

Sugarmill Woods Bulletin

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Dear Residents,

The Sugarmill Woods Civic Association Board of Directors established a new committee this year to focus on Community Service Opportunities. The committee is working to identify a variety of organizations within Citrus County that are looking for volunteers to help them accomplish their specific mission, to help those less fortunate, and / or to help those individuals that need a little extra assistance in some way. Periodically we will identify two or three of these organizations in a Sugarmill Woods Bulletin for your information and awareness. If you are able to provide help with your time and talents, please consider it. A complete list can be found on our web site at www.sugarmillcivic.org under the link Membership / Volunteers. Here is the first group of three such organizations.

5. AARP - Volunteer With AARP Tax-Aide for 2012

AARP Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free tax preparation and assistance service, is currently using volunteers across the country to help people with their taxes through April 18. Even though this tax season is in full swing, you still have an opportunity to make a real difference in your community and get the satisfaction of helping others next season. Many kinds of volunteer opportunities are available — from tax volunteers to greeters, as well as communications and technology coordinators. One might be right for you! Your expertise will be appreciated more than you can imagine. If you are interested, please check out the AARP Tax-Aide web site at www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/, review the many volunteer descriptions listed, and then complete and submit the [AARP Tax-Aide Prospective Volunteer Form](#) now for the 2012 tax season. An AARP Tax-Aide volunteer will be in touch with you — starting in the summer through the end of the year — with additional information.

6. Adopt A Rescued Pet, Inc.

Adopt A Rescued Pet, Inc. is an all-volunteer non-profit organization designated a 501 (c) (3) by the IRS. AARPI was founded in 2004 by a group of experienced volunteers devoted to saving animals in Citrus County. Informing and educating the public regarding responsible and compassionate pet ownership is a part of all organizational activities. Their goal is to improve the quality of life for homeless animals in Citrus County by finding homes and loving families - for a lifetime. Adopt A Rescued Pet, Inc. is a 100% volunteer-based organization. They have many opportunities inside the organization where you can donate your time such as **Dog Foster, Computer Skills, Photographer, Pet Adoptions, Public Events, Newsletter Production**, etc. In addition, other areas of volunteering include transporting dogs for routine vet care or grooming, compiling a scrapbook to be shown at adoption events, helping at fundraising events (Xmas wrapping, yard sales), marketing skills, soliciting for various fundraising events, grant writer, assisting with pre-adoption home visits, and more. If you love to help out a good cause, please check out their web site at www.adoptarescuedpet.com.

7. Adult Literacy Education Program of Citrus County

Adult Literacy Education @ the Library is a program that promotes "Open A Book - Open A Mind". Can you imagine going through life being unable to read? Please consider becoming an adult literacy volunteer tutor for the Citrus County Library System. If interested, the Library will provide the necessary training so that you can become a qualified literacy tutor who can provide free tutoring to an adult wanting to learn to read and write English. If you are over the age of 18 and would like to help

people in your community and you are able to donate a minimum of 1 to 2 hours per week to assist an adult learner, this is your opportunity! So, what requirements are there to be an adult literacy volunteer tutor? First, the volunteer tutor will be required to attend a 12 hour LitStart Training Workshop. Second, the volunteer tutor should have the following personality attributes: Patience, Caring Attitude, Flexibility, Reliability, Organizational Skills, Respect, Nonjudgmental disposition, etc. For more information, please call 352-746-9077 or visit their web site at www.cclib.org/adult-literacy.html.

Please consider joining other SMW residents who volunteer their time and talents to various charitable organizations like these to help improve the quality of life for all within our community and Citrus County.

Sincerely,

Duane Dueker,
President, Sugarmill Woods Civic Association

cc: Cypress Village POA, Oak Village Association, Southern Woods POA