



A newsletter for City of Tempe volunteers

Voluntarily Yours

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Volunteering 101 & Mini Expo
Wednesday, January 23
10 to 11:30 a.m.
Tempe History Museum
Community Room

Thinking about volunteering? We've created a workshop to help you get started. Get maximum information in minimum time!

The workshop will help you pinpoint the type of volunteer work right for you and help you locate organizations that fit your interests and availability. Representatives from a diverse array of community organizations will be on hand to talk with you personally. Call the Volunteer Office at 480-350-5190 for more information or to reserve your spot. Walk-ins welcome, too!

Fire Department Starts New Cadet Program

The firefighter always has been an icon of an American hero, and with good reason, as we all saw demonstrated on 9/11. Despite the risks, it continues to be a popular career and is still the dream of many young men and women. As a result, the Tempe Fire Department gets many requests from students who would like to volunteer and gain experience in this competitive field.

To take advantage of this talent pool and improve the skills of aspiring firefighters, Tempe has started a volunteer "Cadet" program. Tempe partnered with the Salt River Fire Department; Salt River worked with Mesa Community

College to create program criteria and curriculum that will result in nine college credit hours for those completing the program. Cadets volunteer a

minimum of eight hours per week and attend training sessions on most Saturday mornings.

Training is provided by the Salt River, Tempe and Fountain Hills Fire Departments.

Ten Tempe recruits started October 6 and will work through May as "service aides". This first class included

Zachary Baldwin, Jose Coronel, Derek Felton, Rene Leon, Isaiah

Moore, Justin Parsons, Eric Salgado, Joshua Sipes, Adam Stapley and Lindon Voglezon.

Recruits came from several different sources—some walked into the



*Pictured top (l to r) are **Derek Felton, Lindon Voglezon, Adam Stapley, Joshua Sipes;** bottom, **James Basko and Isaiah Moore.***



*Pictured (l to r) are **Justin Parsons and Eric Salgado.***

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Fire Administration office wanting to volunteer, one was an intern from ASU and others were friends of other volunteers. Recruitment for future classes will be more formalized and will be advertised.

The cadets' duties include activities such as picking up equipment left at hospitals, moving equipment from station to station, as well as taking equipment in for repairs. The cadets have also built shelves and cleaned up the main training facility, among other tasks. Since this is the first cadet class, things are sure to evolve and change.

Because it is the goal of the cadet program to prepare cadets for a career in fire service and to be the best firefighter candidates they can be, physical fitness training and an interview skills class are under consideration for the future.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age, have a good driving record and a clean criminal record. Cadets are provided with a uniform to wear while on duty. Applications for summer will be available spring 2013. More information is available from the Volunteer Office.

Shout Out! To Our Awesome Volunteers

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Meet **Brandon Rop**, a member of Volunteers in Policing since March 2010. Brandon cleans large Police vehicles like the Command van and SWAT vehicle. He is studying Exercise Science and is pictured with his mom at the recent *Run From the Cops* event that benefitted the Tempe Police Foundation.

Carol Williams (below right) has been with the Tempe Center for the Arts since 2007 when she joined the art gallery docent program. She recently helped build planter boxes that will be part of the TCA's new "Green Revolution" exhibition in collaboration with **Gregory Ware** of Dos Arbolitos (left).



The Staff of the CARE7 Crisis Response Team selected **Leon DeHaven** as their volunteer of the year for 2012. He has been a team member since 2007 and is always willing to assist with special events in addition to his regular shifts on the mobile unit.

Shout Out! To Our Awesome Volunteers

For 2013, it is our goal to feature some of our wonderful volunteers and the things they do in each issue.



Dianna Voisin was President of the Tempe Needlewielders for the past year. She is a tireless and dedicated Pyle Center volunteer, who is not only incredibly organized, but passionate about helping others.



“Sheena Armstrong volunteers with our Escalante After-School Program and pre-school; as well as several special

events. Sheena has been amazing with the children and has joined in many activities such as arts and crafts and kickball. Even though she originally needed hours for school she has continued to volunteer with us because she really enjoys the children,” says Jennifer Gall.



Rita Hagel has been a volunteer reading tutor with Experience Corps for the last three years at Kyrene De Los Ninos Elementary School in Tempe.



Sharon Navarre has been a volunteer at the Cahill Senior Center for 10 years. “She is a wonderful cook and we all appreciate her time preparing our senior lunches,” says Sara Johnson.



