

Calling All Volunteers! Help Needed at Future Activities

Border Community SERVICE volunteers agreed to provide an average of 4 hours per month of community service when they enrolled in the project and received their training. Three community service activities are scheduled in late April and early May that are great opportunities to record some service hours. Please save these dates and consider joining us at one, if not all,, of the activities.

Saturday, April 22, 2006 is the annual Niagara Beautification Committee's **Clean Sweep Niagara**. This year's theme is "Beautify Niagara: Rake up, Clean up, Paint up" and will focus not only on the traditional neighborhood clean up, but also graffiti removal and beautification efforts. Volunteers are needed to help clean up various areas and neighborhoods in Niagara Falls. The Kick-off Ceremony will begin at 8:00 AM at the Seneca Niagara Casino. The Casino will provide a complimentary breakfast and a sweatshirt. The closing rally and cook out begins at noon at Hyde Park. Cleaning supplies and work gloves will be provided at no cost to all participants. Please contact the Border Community SERVICE office if you wish to join the BCS clean-up team and remember to wear your red BCS T-shirt.

On Saturday, May 6, 2006 the Niagara Falls Block Club Council, Niagara Falls Citizen Corps and Border Community SERVICE will partner to provide an **Emergency Preparedness Resource Fair**. The Resource Fair will be at The Summit



(formerly Summit Park Mall) in the area outside the Bon Ton Store. Many agencies are expected to participate with displays and demonstration. They'll begin to set up displays at 10:30 AM and the fair will concludes at 2 PM. Please join us at this special event planned to prepare families to care for their families, friends, neighbors and colleagues in the event of a disaster or emergency, whether natural or man-made. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up process, answer questions, and assist with take-down and clean up. Please contact the BCS office if you would like to help.

Local **Letter Carriers** have scheduled their **Annual Food Drive on Saturday, May 13, 2006**. Each year, the United Way and the National Association of Letter Carriers work together on the largest single one day food drive in the world. Some volunteers will follow postal carriers on their routes to help the carriers collect donated food and bring the donations back to the drop-off sites.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Border Community SERVICE is an organization of trained volunteers who agreed to provide an average of 4 hours per month of community service when they received their training. Many opportunities exist to volunteer time in your community to fulfill your commitment.

PLWW Neighborhood Clean Sweep

The Pierce, LaSalle, Whitney, and Willow Block Club Coalition will host its 8th annual neighborhood clean up event. Help is needed to clean, organize volunteers at the site, drive and run supplies between the sites, and to cook and serve the BBQ after the clean up. Please call Cheryl Proctor-Wagner at 716-804-0469 with any questions or to sign up.

Healthy Neighborhoods

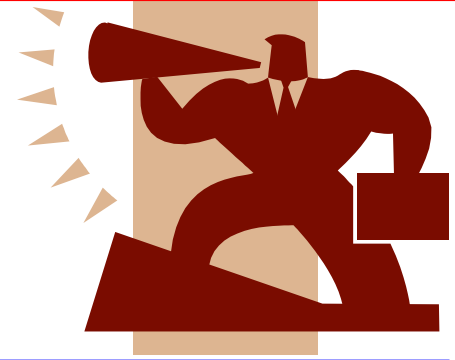
Healthy Neighborhoods is looking for volunteers to help them during weekdays from 10 AM to 4 PM. Volunteers will accompany the Healthy Neighborhoods staff who visit homes to promote healthy choices. BCS volunteers will share emergency preparedness information to the households, distribute first aid kits and assist with survey completion. For more information, please contact Gail Root of Healthy Neighborhoods at (716) 278-8292.

Local Red Cross Chapter

BCS provides training in partnership with 3 local chapters of the American Red Cross: Niagara Falls, Greater Buffalo, and the Eastern Niagara County Chapter in Lockport. Your local Red Cross Chapter needs volunteers to assist with blood drives, provide office support, train to be members of the local Disaster Assistance Program and support their work in many other ways. Please contact your local chapter if interested. If you are unsure of which Chapter is yours, please contact us.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Nola at (716) 205-0070, unless otherwise noted. If you know of any volunteer activities that would be appropriate for BCS volunteers, please contact the office.

Please maintain a log of all volunteer hours. Our office will send a reminder to report any hours accrued. Border Community SERVICE is required to report volunteer hours to our funding agency. Your cooperation with the collection of those hours is greatly appreciated.



