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GETTING IN GEAR TO CELEBRATE VOLUNTEERS

Mahatma Gandhi once said, “The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” Every day millions of volunteers report to their assignments whether it be for a nonprofit agency, government or other community organization. Therefore, the City of Tyler is preparing to celebrate and honor those that serve in the Volunteer Tyler program during National Volunteer Week from April 23 to 29.

According to Points of

Light, the week was established in 1974 to celebrate



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independent, nonpartisan and nonprofit organizations to encourage and empower the spirit of service. This year’s theme is “Service Unites” to capture the power of

changemakers to come together to build stronger, more vibrant communities through service.

The Volunteer Coordinator will be taking ideas from volunteers and liaisons until April 1 regarding activities for the City of Tyler’s appreciation events.

Those who would like to submit an idea can contact Yolanda Prince at (903) 531-1100 or VolunteerTyler@tylertexas.com.

SHINING STAR VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Stanley Cofer has been chosen as the Shining Star for the months of March and April. He currently volunteers at Liberty Hall where he serves at different events as an usher.

The Moore Station native has been married to his wife, Kristie, for 27 years, employed at Ingersol-Rand for 23 years and an ordained preacher for 28 years. Kristie and Stanley have four children and seven grandchildren, all whom live in Tyler. He received his Associates of Arts in Biblical Studies from Vision International University. He and others were going once a month to visit prisons throughout Texas with his empowerment ministries. Stanley is also very active in the community and serves in several organizations. He

volunteers at the East Texas Hospice and with his job during the United Way Day of Caring at the Boys and Girls Club. He even serves as a precinct chair for the Republican Party. He recently received the Chairman’s Award from the Smith County Republican Party for his community involvement

Stanley also serves as the president of the Empowerment Community Development Corporation, an organization that hosts several events throughout Tyler such as a meet and greet with the new Fire Chief, David Coble, and the new Postmaster, Folanda Woods, and a screening of the opening of the national African-American Museum. In the future, they will host a praise Fest on the Square in April, a Black Music Month Celebration in June and an appreciation day for veterans

and first responders in October. He also serves on the Neighborhood Revitalization Board.

“I love the arts and entertainment district and Downtown Tyler because it is my favorite part of the City,” Stanley stated.

Thank you for providing your community service and leadership to the City of Tyler. You are truly a shining star!



Stanley Cofer

RECIPE

Hot Cross Buns



Ingredients

- 3/4 cup warm water (110 degrees F/45 degrees C)
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon instant powdered milk
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 3/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg
- 1 egg white

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon active dry yeast
- 3/4 cup dried currants
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 teaspoons milk

Directions

1. Put warm water, butter, skim milk powder, 1/4 cup sugar, salt, egg, egg white, flour, and yeast in bread maker and start on dough program.
2. When 5 minutes of kneading are left, add currants and cinnamon. Leave in machine till double.
3. Punch down on floured surface,

- cover, and let rest 10 minutes.
4. Shape into 12 balls and place in a greased 9 x 12 inch pan. Cover and let rise in a warm place till double, about 35-40 minutes.
5. Mix egg yolk and 2 tablespoons water. Brush on balls.
6. Bake at 375 degrees F (190 degrees C) for 20 minutes. Remove from pan immediately and cool on wire rack.
7. To make crosses: mix together confectioners' sugar, vanilla, and milk. Brush an X on each cooled bun.

(Source: <http://allrecipes.com/recipe/7073/hot-cross-buns-i/?internalSource=staff%20pick&referringId=188&referringContentType=recipe%20hub&clickId=cardslot%205>)

Someone Special Awards

KTBB's "Someone Special" award winners have been announced for January and February. Recipients are recognized on radio stations 600 AM and 92.1 FM and posted at www.ktbb.com. The winners also receive a plaque from East Texas Trophy.

January Recipient:

Ashley White (Human Resources/Volunteer Tyler)

February Recipient:

Isidro Abella, Jr. (Neighborhood Services)

As you hopefully know, you are a highly valued volunteer here at the City of Tyler. We truly enjoy you helping us to meet the needs of the departments and citizens alike. Thanks for all you do!



WHY I VOLUNTEER?

“I like to sew and I like people.”

-Patricia Land,
Sewing Class Instructor
@ Tyler Public Library

More details regarding Volunteer Appreciation events coming soon!

Volunteer Opportunities

PARKS AND RECREATION

- **Special Event Assistants -Multiple Positions**
As needed; days and times will vary
- **After School Tutors and Aides**
Monday-Friday; 3:30 – 5 p.m.

