



Community Service News
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Go Green Notes...

DID YOU KNOW...

...that Virginia's second annual sales tax holiday on energy efficient products will take place October 10-13, 2008. During this year's holiday, high-efficiency products with ENERGY STAR or WaterSense certification will be exempt from sales tax. These products include energy efficient products such as compact fluorescent light bulbs, ceiling fans, clothes washers, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, programmable thermostats, refrigerators and room air conditioners, and water efficient products such as certain toilets and faucets.

WEB SITES TO NOTE

<http://www.wvec.com/green/ecycling.html>, highlights local electronics recycling event
http://www.idealbite.com/tiplibrary/archives/tag_team_alternative_energy_week, features info on carbon offsets

***UPCOMING SERVICE ACTIVITIES...**

(Scroll down for details. To volunteer, sign up in the Office of Community Service or reply to this email. You will receive confirmation of your request closer to the project date. Thank you.)

Fall 2008

Mondays: CKI (Circle K) meetings, 4:30, Pearce Hosp. Ste.

Mondays: Neighborhood Tutoring, 3:30, Heritage UMC

Mondays: Mindful Marlins at Seton House, 4:30

Every Tuesday and Thursday: Marlin2Marlin at Bayside High, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Every other Wednesday: Cooking for Kids, 6:30, Kitchen

Every Thursday, Oct. 2-Nov. 20: Triple E, 6-8 p.m., Williams Elementary

Every Friday, starting Oct. 17: Marlins Read at Diamond Springs ES, 12-2 p.m.

Saturdays thru Oct. 11, Children's Spanish Reading Hour, 11 a.m., Norfolk

Oct. 4, Wesleyan Walks: Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Oct. 6, Neighborhood Tutoring

Oct. 8, Cooking for Kids

Oct. 9, SOC: Triple E--Tutor Elementary School Children

Oct. 11, Children's Spanish Reading Hour

Oct. 11, Wesleyan Walks: Walk to Cure Diabetes

- Oct. 12, Wesleyan Walks: Crop Walk
- Oct. 13, Neighborhood Tutoring
- Oct. 16, SOC: Triple E--Tutor Elementary School Children
- Oct. 17, Marlins Read at Diamond Springs Elementary School
- Oct. 17, Visit Green Alternatives Store in Ghent
- Oct. 18, *Last* Children's Spanish Reading Hour
- Oct. 18, CKI: Volunteer at the Norfolk SPCA
- Oct. 19, SOC: Tidewater AIDS Crisis Taskforce at GBLT Festival
- Oct. 20, Neighborhood Tutoring
- Oct. 21, Cast your absentee ballot in person
- Oct. 22, Campus Sustainability Day
- Oct. 22, Cooking for Kids
- Oct. 23, Shelter Management Meeting
- Oct. 24, Marlins Read at Diamond Springs Elementary School
- Oct. 25, Wesleyan Walks: 50 Million Pound Cure, Children's Hospital
- Oct. 25, SOC: Norfolk SPCA Annual Dog Walk
- Oct. 25, CKI: Northampton Blvd Clean Up
- Oct. 27, Neighborhood Tutoring
- Oct. 30, SOC: Triple E—Tutoring Elementary School Children
- Oct. 31, Marlins Read at Diamond Springs Elementary School

***MARK YOUR CALENDAR...**

- Nov. 6, 1st Blood Drive
- Jan. 2-23, Winter Session: Service in a Global Context--Ghana
- Jan. 4-11, Winter Homeless Shelter
- Feb. 17, 2nd Blood Drive
- Feb. 28, Special Olympics Basketball Tournament
- March 28, Spring Marlins Make a Difference Day
- April 22, *Last* Blood Drive
- April 24, Relay for Life

*For the most up-to-date service calendar info, check www.vwc.edu/service

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WINTER HOMELESS SHELTER (Jan. 4-11, 2009)

Volunteer recruitment and supply drive starts NOW!

The volunteer recruitment and supply drive for Virginia Wesleyan's third annual Winter Homeless Shelter, to be held on campus Jan. 4-11, is underway.

