

Community Service Day

PROJECT CATALOG 2019

ANIMALS

ARF Landscape Transformation

Work: Gardening **Ages:** 16+

Help freshen up the gardens that surround ARF's pet adoption and community center. With your help, we will tend to drought-tolerant plants in the extensive grounds and memorial gardens.

Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor **Volunteers needed:** 10

Community Concern for Cats: Giving Tree Ornaments

Work: Crafts **Ages:** High school +

Join a small group of people who enjoy crafting and love cats! You will be creating and decorating ornaments for our store's Holiday Giving Tree.

Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor **Volunteers needed:** 10

Community Concern for Cats: Thrift Shop Capers

Work: Organizing, display building **Ages:** High school +

Are you ready for the holidays? Get in the mood by helping to transform our cheerful upscale thrift shop into a winter wonderland. We'll unpack and re-organize displays of fabulous holiday treasures. Some volunteers will research and test electronic merchandise, or sort and organize our vinyl record collection and cat-corner items.

Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor **Volunteers needed:** 12

Equestrian Center Spiff Up

Work: Painting, outdoor maintenance **Ages:** All ages

We love our horses! Come help us paint fences, do general maintenance work, organize snack shack storage, and do trail course work.

Indoor/Outdoor: Both **Volunteers needed:** 20

HELP WANTED: CSD TEAM

Volunteers are needed to help organize and manage the breakfast and other activities at Heather Farm Community Center on October 12.

Three project options are open.

ARTS

Arts Classroom in a Suitcase (Bedford Gallery)

Work: Kit assembly **Ages:** All ages

The Bedford Gallery offers in-school art workshops for school students. The program materials are pre-packed and ready to "travel" to each school. Come help us prepare and pack the materials for our Art in a Suitcase kits!

Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor **Volunteers needed:** 10

Violin Kits for Kids (California Symphony)

Work: Crafts **Ages:** High school +

Let's "whistle while we work" to build cardboard violin and cello kits for our nationally recognized music education program. Volunteers will use pre-cut templates to build the basic body of the instrument and put together kits for beginning string students.

Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor **Volunteers needed:** 15

Ceramic Kiln Patio Clean-up

Work: Cleaning, organizing **Ages:** Adults only.

We have lots of fun in our ceramics studio but occasionally we need a little help keeping things tidy. Please come help us clean up our outdoor kiln yard and patio area.

Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor **Volunteers needed:** 20

Leshner Center Painting

Work: Painting **Ages:** High school +

Help us brighten areas of the Leshner Center with a new coat of paint!

Indoor/Outdoor: Both **Volunteers needed:** 12

Leshner Costume Shop Spiff-up

Work: Cleaning, organizing **Ages:** High school +

Enjoy browsing our expansive inventory of costumes while you help sort and do minor mending of the costumes and help to clean shop areas.

Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor **Volunteers needed:** 10

Arts Greeting Cards (Community Arts Preschool)

Work: Crafts **Ages:** High school +

Join the preschool team as we convert original student artwork into unique greeting cards for our annual fundraiser. You will cut, glue, stamp and package materials.

Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor **Volunteers needed:** 12

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CREEKS

Creek Habitat Restoration (Civic Park)

Work: Plant removal **Ages:** High school +
Volunteers will work along Walnut Creek in Civic Park to remove arundo, an invasive, non-native plant that damages the wildlife habitat along the creek.
Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor **Volunteers needed:** 15

Family Creek Cleanup (Heather Farm)

Work: Creek clean-up **Ages:** Ages 6-10 + parent
If you have a young family (kids ages 6-10), this may be perfect for you! This creek clean-up project is at Heather Farm Park involves a small creek in flat terrain with gentle banks. The project will probably last only about an hour.
Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor **Volunteers needed:** 20

Invasive Plant Removal (Pine Creek)

Work: Plant removal **Ages:** All ages
Volunteers will work to remove the invasive plant, dittrichia, also known as stinkwort.
Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor **Volunteers needed:** 25

Pine Creek Cleanup (Oak Grove)

Work: Creek clean-up **Ages:** All ages
Volunteers will pick up lightweight trash along a one-mile stretch of Pine Creek next to Oak Grove Road.
Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor **Volunteers needed:** 20

EMERGENCY PREP

Emergency Alert Outreach (CERT)

Work: Info distribution **Ages:** All ages
Help our CERT leaders host emergency information booths around the city to hand out information on how to sign up for emergency alerts.
Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor **Volunteers needed:** 20

FOOD DRIVES

Organize a neighborhood food drive. Or, help in the White Pony Express food warehouse.

