



## Mission Statement

Volunteer Ventura! mobilizes community members to enhance the quality of life in Ventura by fostering meaningful volunteer participation through dynamic partnerships.

Together we can make a difference!

November-December 2011

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## Volunteer Opportunities



### Harry Lyon Park Beautification, Saturday, November 5

On Saturday, November 5, 9-11 am, **Volunteer Ventura!** volunteers will do some painting and litter pick-up at Harry A. Lyon Park, located at De Anza Drive at Cameron Street. *Please wear clothes that you don't mind getting paint on.*

To sign up, please call 652-4555.

### Sign up for National Family Volunteer Day, Saturday, November 19

Join the **Volunteer Ventura!** Program for a day of service designed to demonstrate the power of families volunteering together on Saturday morning, November 19!

Sign up at [www.cityofventura.net/volunteer](http://www.cityofventura.net/volunteer) for volunteer projects at Montalvo Elementary School, Cornucopia Community Garden and Marion Cannon Park.

East Ventura residents can participate in a free collection and recycling event 8am-12pm at the Community Park, 901 S. Kimball Rd. Get a list of accepted items at [www.cityofventura.net/volunteer](http://www.cityofventura.net/volunteer).



### Volunteer Needed to Assist In Code Enforcement



**Wanted:** A technologically savvy person familiar with software applications for data entry and clean up. The assignment includes some training on code enforcement violation types and may include document preparation for violation notices. A volunteer able to devote a minimum of 10 hours a week is most desired. Volunteer will be required to sign confidentiality agreement and go through Livescan process. Please contact **Volunteer Ventura!** if you are interested in interviewing for this position.

# Community Service Opportunities Calendar

Please contact the **Volunteer Ventura!** office at (805) 652-4555 if you can help out with these community service projects (available to students, non-profits and service clubs, community groups, faith based groups, military personnel, businesses and individuals.

Please contact us for project details or more information.

To have copies of the calendar delivered to your school email [ronnelas@cityofventura.net](mailto:ronnelas@cityofventura.net).



## community service opportunities

september 2011 through january 2012

### september

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#### Recurring Events:

- friends of ventura aquatic center**  
1st Saturday of every month, 9-11:30 am
- friends of leo robbins sailing center**  
1st Friday of every month, 10 am-12:30 pm
- park cleanups**  
Please call/email to find out which park we are meeting at:  
Oct. 8, Nov. 5, Dec. 10 & Jan. 8, 9-11 am  
Oct. 14, 3:30-5:30 pm & Nov. 28 & Jan. 20, 3-5 pm
- arroyo verde park cleanup**  
Co-hosted by Ventura Hillside Conservancy  
3rd Sunday of the month, 2-4 pm
- friends of the cornucopia garden**  
Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14, 9-11 am



#### One Day Projects/Events:

- coastal cleanup day**  
Saturday, September 17th, 9 am-12 pm  
Five beach sites in Ventura  
[www.vccoastcleanup.org](http://www.vccoastcleanup.org)
- living history day**  
Sunday, September 18th  
Set-up: 9-11 am  
Olivas Adobe, 4200 Olivas Park Dr.
- united way day of caring**  
Saturday, October 1st
- national family volunteer day**  
Eastside Cleanup Day  
Saturday, November 19th
- milk day of service**  
Monday, January 16th
- program your gadgets**  
Friday, January 20th, 4-6 pm  
Senior Recreation Center, 420 E. Santa Clara St.  
High school students, teach Senior citizens how to use technology!



#### SIGN UP & INFO

To participate in any of these opportunities please contact Rosie Ornelas at [Ronnelas@cityofventura.net](mailto:Ronnelas@cityofventura.net) or 652-4555

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[www.cityofventura.net/volunteer](http://www.cityofventura.net/volunteer)  
[www.facebook.com/volunteerventura](http://www.facebook.com/volunteerventura)



## Fall Food and Clothing Drives



### Donate to "Shoes That Fit" Drive Oct. 31-Nov. 9

Give a needy child an early gift this holiday season through the "Shoes That Fit" program-providing shoes, underclothing and a warm shirt, pants and sweatshirt to 60 under-privileged and homeless children at E.P. Foster and Montalvo Elementary Schools. Visit the front lobby of City Hall, 501 Poli Street, to pick up slips to sponsor one or more articles of clothing for a child. The Parks, Recreation & Community Partnerships (PRCP) Department will provide the child's first name, age, shoe and clothing sizes. Donors can either purchase the item(s) themselves, or provide gift cards to Payless Shoes, Target or Kohl's.

Please contact Laura Johnson at 805.677-3917 for additional information. Cash donations are also welcome and all donations are tax deductible.

### Thanksgiving Baskets

Public invited to drop off non-perishable food items at  
12 Starbucks locations November 1-17

The Parks, Recreation and Community Partnerships Department and the Ventura Police Activities League (PAL) are gearing up for their tenth annual Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway put on by Teen Voice. Between November 1-17 the public is invited to join Teen Voice and City staff in collecting non-perishable food items. These items will provide low-income families with a full Thanksgiving meal. Non-perishable goods-packaged, boxed or canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy and mashed potatoes and bottled juice-can be dropped off at a dozen participating Starbucks.