VOLUNTEERS: Students and members of the faculty and staff can begin signing up for specific volunteer shifts in the Office of Community Service after Fall Break. The number of volunteers for each shift will be kept to a minimum this year to ensure a quality service experience. So, sign up early. More than 150 individuals are needed throughout the week. Shifts are offered between 5 p.m. and 7 a.m. daily to deliver the dinner meal, engage in social activities and staff the overnight for approximately 70 guests nightly. Our guests arrive via Portsmouth Volunteers for the Homeless, a non-profit organization serving the needs of homeless adults in Portsmouth.

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MEALS: The Southeastern Virginia Foodbank provides food for our shelter, however, the Foodbank is having a hard time meeting the growing need for food in Hampton Roads. So, this year, we'd like to provide two evening meals with donations from our campus community. As the menus are planned later this month, a separate announcement will be made about our need for food donations.

SUPPLIES: The list of needed supplies is attached. In addition to the travel-sized toiletries, new socks and underwear, items new to the list include: African-American women's haircare products, reading glasses, new or gently used folders to hold resumes, and batteries (AA, AAA).

SHELTER MANAGEMENT: A special Thank You to the 2009 Shelter Management Team--Ashley Roland (Resource Acquisition and PR), Cassie Allison (Food), Mallori King (Volunteers), Kathy Stolley (Partner Relations), Diane Hotaling (Operations), Kirk Jeter (Utility Player), and understudies JC Caldwell, Jeremy Gorman and Brad Jones.

The next meeting of the Shelter Management Team will include campus support staffs from across campus. The meeting will be Oct. 23 at 4:30 in the Pearce Hospitality Suite. Any member of the campus interested in shelter operations is invited to attend.

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ON THE CALENDAR...

ELECTION 2008—VOTE!!!

...**Oct. 16, *Election 2008: What's At Stake*** continues on Thursdays in October from 11:00-11:50 in the East Boyd Dining Center. All lectures are free and open to the public. Sponsored by VWC Honor Societies. Any questions, call 455-3406.

Oct. 2, "Three Perspectives on the Environment: What's at Stake?"

Oct. 16, "Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration: What's at Stake?"

Oct. 30, "The Economy, Taxes, and Income Distribution: What's at Stake?"

VIRGINIANS, CAST YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT IN PERSON, Oct. 21

If you are a Virginia resident and you will NOT be at home on Election Day (Nov. 4), you can vote your absentee ballot in person locally. On Oct. 21, you are invited to accompany the Director of Community Service to the Virginia Beach Voter Registrar's Office at 11 a.m. to cast your ballot. To reserve your spot, reply to this email.

HISPANIC OUTREACH

The Spanish Honor Society Sigma Delta Pi continues outreach programs to the area Hispanic community. For more information about these projects, contact President Vanessa Botsford at ymbotsford@vwc.edu.

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...**Saturdays, Sept. 13-Oct. 15, *Children's Spanish Reading Hour at the Kirn Memorial Library*** in Norfolk near MacArthur Mall for one hour beginning at 11 a.m.

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...**Wednesdays, Oct. 1-Nov. 19, *Brick by Brick: Build a Foundation*** is a volunteer effort to teach English as a second language to a small group of Spanish-speaking citizens. The class goes from 5 until 7 p.m. in Blocker 213. To learn more, contact Sarah Tytler, slytler@vwc.edu.

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VOLUNTEERING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

The Office of Community Service offers numerous opportunities to volunteer in our public schools near to campus. Check out these offerings!

...**Neighborhood Tutoring** continues on Mondays at Heritage United Methodist Church on Baker Road adjacent to the Wesleyan softball and baseball fields. Sessions go from 3:30-5:30 each week. No experience necessary, just a big heart for helping kids achieve. This student-led program is in its 12th year providing homework help and educational games to elementary school children. For more information, contact Program Director Ashley Roland at aeroland@vwc.edu.

...**Marlin2Marlin: A Partnership with Bayside High School**—Be a tutor and a mentor to young adults in this after-school academic program on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30-4:30. Additionally, work with these college-bound students to plan a visit to campus in the fall and again in the spring. You could be the difference that sets these students on the path to success! For more information, contact Program Coordinator Carmen Dawkins at cjdawkins@vwc.edu.

...**SOC: Triple E on Thursdays—Eagles Excel in Education, Thursdays, 6 to 8 p.m.**, is a parental involvement-academic enrichment-recreational program for families in the school to emphasize the importance of the evening meal together and the parents role as first teacher to these children. To volunteer for this eight-week program, contact Antwanna Baker, akbaker@vwc.edu.

