Quarterly Volunteer Newsletter: Q4 2026

Fillmore Volunteer Opportunities

WHO: SF Recreation and Parks Department Volunteer Services
WHAT: Ella Hill Hutch Playground Cleanup
WHERE: 1050 McAllister Street
WHEN: Saturday, October 17th from 10a-12p
CONTACT: Email recparkvolunteer@sfgov.org with any questions
NOTES: Come join us for a day of giving back in restoring this neighborhood community center. Volunteers will help with weeding, sweeping, trash pick up, and play structure maintenance. RSVP here!

WHO: Livable City Non-Profit in partnership w/ Burge LLC and OEWD
WHAT: Fillmore Halloween After Dark Night Market
WHERE: 1500 Fillmore Street
WHEN: Saturday, October 31st from 4-9pm
CONTACT: View more information here: https://livablecity.org/fillmore-night-market/
NOTES: Join us for the Fillmore After Dark: ""Kids Scream Zone"" Halloween Night Market! This Halloween, San Francisco's historic Fillmore District transforms into an electric, family-friendly street festival. We're bringing together spooktacular entertainment, classic cars, delicious street eats, local shopping and high-energy Halloween fun for all ages. Volunteers help make the magic happen! Support local businesses and vendors, assist with activities, help guests navigate the event, and create a welcoming environment. Sign up here!

WHO: Project Open Hand
WHAT: Volunteer Opportunity
WHERE: San Francisco
WHEN: Ongoing
CONTACT: Volunteer | Project Open Hand
NOTES: At Project Open Hand, volunteers contribute to our mission to improve health outcomes and quality of life by providing nutritious meals to the sick and vulnerable, caring for and educating our community. We offer a variety of opportunities for individuals and groups to get involved in San

Francisco and the East Bay. Volunteers help prepare, package and deliver meals with love, and distribute groceries to sick and elderly neighbors. Volunteers also help us staff special events throughout the year. Join us in providing nutritious meals that help our clients recover from illness, regain strength, and lead healthier lives. Volunteer Hot Spots: Support our most urgent volunteer needs. Individual Volunteers: Become a weekly volunteer. Group Volunteers: Schedule a community or corporate group. Special Events: Volunteer at our upcoming events. If you have questions about volunteering, please contact us at (415) 447-2404 or email volunteer@openhand.org.

Bayview Hunters Point Volunteer Opportunities

WHO: Rec and Parks
WHAT: EcoCenter Volunteer Workparty
WHERE: Heron's Head Park
WHEN: 3rd Saturdays of the month, from 10a-12p. October 17th | November 21st | December 19th |
CONTACT: Sign up here!
NOTES: Help the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department in the stewardship of the Nature Exploration Area (NEA), a new children's exploratory play zone in Heron's Head Park. Join them on most 3rd Saturdays of the month and help keep the NEA safe and welcoming for all the children to explore freely. Tasks include annual grass removal, mulch application and watering and other seasonal tasks. Come prepared with closed-toe shoes and dress in layers. No experience necessary. Tools are provided. Meet in front of the entrance porch.

WHO: SF Environment
WHAT: Visitacion Valley Greenway and McLaren Native Plant Garden
WHERE: Exact location given upon signing up
WHEN: Saturday, October 17th from 10a-2p
CONTACT: Sign up here!
NOTES: Join us every 3rd Saturday of the month to keep the Greenway and the Native Plant Garden green and clean! Volunteers will help maintain the community garden and support with habitat restoration to increase local biodiversity. Roles include, but are not limited to: weeding and mulching.

WHO: SCRAP/Climate Action Now!
WHAT: Art Park: Garden Planting Workday
WHERE: SCRAP (141 Industrial Street #1)
WHEN: Saturday, October 24th from 10a-2p
CONTACT: Sign up here!
NOTES: Join us for a community workday planting trees and shrubs to revamp SCRAP's grounds! Come ready to get your hands and clothes dirty. Bring a water bottle.

WHO: Candlestick Point State Recreation Center
WHAT: Habitat Restoration/Clean-up
WHERE: Candlestick Point
WHEN: Saturday, November 7th and Saturday, December 5th
CONTACT: Sign up here!

NOTES: Help keep the park clean and support ongoing habitat restoration! Participants can choose to pick up micro-trash and debris from the park or remove an invasive species. On select dates, we will also plant native species to help ongoing restoration work! We will provide volunteers with tools and nitrile gloves. We recommend wearing long sleeved shirts and a hat. Ages 10 and older are welcome (minors must be accompanied by an adult and bring a waiver signed by their guardian).

WHO: Literacy for Environmental Justice
WHAT: Restoration Volunteer Day at Heron's Head Park
WHERE: Thursdays: Heron's Head Park (32 Jennings Street) | Saturdays: 1150 Carroll Avenue
WHEN: Every fourth Thursday of the month AND every second Saturday of the month from 10:00am - 1:00pm
CONTACT: Email ingelise.mahlis-miller@lejyouth.org for more information
NOTES: Come join us for volunteer days at Heron's Head Park and our main site at 1150 Carroll Ave! We are a small yet dedicated team, committed to community advocacy and native habitat restoration. We will be doing a variety of stewardship tasks depending on the season, which may include planting, weeding, mulching, or watering. No experience is required to join; all tools provided. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up here: Heron's Head Park: Thursday | Main Site: Saturday

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WHO: KeshCares
WHAT: 6th Annual Giveback Day
WHERE: Ruth Williams Opera House
WHEN: February 6th from 12-4pm
CONTACT: Call or email Shani Wyatt at 4158750914, or shanih49@gmail.com for more information
NOTES: We would love for people to come out and participate with our 6th Annual giveback day.

