

June 2019



Volunteer Newsletter

Volunteer Opportunities

Dear Volunteer,

June marks the official start of summer and a season of so many wonderful opportunities. Read below to see how you can continue to be involved in your community. Thank you so much for everything you do!

Welcome to the Eras Team, New Volunteers!

Thank you for giving your time to help support seniors and adults with disabilities in Waukesha County! The impact of your gift will be felt by all that you serve.

Brianna Lee
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Richard Cieslak
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Thank You Spring Yard Clean Up Volunteers

Eras Senior Network would like to send a huge thank you to all of our Spring Yard Clean Up Volunteers. Your time and effort allows many seniors and adults with disabilities to remain living independently in their home of choice. Thank you for taking the time to help those in your community.

There are still a number of clients who are looking for help with their yards. It's never too late to get involved! Contact Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or MarisaS@ErasWaukesha.org to learn more.



Volunteer Needs

Summer Lawn Mowing: Help a senior maintain their yard by volunteering to provide lawn mowing services. This opportunity is flexible around your schedule and dependent on how fast the grass grows! Volunteer individually or gather a group and take turns mowing a client's lawn throughout the season. Contact Marisa at (262) 522-2402 or MarisaS@ErasWaukesha.org to learn more.

Friendly Visiting Opportunities: We currently have two Eras Senior Network clients looking to be matched with a Friendly Visitor. Be a friend to a senior or an adult with a disability who is isolated and looking for someone to talk to. Opportunities are available to visit with clients on an ongoing basis. Please see the attached document to read more about the clients and their interests. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, contact Judith at (262) 522-2411 or JudithA@ErasWaukesha.org.

Kitchen and Bedroom Painting: A client in Waukesha is looking for a volunteer to help finish removing wallpaper in her kitchen and bedroom. She is also looking for those walls to be primed and painted. If you are interested in this project, contact Spring at (262) 522-2407 or SpringK@ErasWaukesha.org.

Ceiling Painting: A client in Muskego is looking for a volunteer to help paint their living room ceiling. If you are interested in this project, contact Spring at (262) 522-2407 or SpringK@ErasWaukesha.org.

Dryer Vent Cleaned: A client in Waukesha is looking for help cleaning out her dryer vent. If you are interested in this project, contact Spring at (262) 522-2407 or SpringK@ErasWaukesha.org.

Share Your Thoughts Tuesday, June 11th

Eras began operating the Milwaukee Neighborhood Outreach Program Initiative in April, following the closure of the agency previously operating the program. The Board of Eras is hosting listening sessions in Milwaukee County and Waukesha County to learn what the community feels is important for this program. Click [here](#) to learn more about the initiative.

About the Listening Session:

Milwaukee County's population of older adults age 60+ is the largest in the state. By 2040, the number of older adults will increase by 30% to 176,000 individuals, including nearly 30,000 individuals age 85 years and older. Many of these older adults rely on their local communities for support – how will we respond to these growing numbers of older adults?



Who should attend: Older adults, volunteers, congregation members, concerned citizens, and representatives from organizations serving older adults.

How: Register to attend our Waukesha County listening session on Tuesday, June 11th or share your thoughts by completing our survey.

- Held at Eras Senior Network from 6:30 to 8:00pm
2607 N. Grandview Blvd Suite 150 Waukesha, WI 53188
- A professional facilitator will guide attendees through questions and activities related to services needed by older adults and how to best provide those services in the future

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Click [here](#) to register or call (414) 488-6500. Click [here](#) to take the survey now.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us!

Eras Senior Network Open House and Volunteer Celebration Event

Join us
**Sunday,
July 21st!**



Join Us for Our Open House & Volunteer Celebration Event

Sunday, July 21st, 2019 from 12:00 to 3:00pm

Come tour our new space, learn about the new and ongoing programs of Eras, and meet our staff and board of directors. We will also be celebrating our volunteers for their tremendous service to the community.

Refreshments will be served under a tent in the East Parking Lot. Guests are welcome!

Register at ErasWaukesha.org or by calling (262) 522-2409.

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Look for a special postcard invitation arriving in the mail soon. If you are able to attend please register for Sunday's event [here](#). If you are unable to attend, we will also be hosting an Open House on Tuesday, July 23rd. You are welcome to attend either or both events! Register for Tuesday's event [here](#).