#### STARBUCKS LOCATIONS:

- Mandalay Village, 587 Channel Islands Blvd. 93041
- Victoria Village, 1413 E South Victoria Rd. 93003
- Telephone & Main, 4711 Telephone Suite 1-A, 93003
- Telegraph & Victoria, 6128 Telegraph Road, 93003
- Harbor & Seaward, 2453 Harbor Blvd. 93001
- Main & Chestnut, 607 East Main St. 93001
- Channel Islands & Rose, 1161 E Channel Islands Blvd. 93033
- 5th & B St., 241 W. 5th Street, 93030
- Saviers & Channel Islands, 3042 Saviers Rd. 93030
- Telephone & Portola, 4969 Telephone Rd #107 93003
- Ventura & Villanova, 11484 North Ventura Ave. 93023
- Mills & Dean, 488 South Mills Road, 93003

Since 2001, the Thanksgiving Baskets program has fed over 900 families who might otherwise go without a Thanksgiving meal. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

The Teen Voice program - a high school leadership program operating on Buena, Ventura, Foothill and El Camino high schools campuses - provides opportunities to high school students in Ventura for community involvement and activities that help to improve their schools, their neighborhoods and the city. For more information contact City of Ventura Youth Programs Supervisor Mario Robinson at 805.654.7807.

## Recent Volunteer News



### City Partners With Charter School On Environmental Fundraiser Nov. 16

In partnership with *Volunteer Ventura!*, students from the Ventura Charter School of Arts and Global Education, 2060 Cameron St., will hold their fourth annual Trash-a-Thon on Wednesday, November 16. Students will begin the day with a visit from Assemblyman Das Williams and the “Bag Monster” before going out into the community and cleaning up their campus, surrounding neighborhood, and litter “hot spots” throughout the downtown and Westside. City staff from the Environmental Sustainability Division and Volunteer Ventura! program chose the locations on the basis of need, student accessibility and safety.

Ventura Charter School is a progressive, independent K-8 public school that chose this unique fundraiser to promote the development of a strong sense of responsibility for protecting, preserving, and restoring the earth for future generations.

### Nearly 800 Volunteers Turn Out for 27th Annual Coastal Cleanup Day

On Saturday, September 17, the Ventura coastline was buzzing with activity as hundreds of volunteers came out to help clean up five Ventura beaches as part of the 27th Annual Coastal Cleanup Day.

Individual volunteers, families and groups such as Ventura Cub Scout Pack 3176, St. Bonaventure High School, Amgen, Rio Mesa School, Starbucks, SEIU 721 and many others shared one collective goal - to remove trash and debris from our beautiful Ventura coastline.



Results of the beach cleanup are as follows:

Site Location/Captains	# of volunteers	Lbs of trash	Lbs of recyclables
Marina Park - City of Ventura/Starbucks	292	427.20	76.60
Ventura Harbor - Channel Islands Ntl Park	170	300	105
State Beach - Larry Walker & Assoc.	115	165	22
Promenade Beach - Surfrider Foundation	76	60	10
Seaward Beach - Meridian's Deli	139	134	27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>1086.20</b>	<b>240.60</b>

The Volunteer Ventura! Program would like to thank our site captains for hosting their respective cleanup locations and to our dedicated volunteers who took time out of their busy weekend to help us clean up our environment and protect our wildlife.

## THANK YOU!

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### *Thanksgiving Message*

We are thankful for the many volunteers that dedicate their time enhancing our quality of life in Ventura, whether by being a volunteer in policing, cleaning up your neighborhood park, or being a docent for one of our historical sites, each and every one of you makes a difference in our community!

#### **We thank these devoted volunteers and community partners:**

##### **Olivas Adobe Docents & Student Volunteers**

*For hosting two successful events: Living History Day and the Annual Historical Association Meeting at the Olivas Adobe and to the student volunteers who assisted with set-up.*

##### **Arc of Ventura County**

5103 Walker Street, Ventura, CA 93003 \* 805.650.8611 \* [www.arcvc.org](http://www.arcvc.org)

*For assisting our city's Human Resources staff with preparations for the Employee Health Fair.*

##### **Baxter Employees**

Baxter, Baxter Way, Westlake Village, California \* (805) 372-3000 \* [www.baxter.com](http://www.baxter.com)

*For spending some of their furlough time volunteering in the Cornucopia Garden and at the Olivas Adobe.*

## **Get Involved With *Volunteer Ventura!***

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1. Check the calendar of events on our website: [www.cityofventura.net/page/volunteer-opportunities](http://www.cityofventura.net/page/volunteer-opportunities)
2. To subscribe to our bimonthly e-newsletter send an email to [rornelas@cityofventura.net](mailto:rornelas@cityofventura.net) with the word "subscribe" in the subject line
3. Visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/volunteerventura](http://www.facebook.com/volunteerventura)

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