WHO: Old Skool Cafe
WHAT: Beautification of Outdoor Property
WHERE: 1429 Mendell St
WHEN: Ongoing
CONTACT: Email matthew@oldskoolcafe.org with any questions, or to sign up.
NOTES: We need major assistance in fixing up the planters that sit outside of our program property. We would also love assistance in setting up water fixtures and light fixtures that run along the plaza to create an inviting and warm atmosphere for our guests.

WHO: Rafiki Coalition for Health & Wellness
WHAT: Community Market Volunteer
WHERE: 601 César Chavez Street
WHEN: Ongoing
CONTACT: Email or call Tajae Brown at tbrown@rafikicoalition.org or 415-615-9945 with any questions
NOTES: Rafiki Coalition has established a community market, offering complimentary fresh produce to residents of 94124 and the surrounding areas. We seek your assistance in supporting this initiative. While specific tasks may differ, volunteers will generally be responsible for distributing groceries, recycling, loading and unloading produce, assisting with check-in procedures, or performing other related duties. Ongoing every Monday 12-4pm.

WHO: Meals on Wheels San Francisco
WHAT: Home Deliver Grocery Program

WHERE: 2230 Jerrold Ave San Francisco, CA 94124
WHEN: Ongoing
CONTACT: For more information, email volunteer@mowsf.org
NOTE: The Home Deliver Grocery is a program that provides groceries to seniors in San Francisco. We have volunteers assemble 500 grocery bags from 6:00AM to 8:00AM at our Headquarters. After the bags are assembled, we have volunteer drivers come pick up the assembled bags and deliver them to our clients. Volunteer Drivers use their own personal vehicle. Volunteer drivers deliver between 12 to 18 grocery bags per route. Sign up here!

Citywide Volunteer Opportunities

WHO: SF Public Works
WHAT: Neighborhood Beautification Days
WHERE: District 8 - James Lick Middle School Yard
WHEN: Saturday, November 7th from 8:30a-12p
CONTACT: Sign up here!
NOTES: Volunteer at any of the neighborhood beautification days to keep San Francisco beautiful through landscaping and gardening projects, graffiti removal and litter cleanup in our neighborhoods.

WHO: San Francisco Public Library
WHAT: FOG Readers Tutor
WHERE: Your local San Francisco library branch
WHEN: Ongoing, next orientation is Saturday, December 5 -AND- Saturday, December 12 from 10a-2p
CONTACT: Call (415) 557-4388 or email readers@sfpl.org with any questions.
NOTE: Join us in helping students boost their reading skills and build confidence. FOG Readers is a personalized tutoring program specifically designed for students in grades 1-4 who live or attend school in San Francisco. As a tutor, you will receive 8 hours of training and undergo a one-time fingerprinting process, all at no cost to you. We will equip you with the skills to be an effective literacy tutor and offer ongoing support along the way. Join us in making a difference! Learn more here!

WHO: Friends of the Urban Forest
WHAT: Community Tree Care
WHERE: Citywide
WHEN: Ongoing
CONTACT: Sign up here!
NOTES: Whether you're a seasoned gardener, or it's your first time planting, we welcome everyone who is willing to roll up their sleeves and dig in! We provide all the tools, training, and support you need for a fun day of community greening. Families are welcome too—youth under 18 can participate with an accompanying adult.

WHO: Third Parent Family and Youth Services
WHAT: Weekly Pop Up Food Pantry
WHERE: Oak and Clayton in the panhandle park
WHEN: Ongoing every Saturday

CONTACT: Call Whitney White at 510-500-7803 with any questions
NOTES: We are organizing a community food pantry event to provide essential groceries to individuals and families in need. The event will involve sorting, packing, and distributing food items in an organized and respectful manner. Volunteers will help with setup, guiding guests, and ensuring a smooth distribution process. This effort aims to support food security and strengthen community connections. No prior experience is needed—just a willingness to help others. Apply here!

WHO: San Francisco Education Fund
WHAT: Volunteer at your neighborhood public school!
WHERE: Any SFUSD school
WHEN: Ongoing
CONTACT: Email volunteer@sfedfund.org for more information
NOTES: Your neighborhood school needs you! There are students in every classroom who just need a little bit of extra attention in order to thrive. Volunteer one hour a week and provide that extra assistance to students who need it. No prior tutoring experience required; just a love for working with kids and a passion for education. Click on this link to find out more:
https://sfedfund.org/become-a-volunteer

WHO: SF-Marin Food Bank
WHAT: Food Pantries
WHERE: Multiple locations (see: NOTES)
WHEN: Monday-Saturday
CONTACT: If you have questions about a pantry operating, please email volunteer@sfmfoodbank.org
NOTES: Food Pantries and Community Markets are critical connection points for our community to receive needed groceries, because of that, we operate rain or shine. Volunteers MUST be 11 years or older and minors must be accompanied by an adult. **Tuesday-Saturday:** Western Addition Community Market - 8:15-10:45a, 10:30a-1p, 12:45-3:15p | **Wednesday:** Webster/Eddy - 7:30-8:30a, 8:30-10a | **Thursday:** Bayview Hunters Point Foundation - 11:30a-1:30p | **Friday:** Bethel AME - 8:30-10:30a, 10:45a-1p | **Saturday:** Calvary Baptist Church - 7-8:30a, 10-11a | Florence Fang Community Farm - 7-9a, 9-11a | Jones Memorial Church - 7-10a. View even more opportunities at https://volunteering.sfmfoodbank.org/need/