

CITY of TORRANCE

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER



Letter from the Coordinator

*"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another."
Erma Bombeck*

Welcome

to the first edition of the City of Torrance Volunteer Newsletter! We envision this newsletter as a resource for our volunteers to not only learn about the wide variety of volunteer opportunities available throughout the City, but as a place to find out about City departments, programs, services, activities and other events.

The newsletter is also a way for us to recognize our volunteer accomplishments and to profile the many different volunteers that work hard to make the City of Torrance such a great place to live and work.

Since this will be your quarterly newsletter, we want to hear from you about the information you would like to see in this publication. Let us know your story and content ideas, suggestions, or comments by contacting Laura Lohnes, City Volunteer Coordinator at (310) 618-2967, or via email at llohnes@TorranceCA.gov. Also, you can subscribe to an "e-version" of this publication by sending your e-mail contact data to the address shown with a message that says "sign me up for the newsletter."



Volunteer Opportunities



We Need Volunteers For The Following Programs:

Coaches for Youth Flag Football, Recreation Division, Community Services Department- Contact Darrin McClelland in Community Services at (310) 618-2930

Transit Ambassadors, Transit Department - This is a peer-based program in which seniors help each other navigate the Torrance Transit System. The Ambassadors give new riders the "dos and don'ts," safety rules, teach them how to read schedules, and how to best use the City's Transit services. For more information, or to sign up to be a Transit Ambassador, Contact Donna Baranowski at (310) 618-6240.

Words on Wheels, Torrance Public Library- The Words on Wheels Program brings library books and other materials

to homebound patrons. Become a volunteer for the Torrance Public Library's Words on Wheels (WOW) service and bring the enjoyment of reading and listening to those in our community who are unable to visit the library.

The Torrance Public Library will match you with one or more community members and issue you a WOW library card. You will find out what your WOW partner likes and arrange a regular pick-up and delivery time.

To sign up, or for more information, please contact the Words on Wheels Coordinator at (310) 618-5950.

We Need Volunteers For These Special Events:

Coastal Cleanup Day, September 19, 2009, 9 a.m. to Noon - Join "Team Torrance" and help them clean up the

beach at this annual international event. Contact Beach Captains Cyndy Rosell or Jeff Kidd at (310) 781-6900 for more information. Volunteers can simply show up and register the morning of the event at Miramar Park or can sign up and find out more about the Annual Beach Cleanup event and other events on the Heal The Bay website: <http://www.healthebay.org/volunteer/ccd/default.asp>

Make a Difference Day! This annual event, which is part of the National Make-a-Difference Day initiative created by USA Weekend Magazine, will be held Saturday, October 24, 2009 - 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Madrona Marsh Preserve and Nature Center.

Additional information will be posted on the City's volunteer website in the Fall. See <http://www.tornet.com/VolunteerProgram.htm> for more information on the City's volunteer program.



Events of Interest

To find out more about these events and for events not listed, check out the City's event calendar at <http://www.tornet.com/events/webevent.plx?callID=2020;cmd=listday>

City of Torrance 11th Annual Employee Variety Show - Saturday, September 12, 2009, 7 p.m., James Armstrong Theater, Tickets, \$15, (proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society/Torrance Relay for Life).

City of Torrance Disaster Expo, Saturday, October 10, 2009, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Cultural Arts Center