

# NORFOLK COUNTY RSVP VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Your Invitation to Respond to Your Community

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Dedham Savings Bank is the 2017-18 Leadership Sponsor of Norfolk County RSVP

## Norfolk County Volunteers Celebrate at RSVP's 2017 Annual Luncheon

Approximately 240 volunteers and guests attended our annual event !

Norfolk County Commissioner Joseph Shea welcomed a happy and lively gathering of RSVP volunteers, site partners and guests at our most event-filled annual Recognition Luncheon in recent memory held at 'The Lantana' on August 17th in Randolph. Stephen Fortin, principal for over 20 years at Old Post Road School in Walpole shared meaningful stories and heart-felt experiences of school volunteers, as our keynote speaker.

Claire Howsberger, NCRSVP Board Chair, lead a call for increased volunteer action in service to our Veterans, older adults and children. Claire also introduced four unique RSVP volunteers who shared their personal stories of giving and what they get from their service.



Cris Goldsmith, RSVP Volunteer Coordinator, honored volunteers who reached years of service milestones and who are halfway to their Lifetime Service Awards. Commissioner Shea, along with County Director Frank Hegarty recognized volunteers who reached service milestones with bronze, silver and gold pins. Tami Allen of the Dedham COA lead the Dedham, Walpole and Weymouth choruses in our traditional patriotic singalong. This was followed by Director Hegarty and County Treasurer Jim Timilty announcing the winners of 48 gift certificates and prizes; a record number donated by supportive restaurants and other businesses around the County. A special thanks to the RSVP Advisory Board and gala volunteers who made it a great success.

## RSVP sponsoring CPR classes for our volunteers in October.

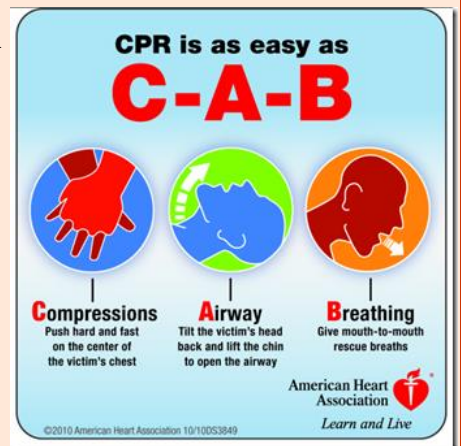
Through the generosity of Norwood Fire Chief Tony Greeley and the Norwood Fire Department, RSVP volunteers can receive Basic CPR training, renewal and certification. There will be two opportunities to attend:

**Thursday, Oct. 12: 9 AM -2 PM and Tuesday, Oct. 17: 9 AM -2 PM**

While we will provide refreshments, we recommend you bring a bag lunch.

Training location will be at the Norwood Public Safety building.

Please choose one date and register through **Robert at 781-234-3445** or email **rpierson@norfolkcounty.org**. Space is limited to 20 participants per session. Once registered you will be contacted with location, parking and additional training details. We hope to see you there and encourage you to reserve your space now.



## Calling all new school volunteers!

We want to welcome YOU: our new RSVP school volunteers. We are committed to your success. Before starting your fall assignment, we request that you attend one of two "New Volunteer Orientation & Pre-Service training sessions offered this month." These sessions will be held at RSVP's offices in Dedham on **Thursday, September 14** and **Tuesday, September 26** from 9:30 to 12PM. The training is designed to ensure a smooth transition to your role as a new Norfolk County RSVP School Volunteer. On October 26, from 1 to 3 PM, we will be offering a follow-up "Reading and Classroom Strategies" training session. This is recommended for all new and returning volunteers that are or want to be involved in reading and literacy-related classroom activities.

**If you haven't yet signed up, please contact Cris this week @ 781-234-3447 to reserve a seat.**

RSVP is funded in part by a national Senior Corps grant and sponsored by the Norfolk County Commissioners:

• Peter H. Collins of Milton, Commissioner

• Joseph P. Shea of Quincy, Commissioner

• Francis W. O'Brien of Dedham, Chairman



**Norfolk County RSVP Veteran Book Club**

On Thursday, October 5th at 9:00 –10:30 am, Veteran Tom Crawford will facilitate a discussion of **‘Beyond Band of Brothers: The War Memoirs of Major Dick Winters’** to Veterans at the Canton Senior Center. Call Robert at 781-234-3445 for more info. Space is limited.



**Insurance Reminder**

Norfolk County RSVP covers its members with liability and supplemental auto liability insurance while on assignment, as well as accident insurance for volunteer-related injuries.

**It rarely happens, though If you have an incident that may require insurance, please call us as soon as possible to file a report at 781-329-5728.**