Congratulations and Welcome to Grand Island Citizen Corps CERT Training Class Members:

Ingrid Balunis - North Tonawanda
 Timothy Balunis - N. Tonawanda
 Barbara Berry – Grand Island
 Brian Bucholtz - Grand Island
 Kelly Clark - Grand Island
 Mary Jane Clark-Wolantarski - G. I.
 Peter Connelly - Grand Island
 Charles Eberhardt - Niagara Falls
 Sheila Faura- Niagara Falls
 Caitlin Garrigues - Grand Island
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 William Higbon - Niagara Falls
 Leonard Hoffman - Niagara Falls
 Steven Kamerance - Grand Island
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 Kenneth Koch - Grand Island
 Helen LaChat - Niagara Falls
 Terrance Lynn - Niagara Falls
 Sherry McDonald - Grand Island
 Donald Minoian - Grand Island
 Peter Morelock - Grand Island
 Douglas Pluta - East Amherst
 Heather Ramsey-Bucholtz - G. I.
 Dawn Schutz - Niagara Falls
 Robert Soluri Jr. - Grand Island

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Additional volunteers will help to unload the vehicles at drop-off sites and assist with distribution of the donated goods to the many service agencies waiting on-site to accept food donations. To volunteer for the letter carriers' annual food drive, please contact the United Way of

Niagara at 716-285-8461.

Please volunteer some of your time to support these worthy causes. Your help is definitely needed! As usual, additional volunteer opportunities are listed above.

Volunteer Profile - Kenneth Quinniey

This month Kenneth Quinniey is our featured volunteer. Ken joined Border Community SERVICE last September when he participated in CERT Training at ECC-North.

Ken has invested many volunteer hours to train his work associates, to offer emergency preparedness training to many church and community organizations in Buffalo, and to promote our programs, especially CERT in many ways.

What would you like to share with us about your family?

My wife is Verlaine D. We have three children: two daughters, Verlaine O. and Nyeema, and our son Marshawn.

How have you prepared your family for an emergency?

We went over the entire community education program and established emergency meeting places. We have also established in-city and out-of-area contacts to call in an emergency and let the rest of the family know we are all safe.

What would you save from your house in an emergency such as a fire or a flood?

I have a fire safe where I keep important documents (birth certificates, doctor information, medical prescriptions, etc.). I would save that safe.

Why did you join BCS?

I am very interested in Homeland Security. I had heard about the program from a friend. I had prior safety training



and thought that this would be a good opportunity for my family and the community.

Ways I've been involved in the program:

I have completed the CERT advanced level of training. I also go out with Nancy Brennan Blundell and share the presentations with church and community organizations.

What has been your favorite part of the program so far?

Making people aware of disasters and making them aware of what could happen.

Words of Wisdom/Favorite Quote:

You can never be too safe. Some people take life for granted and don't do the simple things, such as wearing a seatbelt. In order to save someone else, you have to be prepared to save yourself.

Have your Adult CPR with AED Skills and Infant & Child CPR certifications expired?

Anyone who enrolled as a Border Community SERVICE Volunteer prior to April 1, 2005 may find that their one-year American Red Cross certification in Adult CPR with AED Skills and Infant & Child CPR has expired. We encourage you to renew your certification by attending these classes again. American Red Cross certification in "First Aid Basics" is valid for three years. It will not be necessary to repeat this training segment at this time.

As always, recertification training is available to our volunteers free of charge. Your investment is your interest and time. To determine the next available training dates, please call our office at 716 205-0070 or check either our website or the monthly newsletter for more information.

Volunteer Trainings

There is one Basic Level Training scheduled at this time. Volunteers who are still missing training components are invited to attend the missing components and complete your training. As pre-registration is required, please call 205-0070. Seats will be reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis; walk-ins can not be accommodated.

All of these classes are open to new volunteers. If you have friends, neighbors or colleagues who are interested in joining our volunteer program, please have them call the office at 716 205-0070 or enroll online at www.niagara.edu/bordercommunityservice.

Some volunteers have yet to complete the "Together We Prepare - Train the Trainer" portion of our program. This is an excellent time to do so. In addition, many of

our volunteers' certifications in Adult CPR with AED Skills and the Infant & Child CPR are expired or will soon expire. Please call the office if you are interested in renewing them to make arrangements. First Aid Basics and Together We Prepare do not need to be renewed at this time.

ARC - Niagara Falls

2079 Sawyer Road

(off Williams Road, adjacent to the

Summit Park Mall)

6 PM to 10 PM

Monday, May 15: Adult CPR with AED Skills

Thursday, May 18: Infant & Child CPR

Monday, May 22: First Aid Basics

Thursday, May 25: Together We Prepare



SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 27-28, 2006

New York State Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)

2ND ANNUAL DISASTER HUMAN SERVICES CONFERENCE

C.W. Post Campus, Long Island University § 720 Northern Boulevard § Brookville, NY 11548

This 2-day conference will target organizational leadership and disaster human services planning. A series of expert panels, workshops and facilitated discussions will be presented over the course of the conference, ending with a tabletop exercise on Wednesday afternoon. Conference agenda, workshop descriptions and registration forms will be posted on **New York State VOAD's website, www.nysvoad.com**.

Advanced Level Trainings

Future CERT Trainings are being planned for the Towns of Cambria and Amherst. They are tentatively scheduled to begin in late April/early May. Watch your email for definite dates and locations. Please share this information. All help our volunteers are able to give us in recruiting new volunteers is appreciated.