MUNICIPAL COURT

- **Clerical – 1 Position**
Wednesday; anytime between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Ambassador-2 Positions**
Monday-Friday; anytime between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

TYLER PUBLIC LIBRARY

- **Book Buddy Program - Multiple Positions**
Once a week; 1– 2 hours; hours are flexible
- **Special Event Assistant - 1 Position**
As needed; days and times will vary
- **Youth (ages 12-17) - Multiple Positions**
As needed; days and times will vary

TYLER POLICE DEPARTMENT

- **Data Management - Multiple Positions**
Once a week for 2 or more hours
- **Accessible Parking Enforcement - Multiple Positions**
Schedule varies; minimum 4 hours per month
- **Fleet Services Vehicle Courier 1 Position**
Tuesday-Wednesday; 7:30 – 11:30 a.m.

VEHICLE SERVICES

- **Driver and Parts Runner - 1 Position**
Monday - Friday; up to 8 hours per week

TYLER POUNDS REGIONAL AIRPORT

- **Airport Office Assistant — 1 Position**
As needed; days and times will vary

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

- **Permit Tech/Front Counter Help - 1 Position**
As needed; days and times will vary

CITY HALL

- **Front Desk Receptionist – 1 Position**
Monday–Friday; 11 a.m.– 12 p.m. each day
- **City Hall Special Projects – Multiple Positions**
As needed; days and times will vary

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- **IT Specialist - Special Project - 1-2 Positions**
As needed; days and times will vary

LIBERTY HALL

- **Hospitality Liaison - 2-3 Positions**
As needed day of the performance
- **Marketing & Special Events - 4-5 Positions**
As needed for each show

SOLID WASTE

- **Recycle Coordinator - 1 Position**
As needed for each event

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

- **Administrative Assistant - 1-2 Positions**
Monday, Wednesday and Friday; anytime between 8 a.m. –5 p.m.

FIRE

- **Administrative Assistant - 1-2 Positions**
Monday–Friday; anytime between 8 a.m.– 5 p.m.

TRANSIT

- **Mobility Specialist - 1 Position**
Monday-Friday; s needed; days and times will vary

UPCOMING EVENTS

Several City of Tyler departments are seeking volunteers to assist with events. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator for these and many other opportunities at (903) 531-1100 or VolunteerTyler@tylertexas.com.

April 12, City of Tyler Health/Benefits Fair Setup, Harvey Convention Center, 1-5 p.m.

April 13, City of Tyler Health/Benefits Fair, Harvey Convention Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

April 13, 16th Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Lindsey Park, 6-9 p.m.

July 22-23, Repair Café, Tyler Public Library, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and 1-4:30 p.m.

NEW VOLUNTEERS

Monique Johnson: Human Resources/Volunteer Tyler
Patricia Land: Tyler Public Library
Jan Miller: Human Resources/Volunteer Tyler
Robert Parks: Parks and Recreation
Linda R. Smith: Tyler Public Library
Monica D. Taylor: Transit
Dru Wahl-Crenshaw: Parks and Recreation
Kim Wallace: Tyler Public Library
Kathi Williams: Municipal Court

NEW YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Angely Bernal: Tyler Public Library
Aaliyah Broyles: Tyler Public Library
Meera Cangasami: Tyler Public Library
Teigan Edwards: Tyler Public Library
Sofia Kamran: Tyler Public Library
Caleb Morrow: Tyler Public Library
Jarrett Polk: Tyler Public Library
Rene Rentera: Tyler Public Library
Brenna Stefanides: Tyler Public Library
Breanna Whitaker: Tyler Public Library

Brain Teaser

Spring Cleaning Day

Spring has arrived and Julia has the cleaning bug. The day was so warm and sunny she just couldn't help herself. It was spring-cleaning time! She dusted and washed, moved furniture, shook out rugs, scrubbed windows, and waxed woodwork. She got into a routine where she would clean two rooms, then take a break, then she'd clean two more rooms, and then take a break, until she was done (the start times were every two hours from 9:00AM to 7:00PM). By the end of the day, she was exhausted...but the house sparkled with cleanliness! Determine what time she started working in each room (one room was the bedroom) and how long it took her to clean each room (one room took 1-1/2 hours).

1. The first two rooms she cleaned did not include the living room.
2. The kitchen was cleaned at 3:00PM, but it didn't take her 1-3/4 hours.
3. The last room took her 1-1/4 hours to clean, but it wasn't the bathroom.
4. The dining room only took her one hour to clean.
5. At 9:00AM, the room she tackled took her 1-3/4 hours to clean. The kitchen took her longer to clean than the bathroom.
6. The last two rooms she cleaned, in no particular order, were the playroom and the bathroom.

((<http://www.puzzles.com/Projects/LogicProblems/SpringCleaningDay.htm>))

Volunteers send your answer by April 1 to Yolanda Prince at
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