Shift #3 8:00–10:00am (2 people)

Shift #4 4:30–7:30pm (6 people)

**Volunteer Check-in Table**

For each shift, we need one volunteer, age 16+, who can think on their feet! You will be checking in the other volunteers and making sure all jobs are filled.

**Sunday, May 27**

Shift #1 9:00am–12:00 noon

Shift #2 11:45am–2:45pm

Shift #3 2:30–5:30pm

**Monday, May 28**

Shift #4 9:00am–12:00 noon

Shift #5 11:45am–2:45pm

Shift #6 2:30–5:30pm

**Kid Zone**

For each shift, we need 12 volunteers, ages 12+, to run the Kid Zone arts and crafts area.

**Sunday, May 27**

Shift #1 9:30am–12:15pm

Shift #2 12:00–2:45pm

Shift #3 2:30–5:15pm

**Monday, May 28**

Shift #4 9:30am–12:15pm

Shift #5 12:00–2:45pm

Shift #6 2:30–5:15pm

**Kite Making Workshop**

For each shift, we need 10 volunteers, age 12+, to assist with the kite making workshop. Our kite maker will teach you and the participants how to make a kite that really flies!

**Sunday, May 27**

Shift #1 9:30am–12:00 noon

Shift #2 11:45am–2:15pm

Shift #3 2:00–4:30pm

**Monday, May 28**

Shift #4 9:30am–12:00 noon

Shift #5 11:45am–2:15pm

Shift #6 2:00–4:30pm

**Face Painting**

For each shift, we need four volunteers, ages 12+, to paint participants' faces. Experience is helpful, but not necessary.

**Sunday, May 27**

Shift #1 9:30am–12:15pm

Shift #2 12:00–2:45pm

Shift #3 2:30–5:15pm

**Monday, May 28**

Shift #4 9:30am–12:15pm

Shift #5 12:00–2:45pm

Shift #6 2:30–5:15pm

**Sam the Crow & Escort**

We need two volunteers, ages 12+, to dress in our mascot costume (must be at least 5 feet tall), and escort Sam around the festival. Sign up with a friend!

**Sunday, May 27**

Shift #1 11:00am–2:00pm

Shift #2 2:00–5:00pm

**Monday, May 28**

Shift #3 11:00am–2:00pm

Shift #4 2:00–5:00pm

