



City of San Antonio Volunteer Newsletter



City Volunteers Assist with Spurs Celebration

Congratulations to entire City of San Antonio Team who helped with a great celebration for the 2014 NBA Champions - the San Antonio Spurs! The celebration on June 18 was pulled together by the following departments that ensured a successful event:

- Center City Development and Operations Department
- San Antonio Police Department
- San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Convention Center and Sports Facilities/Alamodome
- Park Police
- City Manager's Office
- Communications and Public Affairs Department
- San Antonio Fire Department
- Department for Culture and Creative Development
- Transportation & Capital Improvements
- Emergency Operations Center

Great job in making San Antonio look fantastic.. And a special thank you to all the City of San Antonio Employee Volunteers. The volunteers were gracious hosts in their respectively assigned venues and facilities. We appreciate your time and contributions in staffing each of the areas for the community celebration. Through your efforts, the City organization exhibited its Core Values – Teamwork, Integrity, Innovation, and Professionalism while demonstrating excellence in our work. Thank you for assisting with this event and your commitment to public service. Go Spurs Go!

Sincerely,

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Volunteer Highlights

Parks and Recreation Trail Watch Volunteers

Trail Watch volunteers work to spread the word about trail safety and etiquette along the Howard W. Peak Greenway system. After attending an orientation session where they learn about park safety, they volunteer a minimum of four hours a month. That's dedication!



Each Trail Watch volunteer wears a bright yellow vest and carries a bike pump, tire patches, safety flyers and a first aid kit along with them as they bike, walk and run along the trails. These volunteers love their park trails and are committed to making them safe for all users.

The first "class" of Trail Watch Volunteers as of June 2014: Robert Armstrong, Michelle Geyer, Frank Trevino, Amy Hamrick, Erica Cornejo, Jeff Moore, Marian Osborn, Stephen Osborn, Marika Misangyi, Gina Anderson, Eddie Banks, Holley Banks, Fernando Gonzalez, Randy Cisneros

We want to thank these volunteers for making our trails safer one (s)mile at a time!

Volunteer Highlights Continued...

San Antonio Public Library Volunteer—Mike Langford

Mike Langford has volunteered with the library since May 2011 and he quickly made himself indispensable to Central Reference staff. He is the perfect volunteer because he is enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and always researching ways to make the library better. For example, we assigned him the task of book repair. Staff taught him the basics, but Mike took book repair lessons one step further. He researched book repair and found a Book Guild worker in town and arranged for lessons in advanced book repair and materials. He has become a talented book worker who has singlehandedly repaired hundreds of beautiful and irreplaceable art books. The Southwest School of Art book collection would be less thorough without Mike's work. Having worked in the HR field makes his skills put to good use and is available weekly for one-on-one resume assistance on Wednesday afternoons. Last year he facilitated the San Antonio Public Library Job Club. Mike is always ready to tackle whatever challenge we throw at him.



Animal Care Services Volunteer—Johann Santizo

Johann Santizo has only been volunteering since February, but she has already volunteered over 160 hours at Animal Care Services. Johann is here almost every day and has helped in the vet clinic, kennels, adoptions, dog bathing and wherever we need a little extra help. She is friendly to everyone here - staff and the public and her passion for helping animals really shows in everything she does. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our animals Johann!



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Friday July 25th—Graffiti Abatement in District 7

Graffiti Abatement at Mainland and Tezel (drainage channel) starting at 9:30am. At least 20 volunteers are needed for this project. To sign up, please contact Roman Hlatky at (210) 207-0870 or roman.hlatky@sanantonio.gov

Saturday August 23rd—St. Mary's University Continuing the Heritage Day

A call for volunteers! The City of San Antonio will be participating in this year's Continuing the Heritage Day at St. Mary's University on August 23rd. Our projects include beautifying the pocket parks near the St. Mary's University campus, as well as graffiti abatement in the surrounding neighborhoods. For more information about this event, please contact Melissa Escamilla at (210) 207-8178 or melissa.escamilla@sanantonio.gov

For more information about the City of San Antonio's Volunteer Program, visit us at: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/commpa/Volunteer.aspx>