**Happy Birthday to our ‘Summer and Fall’ volunteers !!!**



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|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Kelley Nelma 7/1       | Bethanne Lang 7/26      | Jim Keenan 8/26          | Mary Famulare 9/14     | Barbara Spacco 10/9          |
| Mike Teeley 7/2        | Donna Foster 7/28       | Carol McHugh 8/26        | Judy McKee 9/14        | John Hansen 10/10            |
| Karen Manning 7/4      | Gale Rent 7/29          | Walter McKay 8/26        | Mary Courtney 9/17     | Herb Johnson 10/10           |
| Matt Winer 7/4         | Monica Weiss 7/30       | Ted Johanssen 8/27       | Joe Leason 9/18        | Tom Keating 10/10            |
| Mary Fallon 7/10       | Irene McMullen 8/3      | Linda Chute 8/28         | Kevin Egan 9/20        | Diane Foulds 10/12           |
| Joan Mancuso 7/10      | Norma Roche 8/4         | Patricia McDonald 8/30   | Lillian Roy 9/20       | Leslie Heifetz 10/13         |
| Florence Preisler 7/11 | Christina Guisti 8/5    | Dolly Deitsch 9/1        | Carol Courage 9/22     | Jonathan Prigot 10/16        |
| Janet Ruell 7/11       | MaryBeth Kreuzinger 8/5 | Lucille Zahdi 9/1        | Kathleen Turano 9/24   | Sharon Meisner 10/18         |
| Joan Tilden 7/12       | Jean Bardizbanian 8/6   | Janet Crowley 9/4        | Beth Henrich 9/26      | Lorraine Norton 10/19        |
| Brad Woods 7/12        | Judith Maloney 8/6      | Claire Howsberger 9/4    | Margaret Madden 9/26   | Gail Chirdon 10/20           |
| Tony Ragusa 7/16       | Mark Snyder 8/11        | Mary Hayes 9/5           | Mary Leach 9/27        | Lois Darr 10/21              |
| Shelley Turok 7/16     | Joel McMickie 8/12      | Joan King 9/5            | Naifee MacLachlan 9/27 | John Gamel 10/24             |
| Sid Hurwitz 7/17       | Nancy Byrne 8/14        | Patricia Stockbridge 9/5 | Pauline Anderson 9/28  | Jane Vuozzo 10/25            |
| Chris Devins 7/21      | Marilynn Miller 8/16    | Shirley Brown 9/6        | Lawrence Callahan 9/28 | Adelia Cibotti 10/28         |
| Patricia Murphy 7/21   | Thomas Finn Jr. 8/18    | Beverly Dwyer 9/6        | Roslyn Laprise 9/28    | Elaine Babcock 10/30         |
| Eileen Richman 7/22    | Sally McCusker 8/18     | James Ricci 9/6          | Priscilla Marsden 9/28 | Dianne Boucher 10/31         |
| Al Mancuso 7/23        | Francis Langille 8/22   | Paul Galofaro 9/7        | Tom Crawford 10/1      | Martha Colamaria 10/31       |
| Anita Cady 7/24        | Joanne Damish 8/23      | Ron Carroll 9/9          | Annette Martinez 10/3  | Bernice Filaccio 10/31       |
| Regina Morse 7/24      | Lloyd Smith 8/23        | Beverly Farrell 9/9      | Don Thieme 10/3        | Richard Mackey 10/31         |
| Beverly Ross 7/24      | Ellen Ogilvie 8/24      | Arnold Cover 9/10        | Donna Hamman 10/6      | <b>Happy Halloween !!!!!</b> |
| Jim Coffey 7/25        | Shirley Sickorez 8/25   | Rhonda Callahan 9/12     | Rick Rotatori 10/9     |                              |

**RSVP Partner Site Volunteer Opportunities**

**Braintree Dept. of Elder Affairs** is seeking 2 or 3 volunteers to drive elderly clients to local appointments using the department’s van. Flexible schedule.

**HESSCO and South Shore Elder Services** need lunchtime drivers to deliver meals to isolated elders in towns throughout the county.

**American Red Cross in Dedham** needs Volunteer Drivers to make hospital deliveries of blood products, Donor Ambassadors, Blood Drive schedulers and Disaster Response Volunteers.

*Please contact Robert at 781-234-3445 or Cris at 781-234-3447 for details.*

**Volunteer of the Season: Sanjay Prakash**

Every season we take on the hard job of selecting one volunteer out of so many who have gone beyond the call of their usual volunteer work. For this season we have selected Sanjay Prakash to receive a gift card in appreciation for all that he does for RSVP. In addition to volunteering at the Sanger Center in Quincy, and Old Post Road School in Walpole, Sanjay usually puts in 1 or 2 shifts a week at the RSVP office where he is a Rides for Vets Dispatcher. Over the summer, Sanjay has made sure to cover Vet Rides even more frequently, during staff vacation to ensure that all ride needs could be met. We thank Sanjay for his dedication and reliability as well as his friendliness and helpfulness to RSVP staff, partners, Veteran Riders and Drivers. We are very grateful to him.



**Norfolk County RSVP Mileage Reimbursement Update**

We are pleased to announce that as of this month, September 2017, volunteers who qualify for mileage reimbursement will receive an increase from \$0.30 per mile to \$0.40 per mile. The maximum mileage reimbursement per month continues to be for up to 100 miles of travel to and from your volunteer site.

Meals on Wheels drivers will continue to be reimbursed for their travel route by our partner sites.

Note: Given the many hundreds of miles accumulated by ‘Rides for Veterans’ drivers using their own vehicles RSVP Vet Drivers will now be reimbursed for up to 300 miles per month at the \$0.40 per mile rate.

We thank the Norfolk County Commissioners for making this increase possible !

**We continue to request that ALL volunteers understand that our Federal sources of funding depends in part on the RSVP office receiving and recording your monthly timesheets which include both a site supervisor AND volunteer signature along with your hours and mileage recordings- regardless of if you are receiving reimbursement or not. While you may sign in at your partner site when you arrive for your shift, we continue to need your RSVP timesheets. Please call us at 781-329-5728 for more info.**