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What's New & Noteworthy from RSVP

August 2016

RSVP's mission is to make a positive impact in the community by recruiting volunteers 55 and older to help deliver priority services to people of all ages, providing Dane County with a valuable resource.

Happenings

Triad Conference

Save the Date

RSVP Staff Changes

Triad Annual Conference: Staying Safe in an Unsafe World

Wisconsin and Dane County Triads

*invite you to attend
the Fourteenth Annual*

Crime Prevention and Safety Conference and Exposition

October 7, 2016
7:45 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

American Family Insurance Training Center
6000 American Parkway, Madison, WI

Seniors, law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services departments, human service personnel and the general public are invited to attend this important conference. Madison Police Chief Mike Koval will be the keynote speaker.

Workshops will include:

- Scams and Frauds
- Identity Theft
- Response to Active Shooter
- How Heroin Use is Affecting Seniors
- Elder Domestic Abuse

Things To Know

RSVP's office closings:

Monday, September 5 for
Labor Day.

Friday, October 7 for
the Triad Conference

Thursday, October 20 for
Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

Bus Buddy to Travel to Triad Conference!

*If you are interested in learning
how to use the Madison Metro Bus,
please join us for the last Bus
Buddy trip of the year:*

Friday, October 7
7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Triad Conference
American Family Training Center
6000 American Parkway

*For more information, contact
Diana Jost, (608) 441-1393.*

Upcoming Triad Events

West Madison:

August 24
10:00 a.m.

'How to be Prepared
in an Active Shooter Situation'
West District Police Station,
1710 McKenna Blvd., Madison

September 22
9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Free Winterization Car Check
Firestone Complete Auto Care-
West Towne Mall
7105 Mineral Point Rd., Madison
by reservation only
call Mary at 608-441-7897

- Gangs
- Getting along in a Diverse World
- and much more!

To register, click on this link to complete and submit the registration form [here](#). For more information contact Mary Stamstad, mstamstad@rsvpdane.org or 608-441-7897.



Thanks to the organizations funding this year's event:

Dane County Human Services - Area Agency on Aging
Corporation for National & Community Service
Grants and sponsorships

Volunteer Appreciation Event

Save the date for the

RSVP Volunteer Appreciation Lunch 'Peace, Love and Volunteering'



October 20, 2016
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Doubledays
4586 Baxter Rd., Cottage Grove, WI

All RSVP volunteers reporting hours between *October 1, 2015 and October 6, 2016* will be sent an invitation in September.

You don't want to miss this fun 1960s-themed event!

**If you have not submitted your hours,
please do so ASAP to ensure your invite.**



RSVP Staff Changes

Diana Jost, who has served as the Intergenerational Program Coordinator for the past three years, has accepted the position of Assistant Director.

to reserve a time.

Cottage Grove:

August 22
12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
'CarFit: Helping Mature Drivers
Find Their Perfect Fit'
Emergency Services Bldg.
4030 Hwy N, Cottage Grove
by reservation only
call Diane at 608-839-8588

September 27
10:00 a.m.

'Available Support for
People with Dementia
and their Caregivers'
Taylor Ridge

October 15
8:00 a.m.- noon

'Free Winterization Car Check'
Meinke Car Care Center
222 W. Cottage Grove Rd.
by reservation only
call Linda at 608-839-8208
to reserve a time.

October 25
10:00 a.m.

'Know Your Community:
Bring Your Questions;
Receive Important Numbers'
Taylor Ridge

November 8
10:00 a.m.

'Medicare Part D Plans'
Taylor Ridge

Verona:

August 25
12:30 p.m.

'Personal Safety'
Verona Senior Center
108 Paoli St.

September 30
8:00 a.m.-noon

'Car Check and CarFit'
Hometown Auto Clinic
700 S. Nine Mound Rd., Verona

November 16
10:00 a.m.

'How to be Prepared in an
Active Shooter Situation'
Verona Senior Center
108 Paoli St.

For more information on Triad,
contact Mary Stamstad at
608-441-7897 or

mstamstad@rsvpdane.org

or

visit www.rsvpdane.org/triad.html

Andrea Beaster, who worked as the Drivers Services Coordinator/Administrative Assistant for the past year, is serving in a combined Intergenerational/Foster Grandparent Coordinator position.

or www.triadofwisconsin.org

Debbie Bormann has joined RSVP as the new Driver Services Coordinator/Administrative Assistant. Debbie previously worked as a Donor Services Representative at American Red Cross.

