



RSVP

# The Volunteer Voice

On the Web  
www.rsvpc.org

Find us on Facebook  
RSVP of Washington Co.

Volume X, Issue 2  
March & April 2013

**Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Washington County, Ohio**

## SENIOR CORPS WEEK 2013

Music, cruises and mock-tails (non-alcoholic cocktails)... That's what is planned for Senior Corps Week 2013.

Senior Corps Week celebrates the great work YOU do in the community. This year's events are meant to raise awareness of the contributions made by volunteers 55 years and older, and to thank you for your service.

We will kick off the week on Sunday, May 5 with Senior Celebration in the Park. Local musicians will share their talents from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Gazebo in Muskingum Park. Bring your lawn chair and plan to stay for the entire concert. Between sets, volunteers and stations will talk about their volunteer experiences. The concert is open to the public, so invite your friends and families.

On Wednesday, May 8 you and a guest are invited on the Valley Gem Sternwheeler for cruise up the river. Cookies, coffee and lemonade will be served. Boarding begins at 2:30 p.m. and the Valley Gem will depart at 3:00 p.m. for a one-hour cruise. Reservations are required and will be accepted between April 15 and May 3.

On Thursday evening, RSVP will host a dinner at the Washington County Home to discuss homelessness



in Washington County. This event is by invitation only and there may be a modest cost to cover the meal. If you are truly interested in this growing problem in our community, please call the RSVP office and we will send you an invitation. Seating is very limited so call as soon as possible.

On Friday, May 10, we will close out Senior Corps Week with a Mocktail Happy Hour Volunteer Expo at the O'Neill Center from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Volunteer stations will have

displays set up around the center and you are invited to see what other volunteers are doing. This event is free and open to the public, so please bring your friends who might be interested in volunteering. Non-alcoholic cocktails and light appetizers will be served. No reservations required.

The Mock-tail Party a few years ago was so much fun we decided to try it again. The "bar" opens at 4:30 p.m., so swing by and order a cocktail like the Senior Sizzle, or Life's a Beach, complete with little umbrellas!

Thank you for your service. You truly make a difference in Washington County.

### SAVE THE DATES!

May 5

**Celebration in the Park**

May 8

**Valley Gem Cruise**

May 9

**Homeless Awareness Dinner**

May 10

**Mocktail Happy Hour Expo**

# RSVP

## Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Washington County

*Sponsored by:*

The Corporation for National & Community Service  
Ohio Department on Aging  
Washington County Commissioners  
The Senior Levy  
The Friends of RSVP

## RSVP Staff

Director - Lisa Valentine  
Volunteer Coordinator - Susan Hill  
RSVP Office Volunteer - Pam Hess  
RSVP Office Volunteer - Carolyn Miller

## RSVP Advisory Council

President - Dennis Urban  
Vice President - Gary Worstell  
Corresponding Secretary - Shirley Duckworth  
Treasurer - Evelyn Worstell  
Recording Secretary - Susan Hill

Lauren Currie	Jo Ann Ingram
Mary Dellinger	Charles Kurner
Ruby Hall, Honorary	Court Witschey
Betty Hurte	Paul Young
Tom Hurte	

The Volunteer Voice is printed bimonthly. Articles must be submitted by the 22nd of the month to be considered for publication in next issue.

*Send submissions to the attention of Susan:*

RSVP Volunteer Voice  
333 Fourth Street  
Marietta, Ohio 45750

Phone: (740) 373-3107 • Fax: (740) 373-7251

Email: info@rsvpwc.org • Web: www.rsvpwc.org

*The information in this publication is distributed on an "as is" basis, without warranty. We maintain the right to edit all submitted copy.*

## hello again...

*by Lisa Valentine, Director*

My husband and I are settled into our new home and everything is just perfect... except the yard. All the snow and rain we had this winter wrecked havoc on my grassless construction site of a yard. Thank you to all the volunteers who asked how the house-building process was going, and for indulging me in my favorite topic of conversation. I promise we can talk about something else now 😊.

As we were building our new house, I was confronted with something that I had never really given much thought. There are people in Washington County who don't have a roof over their head. Every once in a while I have seen homeless people standing at the intersection by Wal-Mart holding cardboard signs, but I figured they were just passing through, raising enough money to get to their next stop.

I have found that there are so many different kinds of homelessness and that some people are homeless by choice. Others are the victim of circumstances beyond their control. Losing a job, unexpected bills, or health problems can all lead to homelessness.

We are lucky that in Washington County there are many resources to help people down on their luck – programs that keep people from losing their homes. What I have learned is that with all we have available, families are still falling through the cracks.