Danny (left) and Hayley (right) Gorman have assisted staffer Dolores Johnson with her monthly Holiday Happenings events at the Escalante Community Center this past semester and have committed to doing so again in the spring. In Dolores’ words, “They are awesome with the kids!”



Tempe History Museum volunteer **Susan Jensen** transcribes oral history interviews of Tempe residents. “We are fortunate to have Susan’s amazing talents and drive, and we very much appreciate her willingness to share her skills with our community’s museum,” says Curator Jared Smith.

Three Supervisors of Volunteers Retire in December

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Retirement hit the ranks of Tempe's volunteer managers hard in December as three of the city's site supervisors left. *Site supervisor* is the term used to designate a staff person who manages volunteers in a program or organizational area. Leaving were **Edith Ross**, **Peggy Goldberg** and **Mike Reichling**.



Peggy Goldberg managed the city's AARP Experience Corps early literacy tutoring program. This program places volunteers age 50+ in Tempe schools

where they tutor struggling students in Kindergarten through third grade. Peggy had been with the program since its inception in 2006. In this capacity, Peggy recruited, trained and managed an average of 50 volunteers per school year. Peggy started work with the city 30 years ago in its Social Services division. For many years she headed Tempe's Jobs for Youth and career shadowing programs. She was instrumental in the creation and design of the Connections Café in the Tempe Public Library. The café was part of an overall program to provide a place for those of the Baby Boomer generation to connect and to provide opportunities for them to give back. Experience Corps was one of the programs that allowed Boomers to serve their community. Experience Corps volunteers served 5,993 hours in 2012. **Rebecca Bond** has taken the Experience Corps reins (see her profile on page 5) and can be reached at 480-858-2464.



Edith Ross was a supervisor in the city's Field Services division. In that capacity, she managed parks maintenance staff and oversaw the care of north Tempe

parks and habitat areas. Edith understood the benefit of utilizing volunteer groups to

help maintain these areas and was happy to work with them to design projects that fit their group size and availability. In addition to her regular duties, Edith spent many a Saturday directing the work of corporate, school and church groups. She also fostered relationships with the Maricopa County Probation Department and the Desert Botanical Garden's Arborist program. Probationers helped maintain the grounds of Double Butte Cemetery and the arborist trainees practiced their skills on Tempe trees. In addition, she helped dozens of Scouts attain their Eagle Scout rank by working with them to design service projects. If this weren't enough, she also managed the city's Adopt-a-Park program that allows citizen groups to take responsibility for and care for a local park. These volunteers served an amazing total of 18,139 hours in 2012.



Mike Reichling was a Senior Fire Inspector with the city's Fire Department and was responsible for the city's Citizen Emergency Response Team or

CERT. The primary reason for CERT training is to give people the decision-making and physical skills to offer immediate assistance to the community. If a disastrous event overwhelms or delays the Fire Department, CERT members can assist others by applying the basic response tools that they learned during training. CERT volunteers served a total of 885.5 hours in 2012. Fire Deputy Chief **Gary Ells** is now responsible for the program. More information is available by calling 480-858-7230.

These three represent years of experience and will be sorely missed.

Meet the Coordinators—Rebecca Bond

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Meet **Rebecca Bond**, the new coordinator of the City of Tempe AARP Experience Corps. Experience Corps is an early literacy skills tutoring program designed to provide support to struggling students in Kindergarten through third grade by placing trained volunteer tutors in high-need schools in the Tempe and Kyrene Elementary Districts. This school year, approximately 400 students will

receive tutoring services from 60 volunteer tutors. The tutors commit to an entire school year, meeting with students who have tested below benchmark standards in reading. In addition to strengthening academic skills, the tutors work on motivating and encouraging students through the positive relationship they build together.

Rebecca Bond



How long have you worked for the City of Tempe?

I have worked in programs with the City of Tempe for 13 years—initially part-time in the City of Tempe Diversion Program. From 1999 to 2005, I coordinated TJAG (Tempe Juveniles Achieving Greatness), a program that worked with court-referred juveniles. From 2005 to 2012, I worked with Tempe Connections, a program of the Friends of the Tempe Public Library. Focusing on adults 50+, Tempe Connections offers academic level classes through its partnership with ASU Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, as well as volunteer opportunities to effect positive community change. I have worked part-time with Experience Corps for the past two years and recently left Tempe Connections to focus solely on Experience Corps.

What is your educational background and work history?

