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Eras Senior Network

Volunteer Newsletter

Dear Volunteer,

While National Volunteer Week was a couple weeks ago, we still would like to send a huge thank you to all of our volunteers. During this time we have been able to rely on you to provide the necessary services to our clients and help us find new ways to connect with members of our community. Thank you for all that you do! Eras Senior Network would not be able to accomplish all that we do, without the support from our dedicated volunteers.

Welcome to the Eras Team, New Volunteers!

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

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Volunteer Needs

Spring Yard Clean Up

Every year Eras Senior Network provides outdoor chore services to help prepare our clients' yards for the coming season. There are a number of clients in Milwaukee County who are still in need of Spring Yard Clean Up. Services include: raking winter debris, cleaning first floor gutters, washing windows, weeding, installing screens on windows, trimming bushes, and placing lawn furniture in yards. While the Safer at Home Order is still in effect, services coordinated by Eras Senior Network have been deemed an essential business organization. Volunteers are able to start completing the work at their assigned yards whenever it makes sense for you.

In order to protect our clients and volunteers, we have made some adjustments to the size of volunteer groups this year. Please read the following document which details our updated information on how the program will be running this year: Spring Yard Clean Up - Questions & Answers.

If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to Suzy at (414) 488-6930 or Suzanne.Endres@MilwaukeeNOP.org.
Lawn Mowing

Clients throughout Milwaukee County are in need of lawn care this summer. Volunteer to be matched with a client and help them mow their lawn throughout the season. This opportunity is flexible around your schedule and dependent on how fast the grass grows! At the beginning of the summer Eras will match interested volunteers with one (or more) of our clients. Throughout the season volunteers are expected to stop over when the senior’s lawn needs cutting. Groups can also participate in this opportunity and take turns mowing the client’s lawn throughout the season.

If you are interested and able to help, please contact Sophia at (414) 488-6930 or Sophia.Franklin@Eras.org.

Card Decorating

Eras Senior Network is working on printing a selection of birthday and holiday cards that will be mailed out to clients throughout the year. We are looking for volunteers to take cards home, decorate them, and return them to Eras. We are still working on the specifics of the program, but if you are interested in helping, please reach out to Becca at (262) 522-2409 or Becca.Snow@ErasWauesha.org. We will start by getting a list of interested volunteers together, and reach out to you soon with steps on how to pick up the cards.

Community Resources

Cloth Face Coverings: how to make, donate, and obtain one

The CDC recommends wearing a fabric face covering while in public spaces, and some stores and medical centers are now requiring guests to wear one (see details on CDC guidelines here). We have received questions from volunteers and clients about how to make, donate, or obtain a mask.

**Making a Mask:** We invite you to watch our [short video tutorial](#) on how to make a simple face covering using items from your home.

**Donating a Mask:** If you are already making masks and looking for places to donate, we would be happy to help distribute those to our clients and volunteers.

**Obtaining a Mask:** If you are in need of a face covering, we have a limited supply of bandanas, a selection of disposable face masks, and have ordered a number of reusable cloth masks. If you are in need of a mask, we’ll be happy to provide you with one while supplies last.

Please reach out to us by calling (262) 549-3348 or email us at Info@ErasWaukesha.org.

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