

Spring for Alexandria Community Service Day



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Spring for Alexandria is a celebration of giving of service in our community. **Volunteer Alexandria**, in partnership with the City of Alexandria, is hosting Spring for Alexandria and this year, we are celebrating the **12th Anniversary**. The Community Service Day for employees of City government, businesses and nonprofits and individuals, friends, and family members 21 and older and will take place on Friday, May 17, 2019.

The Community Service Day is a city-wide event with hundreds of volunteers like you to support nonprofit organizations and City agencies. Businesses, associations and individuals form a team, raise funds to win prizes, and volunteer on Friday, May 17 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Visit <https://www.givegab.com/campaigns/VolAlex2019CSD> to register.

The main day of Spring for Alexandria's Community Service Day will take place on Friday, May 17 and enables volunteers to contribute valuable services to the City of Alexandria while at the same time supporting Volunteer Alexandria. However, teams of volunteers made up of individuals, businesses, associations and city employees are able to pick a date convenient for them. They will spend the day providing hands-on services to nonprofits and city agencies throughout Alexandria anytime during the spring. Participants will collect pledges for their hours worked (just like a walkathon).

Who benefits from sponsorships/donations? Proceeds benefit Volunteer Alexandria's year-round programming to inspire, to aim, and mobilize volunteers. Donations make it possible for seniors to seek rewarding volunteer work; youths to find valuable community service; and the unemployed to identify volunteer work to stay involved. The generosity of businesses and individuals raising funds will help to assist all agencies in need of volunteers to deliver meals; sit with the elderly who are alone; repair homes for our veterans; read to children; foster animals; prepare lunches for the homeless; foster homeless animals; and much more. This year, one of our focus areas is working towards **ending hunger in Alexandria** and we will collaborate with the faith-based, nonprofit and business community, and volunteers to make a difference.

Volunteer Alexandria is in the business of helping Alexandrians give back to this city with their whole heart through volunteering. We are "matchmakers" who provide connections between volunteers and nonprofits or City agencies needing assistance the most. Your dollars help Volunteer Alexandria help others!

Frequently Asked Questions

What to wear?

Wear clothing you don't mind getting dirty and sturdy shoes (sneakers). No open toed shoes are allowed due to liability. If it rains, please bring a rain coat!

Who will supply the materials for this project?

Volunteer Alexandria and Project Sites will provide each project site with supplies. TCs will be notified in advance if they need to pick up the tools and supplies at Volunteer Alexandria to be taken to their site.

Will Volunteer Alexandria pay for any costs incurred by me?

Additional supplies needed, need to be addressed by the Site Supervisor before Volunteer Alexandria. However, Volunteer Alexandria is sometimes able to cover small emergency expenses that are absolutely necessary for the completion of the project incurred on the day of the activity. TCs must have the expense approved by a Volunteer Alexandria staff member prior to purchase.

What do I do when volunteers arrive late?

Prioritize the activities and start work as soon as possible. This may mean you have to shift volunteers around to get the work done. Don't start projects that you may not be able to finish. Setting goals for volunteers is often helpful in finishing work.

What do I do if there are volunteers younger than 21 on site?

Politely explain due to liability, confidentiality and safety concerns all volunteers must be 21 years of age.

Who do I call if I have questions or an emergency?

If someone is hurt call 911 first. Then make sure to inform the Site Supervisor before calling your Volunteer Alexandria staff contact to report what happened. TCs should fill out an incident report. Questions should try to be answered on site by asking the Site Supervisor. If the question cannot be answered on site, the TC, should direct the question to their Volunteer Alexandria staff contact.

What do we do if it rains?

All projects will take place rain or shine unless, otherwise instructed. Dress appropriately.

What do I do if a volunteer wants to make a donation to Volunteer Alexandria and gives it to me?

Don't take it. Please encourage them to bring it to the Happy Hour, mail it to the office at 123 N. Alfred St. Alexandria, VA 22314 or visit our website www.volunteeralexandria.org.

What if I have friends who want to volunteer at my project site?

Direct them to <https://www.givegab.com/campaigns/VolAlex2019CSD> to sign up prior to the event.