I have a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and a Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. I have worked as a juvenile probation officer with Maricopa County, a foster and adoption licensing worker for Arizona Adoption and Foster Care and a therapist for Arizona Interfaith Counseling.

What is your favorite part of working with volunteers?

I enjoy working with people who have such a wide variety of backgrounds, expertise, and life experiences. Their willingness to give significant time and energy to improving our community is inspiring.

What's your favorite thing to do when you aren't working?

Spending time with my family, traveling when possible, playing piano and watching Arizona Diamondbacks baseball.

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Helping make Tempe
the best place to live,
work and play through
service to the
community!

We are Grateful for...

We are grateful for the many school, neighborhood, church and corporate groups, as well as Boy Scouts and others, who help run the city's special events and activities. They also work in our parks and habitat areas. The following groups/organizations helped run a busy schedule of special events for the city this past fall.

Stand & Serve

ASU Delta Sigma Pi

Tempe High Key Club

East Valley Boys Service Club

ASU ROTC/Cmdr. Willett

Tempe Boys & Girls Club

ASU Alpha Phi Omega

Center for Educational Excellence

Beehive Christian Girls Group

**McClintock High National Honor
Society**

Florence Crittendon Girls Home

**Tempe Library Youth Volunteer
Corps**

Happy Birthday to You!

1/1 James Hartman, VIP
1/1 Gina Pinch, VIP
1/3 Michael Clark, VIP
1/3 Sean Collins, Development Svcs.
1/3 Alma Spencer, Friends of the Library
1/4 Rida Imtiaz, Library
1/3 Peggy Krebill, Library
1/4 Travis Johnson, VIP
1/5 Lanie Thorpe, City Clerk
1/6 Beatrice Torres, Museum
1/8 Kerry Carleton, Museum
1/9 Cristina Perez, Escalante
1/10 Nyla Flake, Pyle
1/11 Dustin Stapp, VIP
1/14, Esther Montenegro, VIP
1/15 Bethany York, VIP
1/15 Mary Bennett, VIP
1/15 Beth Gross, CARE7
1/16 Sushila Chettri, Cahill
1/16 Joann Dwan
1/16 Linda Williams, Pyle
1/17 Linda Flores, Cahill
1/18 Kathy Petersen, Social Services
1/18 Carter Rogers, Museum
1/18 Don Shafon, VIP
1/20 Shirley McKean, Museum
1/28 Mim Matwick, Pyle
1/30 Kay Fisher, Pyle
1/30 Jackie Headrick, Pyle

2/1 Ericka Candia, Library
2/2 Kristen Voegtly, VIP
2/4 Beverly Reinhart, CARE7
2/8 Matt Begaye, Library
2/9 Meiying Liang
2/12 Rosalie Rice, Museum
2/13 Jean Hegel, Pyle
2/14 Erika McNeil, VIP
2/15 David Gosling, Friends of the Library
2/20 Eileen Landt, VIP
2/21 Debbie Engelsman, Pyle
2/25 Jonathan Clarke, VIP
2/26 Mary White, Pyle
2/28 Robert Clay, CARE7
2/28 Sean McMullen, VIP
3/3 Cheryl Fox, Library
3/3 Patrick Robinson, HR, Experience Corps
3/4 David Packer, VIP
3/4 Alan Tanana, IT
3/5 Nomith Murari, Library
3/6 Elena Albrekht, HR
3/6 Bill Wallace, Museum
3/9 Mary Ann Carlson, Friends of Library
3/10 Joy Kleisler, VIP
3/10 Barbara Lewis, VIP
3/11 Doris Cornett, VIP
3/11 Joe Brosius, VIP
3/11 Fran Fisher, Friend of TCA
3/11 Thaddeus Swiecki, Diversity

3/13 Robert Forrest, VIP
3/15 Andrew Smith, CARE7
3/16 Bonnie dungan, Pyle
3/16 Brent Pinder, Library
3/16 Henry Reizes, VIP
3/17 Adeline Hardesty, VIP, Experience Corps
3/18 Diksha Ahuja, Library
3/19 Guy Baier, VIP
3/19 Gary Bennett, VIP
3/19 Durgesh Ilango, Library
3/19 Mary Ann Kwilosz, Historical Society
3/21 Tyler Reppe, Fire
3/22 Shermika Thompson, Escalante
3/24 Michael Evans, VIP
3/25 Ed Collins, VIP
3/25 Rena Johnson, Pyle
3/26 Chris Guardiola, Museum
3/26 Peter Ting, Adapted Recreation
3/27 James Wright, Museum