Visit RSVP at Walgreens Senior Discount Days

RSVP staff distribute File of Life packets and other RSVP info at Walgreens stores each month. Stop by and enjoy the senior discount!

Tuesday, September 6

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Verona Rd., University Ave. and S. Park St. stores and
1:30-3:30 p.m. at E. Washington Ave. store

Tuesday, November 1

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Mineral Point Rd. and Cottage Grove Rd. stores

Tuesday, December 6

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at University Ave. and Raymond Rd. stores

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Active RSVP Volunteers!

Just a reminder -- RSVP is required to report volunteer hours to our funding sources. **If you have volunteer hours that you haven't reported, please send them to your RSVP Program Coordinator.**

RSVP of Dane County
517 N. Segoe Rd., Ste. 300
Madison WI 53705
608-238-7787
www.rsvpdane.org

Join Our Mailing List!

Volunteer Now!

Intergenerational Help Wanted:

All Dane County Schools Need Volunteer Tutors for Grades K-12. Volunteers will be matched 1:1 or will work with small groups of children, and the focus is primarily on literacy and math. With your help, the students will get the individualized attention they need to excel

in the classroom. Tutoring is a great way for you to share your time, stay active and make a great impact in the community!

Achievement Connections: Achievement Connections is a 1:1 tutoring program that helps high school students in Madison and Middleton Cross Plains School District improve their academic performance in algebra and geometry. Volunteers are matched one-on-one with a student to provide a strong, ongoing relationship throughout the school year.

Senior Tax Exchange Program (STEP): Volunteers tutoring in the Madison School district may be eligible to participate in the STEP Program. This program offers a property tax rebate for eligible senior volunteer tutors who serve in academic tutoring programs such as elementary, middle schools or the high school Achievement Connections Program. Qualifying volunteers will receive a credit to be used to help reduce their property tax bill.

Computer Buddies Program: Would you enjoy reading and writing emails to an elementary student during the school year? The Computer Buddies Program is a program that RSVP offers to Dane County area elementary schools. RSVP volunteers are matched with a student and correspond in a pen pal fashion weekly via electronic transmission. The correspondence provides the opportunity for students to practice their writing and computer keyboard skills while fostering a positive relationship between the generations. This is a fun way to volunteer without having to leave your home. The program does not involve a big time commitment, usually about 30 minutes a week.

This year, the Computer Buddies Program will include students in classrooms in DeForest, Oregon, Madison and Marshall elementary schools, as well as the new addition of the Madison Neighborhood House.

There are many other exciting new volunteer opportunities available this fall:

- Commonwealth Development Mock Interview Program
- Middleton Pheasant Branch Conservancy
- YWCA of Dane County
- Junior Achievement

If you are interested in any of these great volunteer opportunities, please contact Andrea Beaster at 608-441- 7894 or abeaster@rsvpdane.org.

Drivers Services

Drivers Needed to drive passengers who are seniors (60 yrs. and older) or veterans of all ages to important appointments, or to deliver meals to seniors in Dane County communities outside of Madison. You set your own schedule, no minimum hours required. RSVP provides mileage reimbursement and extra liability insurance.

If you are interested in driving:

- Seniors or delivering meals, contact Gene Kundert, gkundert@rsvpdane.org or 608-441-7896.
- Veterans of all ages, and their families, contact Tom Poppe, tpoppe@rsvpdane.org or 608-238-7901.

Community Connections

Independent Living is looking for a **volunteer receptionist** at their senior living community, The Gardens, on N. Segoe Rd. Greet residents and guests, answer phones, receive mail and deliveries, and other office tasks like filing and photocopying. Shifts are afternoons between 2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Habitat Restore needs cashiers for Thursday morning and after shifts. This is a fun and active place where folks come to buy used building material and donated furniture to support building more low income housing.

From October - December this fall, **Area Agency on Aging will be helping seniors evaluate Medicare part D drug plans** based on their current prescriptions and cost. Volunteers are needed to meet with seniors to help them understand the options. Training will be in September. Work will be done at various sites around Madison. Must have the ability to open a Webpage and enter information in response to questions and be comfortable with meeting with individuals for one hour at a time.

RSVP of Dane County, 517 N. Segoe Road, Madison, WI 53705

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