...**Marlins Read at Diamond Springs Elementary School**—Help kindergartners and first graders develop a love for reading in this one-on-one program at their school, Fridays, Noon until 2. Express your interest by contacting Program Coordinator Leon Spinner at ltspinner@vwc.edu.

...**Tennis Clinic with Bayside Middle School Students**—Marlin Tennis Player Imee Bautista is offering a free tennis clinic to Bayside Middle School kids at Virginia Wesleyan College on Saturdays in October. To help, contact Imee at iqbautista@vwc.edu.

CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY

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Welcome to the College's new Campus Sustainability and Energy Director Kerry Brackett. Sean Westrom, the Recycle Coordinator for the Office of Community Service, will work with Kerry to maintain a consistent presence for recycling on campus, educating and inspiring students to participate in sustainable practices that reduce the college's carbon footprint. Stay tuned for a series of events leading up to the spring launch of Recyclemania, a national competition among colleges and universities, beginning with an observance of Campus Sustainability Day on Oct. 22.

Oct. 17, Develop and earth-friendly lifestyle. Visit Green Alternatives Store in Ghent. This store carries a variety of earth-friendly products and can connect you to area resources that promote sustainability. Join us for a fieldtrip to the store at 5 p.m. To reserve your seat on the van, reply to this email. Go to www.greenalterantivesstore.com to find out more.

OTHER STUFF...

Sponsored by SOC

...**Oct. 19**, join SOC Health and the Elderly to volunteer with Tidewater AIDS Crisis Taskforce to survey young people, pass out safe sex kits and assist with testing at the GLBT Festival at Chesapeake City Park. Contact Coordinator Kathy Kern (kckern@vwc.edu) to help.

...**Oct. 24**, join SOC Animals and the Environment to assist event staff at the 27th Annual Norfolk SPCA Dog Walk at Stockely Gardens in Ghent. Contact Coordinator Danielle Agliardo (dcaqliardo@vwc.edu) to help.

WESLEYAN WALKS

... For more information, contact Keianna at kmsimon@vwc.edu. Limited transportation is provided.

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CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL...

...Circle K meets every Monday at 4:30 p.m. in the Pearce Hospitality Suite. All are welcome to attend to learn more about this service organization.

...For more information about Circle K, write circlek@vwc.edu or Club President Eric Miller at ermiller@vwc.edu

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INTERNATIONAL...

...To learn more, write to Leslyn Shaw at lashaw@vwc.edu.

RELAY FOR LIFE...

...For more information about Relay events, contact Katie Zitz at khzitz@vwc.edu.

WESLEYAN WALKS...

...For more information about this club, contact Keianna Simon at kmsimon@vwc.edu.

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NEW!! WESLEYAN PATHFINDERS...

...This club is dedicated to maintaining the Wesleyan trail system on campus. For more information about meetings and participating in service projects, email President John Burkard at jcburkhard@vwc.edu

NEW!! OPTIMISTS CLUB

Contact Coach Fran Amasia (famasia@vwc.edu) in Athletics for more information.

CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS...

(To sign up for any of the following opportunities, contact the person noted.)

...**VOLUNTEER TO CHEER AT SPECIAL OLYMPIC VIRGINIA'S** second largest statewide competition, Fall Championships. Nov. 1-2, more than 800 athletes from across Virginia will go for the gold in bowling, golf, bocce, soccer, roller skating and volleyball. Visit www.volunteer2cheer.com today and help us reach our goal of 2,000 fan-at-ics at this year's Championships! Sign up on line.

...**BAY LAKE RETIREMENT CENTER** seeks volunteers to help set up and break down a haunted house for the residents on Oct. 30. The event starts at 6 pm and should be over no later than 8:30. The activity coordinator would like people to be there as early as 2 pm to help set up. Email Kathy Kern to help: kckern@vwc.edu.

...**BAYLAKE RETIREMENT CENTER** is also looking for a male who is willing to devote an hour of his time once or twice a week to spend time with a male resident who is in the beginning stages of dementia, is very intelligent, and is looking for someone to talk to. Email Kathy Kern to help: kckern@vwc.edu.