LIBRARIES

If libraries are your passion, you can help at Walnut Acres school library or at one of two public libraries – Walnut Creek (downtown) or Ygnacio Valley.

SCHOOLS

All Walnut Creek public schools are sponsoring projects. Come out and help your neighborhood school!.

PARKS & GARDENING

Bancroft Garden Spruce-up

Work: Landscape work **Ages:** Adults only.
The world-renowned Bancroft Garden would love your help in the plant nursery. Come for the morning and enjoy the rich array of succulents and other drought-tolerant plants.
Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor **Volunteers needed:** 12

Civic Park Fence Painting

Work: Painting **Ages:** 11+
We will be painting the fence around the work area behind the Clay Arts building. The work will include prepping, priming and painting the fence attached to the studio.
Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor **Volunteers needed:** 25

Hanna Grove Fence Building

Work: Construction; landscape work **Ages:** High school +
Help us construct a two-rail wooden fence along the east side of the popular Hanna Grove picnic area. There may be other associated landscaping work in the same area.
Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor **Volunteers needed:** 25

Heather Farm Gardens Beautification

Work: Gardening **Ages:** All ages
Volunteers will help with general garden maintenance work, including installation of new plantings and raking mulch.
Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor **Volunteers needed:** 30

Heather Farm Park Landscaping

Work: Gardening, landscape work **Ages:** All ages
Volunteers will add plants, spread bark to prevent weeds.
Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor **Volunteers needed:** 55

Lar Rieu Park Tree Planting

Work: Gardening, landscape work **Ages:** All ages
Planting trees, installing a wildlife barrier/fence around the trees, and spreading bark.
Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor **Volunteers needed:** 30

San Miguel Park Landscaping

Work: Gardening, landscape work **Ages:** All ages
Join your neighbors to spruce up park landscaping by adding plants/trees and spreading bark to fight weeds.
Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor **Volunteers needed:** 35

Shadelands Museum Gardening (Historical Soc)

Work: Gardening **Ages:** Adults only.
Help the Historical Society spruce up the gardens at Shadelands Ranch. We will rake leaves, pull weeds, and complete other gardening projects.
Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor **Volunteers needed:** 15

For more information or to sign up, visit www.Walnut-Creek.org/Service.

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RECREATION

Heather Farm Softball Infield Work

Work: Grounds work **Ages:** High school +

Help community softball players grade the infields and repair the seams between the outfields and infields.

Volunteers will be digging, raking, removing rocks, and watering down the infields. This is a hands-on job that requires some familiarity with hand tools.

Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor **Volunteers needed:** 30

Rudgear Pickleball Courts Spruce-up

Work: Outdoor clean-up **Ages:** All ages

We will rake debris and move dirt away from court edges, trim bushes away from courts, put bark down to stop weed regrowth. We also may decorate the utility box at the courts (permission pending) and clean the walkways.

Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor **Volunteers needed:** 30

SUSTAINABILITY

Iron Horse Trail Spruce-up (Sustainable WC & Sunrise Rotary)

Work: Outdoor clean-up; painting **Ages:** All ages

The Iron Horse Trail is a wonderful walking and biking trail. Help us pick up trash and paint over graffiti from Walden Park to Newell Avenue.

Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor **Volunteers needed:** 15

TOTS & SENIORS

All Abilities Playground Spruce-up (Civic Pride Fdn.)

Work: Outdoor clean-up **Ages:** All ages

Help the Walnut Creek Civic Pride Foundation give the incredibly popular All Abilities Playground a spruce-up.

We'll clean the play equipment and spread new sand in the tot sandbox.

Indoor/Outdoor: Outdoor **Volunteers needed:** 30

Senior Volunteer Thank You Packets

Work: Crafts **Ages:** High school +

Show your appreciation for those who help our seniors!

You will assemble appreciation packets for volunteers who support Walnut Creek Seniors Club activities and Walnut Creek Recreation programs for older adults.

Indoor/Outdoor: Indoor **Volunteers needed:** 35