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**Caring & Connecting During COVID-19 How You Can Help!**

Summer has arrived and our wonderful city is quickly opening up. It's time to get your sunscreen and bug repellent ready!

We hope you are well and eager for some outdoor volunteer opportunities. Several are included in this newsletter along with other indoor options.

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If you missed our recent Volunteering is Ageless event you can review it soon on our website. Volunteers of all ages are needed and you can learn more about volunteering at these partner agencies:

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If you need more ideas, contact us at 212 889-4805, to schedule a free personal consultation with one of our interviewers. Or go to our website to see previous newsletters and events at <https://volunteer-referral.com/media-press-room/>

Please consider supporting us to help ensure that VRC continues to perform its vital role as a volunteer pipeline, connecting and counseling individuals and groups who want to serve, with our more than 300 partner agencies.

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# Prospect Park Alliance



The Alliance employs a professional staff of horticulturalists, maintenance workers, arborists, ecologists, educators, volunteer coordinators, visitor services representatives and many others who ensure the day-to-day operation of Prospect Park. Our Leadership, Board of Directors and Community Committee work to foster the long-term stewardship of the park.

Prospect Park Alliance is gearing up for longer days, warmer weather and lots of visitors to Brooklyn's Backyard. Ready to pitch in to keep the park green and vibrant this coming season? We've got plenty of ways for you to do your part for your park and your community.

## Green and Go Kits

Many Saturdays and Sundays, 10 am - 1 pm, Locations Vary

Individuals or groups are invited to join Prospect Park Alliance to help keep our park green and vibrant—register to check out Green and Go Kits at various locations around the park. These kits include a trash grabber, garbage bags and gloves. Green and Go Kits are presented in partnership with Macy's.

## It's My Park Mondays

Mondays excluding holidays, 10 am - 1 pm, Locations Vary

Join Prospect Park Alliance for It's My Park Mondays, a series of community volunteer events where you can help keep the park clean during these challenging times. Individuals will be provided with a trash grabber, garbage bags and gloves. We will also have a limited supply of materials available for walk-ins.

Please click here to fill out a volunteer application: <https://www.prospectpark.org/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-application/>

To Register for the above opportunities, click here: <https://www.prospectpark.org/news-events/news/volunteer-season-kicks/>

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# Neighbor Network



The Neighbor Network matches volunteers with seniors to call in New York City during the COVID-19 crisis. These regular calls help to fight social isolation, connect older New Yorkers with the resources they need, and build relationships that will bring joy and comfort to seniors and volunteers alike.

Volunteer Opportunities include:

**Friendly Calls Program** - make a consistent weekly/biweekly commitment to calling a senior (or seniors) and building a friendship. These regular calls help to fight social isolation, connect older New Yorkers with the resources they need, and build relationships that will bring joy and comfort to seniors and volunteers alike.

**Phone Banking** - share information about COVID vaccines with older New Yorkers

Click here for more information additional information about training schedules: <https://theneighbornetwork.org/p/sign-up>

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# Dyckman Farmhouse Museum



Dyckman Farmhouse Museum (DFM), the last farmhouse in Manhattan, is a vital cultural asset in New York City. The mission of the Dyckman Farmhouse Museum Alliance is to support the preservation of the historic site, to be a catalyst for engaging, adventuresome programming and to be a good neighbor and a dynamic resource for the community.

## **Current Farmhouse Volunteer Needs Are:**

- Visitor Services Volunteer - Visitor Services are the face of the museum. Volunteers work to greet our guests, currently masked and by appointment only, and answer any questions they may have. Please click here to apply: [https://www.flipcause.com/secure/volunteer\\_step2/MTg0OTc=/36314](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/volunteer_step2/MTg0OTc=/36314)
- Garden Volunteers. Garden volunteers spend time mowing, pruning, weeding, and performing general garden maintenance for the half acre property. The Museum is in great need of weekly volunteers to perform routine garden tasks. Please click here to apply: [https://www.flipcause.com/secure/volunteer\\_step2/MTg0OTc=/8395](https://www.flipcause.com/secure/volunteer_step2/MTg0OTc=/8395) or email [fabiola.caceres@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:fabiola.caceres@parks.nyc.gov) for more information.

For more information email: [development@dyckmanfarmhouse.org](mailto:development@dyckmanfarmhouse.org)

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# **WIN NYC**

## **(Women in Need NYC)**



Win provides safe housing and critical services to help homeless women and their children rebuild their lives and break the cycle of homelessness.

### **Donation Room Support Volunteer**

On upcoming Tuesdays (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM) and Thursdays (1:00 - 4:00 PM), we are seeking one volunteer to assist in our East Harlem Donation Room.

Volunteers will organize in-kind donations, sort clothing, and support Donation Room operations as needed. Click here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e4ca8a62ca6fd0-east> to sign up and help us share essential items with Win families!

Please note all volunteers must be fully vaccinated to keep our clients and staff safe. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions about Win's COVID-19 policies.

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# Wounded Warrior Project



Wounded Warriors Project's mission is to focus on veterans and service members who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound while serving in the military on or after September 11, 2001. Every warrior has unique challenges and goals. WWP provides a variety of veteran programs and services to help veterans and service members take the steps that are right for them.

## Volunteer Opportunities:

- Please join in to share all of Wounded Warrior Project's upcoming volunteer opportunities while decorating Independence Day cards and assembling patriotic party favors for our Warrior's annual 4th of July BBQ. While you work, you will hear an inspiring story from a former POW and WWII veteran

Date: Wednesday, June 16

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Manhattan Car Club

1 Pier 76, 408 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, New York, NY 10018

Attire: Business casual (please, no jeans)

Please RSVP to Adrienne Cea at [acea@woundedwarriorproject.org](mailto:acea@woundedwarriorproject.org) or call 904-465-7279.