Volunteer with the Waukesha County Historical Society & Museum

Volunteers are an integral part of the Waukesha County Historical Society & Museum (WCHSM) and assist in all areas of the historical society's operations. All needed information and training is provided and schedules are flexible. Volunteer for their Hands on History events this summer, or as a general volunteer throughout the year.



Special Event Volunteer Opportunity

- **Hands on History:** Bring history alive for learners of all ages as you present crafts, activities, and/or lead demonstrations. Drawing on the Education Collection and Exhibit Kits from the Intergenerational Heritage Fair, there are more than 20 topics to choose from. This is a great opportunity to engage with community members and create a fun learning environment for the next generation of history makers and preservationists. (Sign up for one or more Saturday this summer, 11:00am-2:00pm)

General Volunteer Opportunities

- **Docents & Researchers:** Work with the Education Coordinator to provide programs to groups visiting the museum and/or providing offsite programs at area organizations throughout the county.
- **Archive & Collections:** Ensure the safe and responsible stewardship of archival and artifact collections.
- **Greeters:** Welcome guests to the historical society & museum, take admission fees, and oversee daily gift shop sales.
- **Special Events:** Work with staff in planning, organizing, and executing adult and family friendly special events to get the community involved with the WCHSM. Special events help to create a positive and memorable experience for our patrons and reach out to a larger group of people.
- **Volunteer Services:** Work with department staff to train, assign, and oversee volunteers striving to ensure rewarding and fulfilling experiences for all volunteers.

Check out their [website](#) or the attached brochures for more details. Contact Corinn with interest or any questions at (262) 522-2403 or CorinnM@ErasWaukesha.org.

Volunteer with the Waukesha Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department

Summer is fast approaching and the Waukesha Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department has a lot of great volunteer opportunities. Check out their [website](#) or the attached brochure on how to get involved in your community.



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Contact April with any questions at (262) 524-3709 or adethloff@waukesha-wi.gov.

Participate in a Survey about the Attitudes surrounding Dementia

Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI) recently commissioned the London School of Economics and Political Science to create the world's largest survey on people's attitudes around dementia, which will form the basis for the World Alzheimer Report 2019, to be released in September.

The survey is fully anonymous, accessible and available both online and offline in multiple languages. It only takes about 10 minutes to complete, the questions are predominantly multiple choice and targeted to four key sociodemographic groups:

- the general public
- health and care professionals
- people living with dementia
- caregivers of people with dementia

If you are interested, please [complete the survey](#) and/or share the link with others who may be interested. Information about the survey is also attached for your reference.

Participate in a Survey about Wisconsin Family Caregivers

Are you a family caregiver caring for a loved one or close friend? If so, the Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance (WFACSA) wants to hear about your experiences - and you could win a \$100 Visa gift card from Ascension for your participation!

A new statewide survey of Wisconsin family caregivers wants to know how you find and utilize resources to help you care for your loved one. A few minutes of your time helps state and other caregiver support agencies make it easier for family caregivers to learn about and access supportive services that helps them care for a loved one.

WFACSA works on direct programs to support caregivers and informs public policy on whether or not you can find what you need to care for your loved one; if there are adequate resources available to meet your needs; and what barriers are keeping you from receiving the information and resources you need. Once the survey results are compiled and analyzed, the findings will be made public. All individual results will remain anonymous and grouped together so no individual responses are identifiable.

This survey takes 10-15 minutes to complete and can be completed anonymously (gift card drawing uses a separate entry). If you are interested, please [complete the survey](#) and/or share the link with others who may be interested.

Have you submitted your hours?

Help us each month by reporting your hours. It's one of the ways we stay funded! Submit your hours on our [website](#) OR [email](#) them to us!

**Pen Pals and School Tutors don't need to submit hours. They are tracked by letters written and sign in sheets. If you have questions about submitting hours please [contact us](#).





Attachments

 Friendly Visiting Opportunities (June).pdf	1K
 WCHSM Hands on History.pdf	1K
 WCHSM General Volunteer Opportunities.pdf	1K
 WPRF Summer Volunteer Opportunities.pdf	1K
 ADI Attitudes Survey Information Sheet.pdf	1K