What RSVP is hoping to do is to start the conversation about homelessness. We want to get together and share what we know about the subject. We have applied for a grant for a VISTA member (Volunteers in Service to America) to spend a year at RSVP researching the homeless situation in Washington County. One of the VISTA's duties will be to put together a group of dedicated citizens who will serve as an Advisory Council. The VISTA will gather homeless data and the resources currently available, and make a presentation to the Advisory Council and the County Commissioners. Together, we will work to create a solution specific to the needs of Washington County.

The dinner on Thursday, May 9 will be the beginning of what I hope will be an ongoing commitment to find the solution to homelessness that fits our community. If this mission speaks to your heart, please call for a place at the table on May 9.

# AARP Tax Aide

## RSVP Volunteers

### Offer Free Tax Preparation

AARP offers free tax preparation to seniors. Sites, times and dates are listed below. Tax Aide services run through April 15 and are provided by RSVP volunteers, all certified IRS preparers.

Please bring the following information for yourself and dependents: photo ID, Social Security Card, W-2's, 1099's, brokerage reports, last years income tax report (if available) and itemized expenses if you plan to itemize.

## AARP TAX AIDE SITES

### FEBRUARY 4 ~ APRIL 15

#### Marietta

Knights of Columbus Hall  
312 Franklin St.  
Mondays & Thursdays  
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

#### Beverly & Waterford

Beverly Public Library  
300 McIntosh St.  
Mondays by Appointment Only  
Call: 984-4060

#### Barlow & Vincent

Barlow Public Library  
8370 State Route 339  
Wednesdays  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### Reno

Marietta Township Recreation Center  
260 Sandhill Road (old Reno School)  
Wednesday ~ two days only  
February 20 & March 20  
12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



## Informational Sessions

### Stream Team

Monday, April 8 at 2:30 pm  
O'Neill Center ~ Lower Level Classroom

Jesse Daubert will talk about why sampling streams is critical to Washington County and how Stream Team volunteers collect, test and report data. No commitment, just come and see if this is an opportunity you might like to explore. Please call RSVP at 373-3107 and let us know you plan to attend. Refreshments will be served.

### Hospice

Monday, April 15 at 2:30 pm  
O'Neill Center ~ Lower Level Classroom

Taylor Daugherty will explain what Hospice is and why volunteers are so important to families. No commitment required, just listen and be touched by Taylor's stories. Please call RSVP at 373-3107 and let us know you plan to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

### Tourist Information Center

Monday and Tuesday, April 22 & 23  
Time and location to be announced

If you would like to serve at the Tourist Information Center once a week or as a substitute, call RSVP at 373-3107 and we will make sure you receive an invitation to the training. Current Tourist Information Center volunteers do not need to call, and should expect an invitation in early April.

### Volunteer Reception Center

Saturday, April 27 ~ Time to be announced  
Marietta Community Center

In the case of a county-wide emergency, this group will be trained to respond working with the new Emergency Operations Center. Registration is a must. Lunch will be served after the training. Call RSVP at 373-3107. Directions to the training site and program agenda will be sent after registering. This opportunity is open to volunteers of all ages, so feel free to invite your friends and neighbors.

**The Volunteer Voice**  
**RSVP of Washington County**  
333 Fourth Street • Marietta OH • 45750

Non-Profit  
US Postage Paid  
Permit #10  
Marietta, Ohio 45750

## Volunteer Opportunities

### **Senior Wheels Drivers**

Drivers help seniors remain independent and living in their own homes by offering transportation to doctors appointments and the grocery store. Next training for drivers is: March 2013.

### **Senior Wheels Dispatchers**

Dispatchers schedule rides with drivers and send out necessary paperwork. Next training for dispatchers is: March 2013.

### **O'Neill Adult Day Care**

Assist day center clients as they arrive, offer companionship, and help serve snacks and lunch. Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### **Marietta Community Food Pantry**

Intake / data entry volunteers needed Tuesdays or Thursdays. On the job training is provided.

**For more information call 373-3107**

## **DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**

Saturday, April 27, 2013

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

---

---

### **Sites include:**

Marietta at Courthouse

Reno at Area Agency on Aging

Barlow at White Oak Pharmacy

Beverly at Fort Frye High School

Devola at Devola Medical Clinic

If you are available to volunteer at any of these sites, please call the office at 373-3107

**Visit our Website: [rsvpwc.org](http://rsvpwc.org)**

*Look for the Calendar of events!*



*RSVP of Washington County*