Light hors d'oeuvres will be provided. This event is for 18 years or older.

- Join Wounded Warrior Project for an exciting morning of giving back! Help create directional & motivational signs for our NYC Soldier Ride in July. The warriors will see your signs at the start and finish of each city they are riding in.

Date: Saturday, June 12

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Wounded Warrior Project

370 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10001

Attire: Casual

Please RSVP by emailing Adrienne Cea at [acea@woundedwarriorproject.org](mailto:acea@woundedwarriorproject.org) or calling 646-568-5740

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# Governors Island



Governors Island is a 172 acre island in the heart of New York Harbor. It's only 800 yards from Lower Manhattan, and even closer to Brooklyn. It is a world unto itself, unique and full of promise.

## **Volunteer on Governors Island**

Governors Island relies on dedicated volunteers to keep this incredible public space welcoming and beautiful for all. Our volunteer program has something for everyone, whether you're hoping to try your hand at gardening, meet new people, or become a true Island insider. [Apply today!](#)

What we're looking for in our volunteers:

- Passion about public spaces and the value they bring to urban environments
- Excitement about getting to know new people
- Joy in being outdoors
- Commitment to environmental and community stewardship

Please note, to volunteer on Governors Island, you must be 16+ years of age.

## **Island Ambassador**

Want to share your enthusiasm about Governors Island with other visitors and help build a community of supporters?

Island Ambassadors:

- Serve as a friendly, helpful and informative resource for visitors around the Island
- Answer visitors' questions about the Island's events and attractions
- Provide directions to visitors to navigate around the Island
- Help staff the Island's welcome center and info desk

## **Tour Guide**

Love Governors Island and want to share your enthusiasm with other visitors?

- Lead in-depth public walking tours (approximately one hour in length)
- Learn the Island's history and stay up to date on current programming and future plans
- Answer visitors' questions about the Island's programming and attractions

## **Governors Gardener**

Got a green thumb? As a Gardening Volunteer, you will assist the Trust for Governors Island Horticulture Staff in caring for the Island's sprawling meadows, young forest groves, ornamental flowerbeds and landscaped hillsides. Governors Gardeners:

- Perform seasonal gardening tasks including planting, pruning, weeding, watering, raking, mulching and transplanting (all require ability to bend, lift, and kneel)
- Learn to identify and remove invasive plants
- Serve as a friendly, helpful and informative resource for visitors

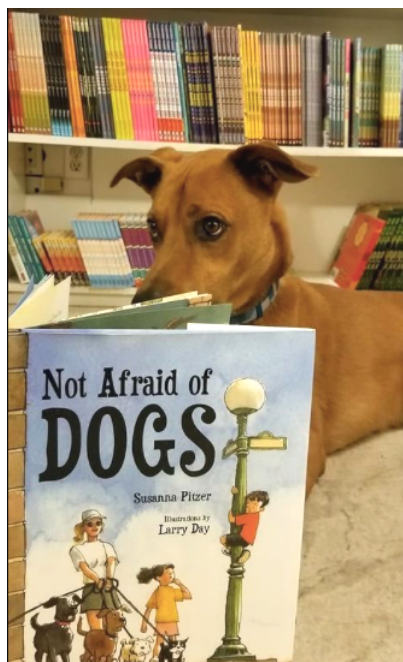
For more information and to apply for the above opportunities, please click here: <https://www.govisland.com/get-involved/volunteer>

Please note: Face coverings are still required at all times while queuing, boarding, riding and disembarking Governors Island ferries. Face coverings are also required at all times in indoor spaces on the Island.



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# Behind the Book



Behind the Book's mission is to inspire New York City public school students to love reading by bringing accomplished authors and their books into classrooms and creating rich, innovative literacy programs. Our programs take place in underserved public schools, are part of the class curricula and meet the Common Core Learning Standards.

The students we work with have been hit harder than most during the pandemic. It is expected that when school resumes in person in the fall, the young people in Title I schools will be the most behind in their learning.

To help combat summer slide (the loss of reading skills over summer vacation), we are giving away over 3,800 books to young people in Washington Heights.

Behind the Book is hosting Book Bash Saturday on the following dates. The event will be outside at the Mitchel Square Park at the intersection of Broadway and 166th Street.

## **When:**

- Saturday, June 12 - Hand out flyers in Washington Heights Neighborhood (materials provided) 2 Volunteers Needed
- Thursday, June 17 - Same as Above
- Saturday, June 19th
- 9AM - Noon - Load the U-Haul at Behind the Book's office and help unload and set up at Mitchel Square Park - 4 Volunteers Needed
- Noon - 3PM Help kids choose books and read aloud - 3 Volunteers Needed
- 3PM - 6PM Help kids choose books, read aloud, and pack up - 6 Volunteers Needed (2 will come back to the office and unload)

NOTE: In order to volunteer, you must be vaccinated and wear a mask. We will have extra masks, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant.

Sign up here: [info@behindthebook.org](mailto:info@behindthebook.org)

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## *Need More Ideas?*

The Volunteer Referral Center has been helping New Yorkers of all ages find great volunteer opportunities for 32 years. With over 300 partner agencies, VRC will guide you to a perfect match.



To schedule a free appointment call 212-889-4805 or sign up at <http://volunteer-referral.com/volunteer-opportunities-2/>

Click here <https://volunteer-referral.com/media-press-room/> to check out our Caring & Connecting During COVID-19 newsletters for more volunteer opportunities.



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