...**BRIGHTON GARDENS SENIOR LIVING** seeks student volunteers to conduct art sessions once a month with the residents or teach on a variety of subjects. Interested students should call Fredrinka Ivubor at 499-4800.

...**PLAY BINGO AT HAMPTON VETERANS AFFAIRS HOSPITAL**, Nov. 9, 130-3. Contact Katie Morris for more information, kemorris@vwc.edu.

KUDOS to...

...**Mindful Marlins** volunteers: Sarah Sasen, Kat Cooke, Sarah Tytler.

...**Cooking for Kids** volunteers: (Sept. 10) Allyson Eates, Deirdre White, Paula Woodson, Ashlee Haislip, Shannon Sabo, Alexandria Woodley, Briana Howell, La'tanya White, Ra'Neta Oliver, and Sequoia Holton; (Sept. 24) Briana Howell, Shytiara Sumner, Ra'Neta Oliver, DiTanya White, Eleen DeLaCruz, Ashley Roland, Ryan Gillespie, Devin Cowhey, Brian Conner, JR Ennis, Ashley Ladyman, Leah Hammond, Ashlee Haislip, Elizabeth Maxwell, Brad Jones, and Sydneigh White

...**Tidewater Fibre Recycling Plant Tour (Sept. 12)** attendees: Ashlee Haislip, Majora Gooden, Tina Martin, Keith Moore, Rufus Beach, Addie Williams, Greg Caple, Keianna Simon, Tricia Wilhelm, Matt Ryan, Melinda Hopper.



...**Norfolk Animal Care Center (SOC, Sept. 13)** volunteers: Christine Dawe, Kimberly Reibold, Pamela McCray, Hannah O'Boyle, Caitlin Mattson, Tunisha Tate, Meagan Storey.

...**Neighborhood Tutoring** volunteers: (Sept. 15) Aimee Sraver, Kasey Marchwicki, Christy Northam, Ina Solms, Heather Templeten, Charlie Swift, Caitlin Donlan, R.P. Patillo; (Sept. 22) Marchwicki, Northam, Sraver, Patillo, Mal King, Solms; (Sept. 29) Marchwicki, Isabelle Wills, Sequoia Holton, Ashley Sales, Northam, Patillo, King, Solms, Eric Miller, Michelle Neunzig, Ashlee Edwards, Korinda Rusinyak, Cassie Allen, Alan Gurdal.

...**Tidewater AIDS Crisis Taskforce Testing (SOC, Park Place Shops, Sept. 17)**, Mal King, Ebonie Toppin, Melissa Stevenson, Kathy Kern.

...**Marlins Make a Difference Day (Sept. 27)** volunteers: (REACH at YWCA Shelter) Majroa Gooden, Kat Cooke, Ebonie Toppin, Katie Zitz, Ashley Roland, JR Ennis, Carmen Dawkins, Patty Clark, Bryan Conner, Mal King; (Boys and Girls Club, Rosemont Unit) Daniel Lewis, Tara Swann, Kempner Jones, Antwanna Baker, Abby Horton, Rachael Allen, Browyn Sciance; (Five Points Community Farm Market) Rachel Gordon, Megan Rowley, Ashley Downey, Cait Barth, Melinda Hopper, Ashley Moore, Leslyn Shaw; (Heritage Hall Nursing Home) Edwina Harleyson, Tracette Mosley, Catherine Jacox, Brittany Jackman, Dominique Fowler, Leon Spinner, Sydneigh White, Brad Jones, Tamara Ritter; (Norfolk Animal Care Center) Sean Westrom, Llynette Lancaster, Ina Ruiz, Sheena Hill, Dana burrows, CJ Caldwell, Kimberly Reibold, Amber King, Caitlin Mattson, and Shelby Dorsey.

...**Wesleyan Walks** volunteers: Out of the Darkness Walk (Sept. 13) Keianna Simon, Briana Howell, Daniel Lewis; Sickle Cell Walk (Sept. 20)--Keianna Simon, Tiaira Norman, Kristen Butts, Tamara Ritter, Briana Howell, Paula Woodson, Antwanna Baker, Alexcia Calloway

2008-09 Office Staff

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Neighborhood Tutoring -Ashley E. Roland

Marlins Read at Diamond Springs-Leon T. Spinner

Marlin2Marlin-Carmen J. Dawkins

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Hunger and Homelessness Keianna M. Simon

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