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***A. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

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**ELECTION DAY TODAY**

**Polling Locations 101 – Know Before You Go!**

**If I Am Registered To Vote With My Campus Address, Where Do I Vote?**

**College Arms Apartments:** Borough Garage, 205 Lacey St West Chester, PA 19382

**East Village and Village Apartments:** Hillsdale Elementary School, 725 W. Market St West Chester, PA 19382

**South Campus Apartments:** Hillsdale Elementary School, 725 W. Market St West Chester, PA 19382

**Goshen Hall:** Reformed Presbyterian Church 312 W. Union St West Chester, PA 19382

**Tyson Hall:** Reformed Presbyterian Church 312 W. Union St West Chester, PA 19382

**Allegheny Hall:** Lawrence Hall, West Chester University

**Brandywine Hall:** Lawrence Hall, West Chester University

**Commonwealth Hall:** Lawrence Hall, West Chester University

**Killinger Hall:** Lawrence Hall, West Chester University

**Schmidt Hall:** Lawrence Hall, West Chester University

**University Hall:** Lawrence Hall, West Chester University

**Election Day Shuttle:** If you are **REGISTERED** to **VOTE** and live in East Village, Village Apartments, and South Campus Apartments hitch a ride to the polls!​ **10:00am – 8:00pm.** The shuttle bus (***yellow school bus***) will run between South Campus Club House and Hillsdale Elementary School – 725 W. Market St., West Chester, PA 19382.  ​​​

**Live off campus? Go to** [**www.VotesPA.com**](http://www.VotesPA.com) **to find your polling location.**

**Good Cause Café, Sykes Ballrooms**

**Tuesday, November 8th – Thursday, November 10th, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

Come and browse or buy new and used books today and enjoy some baked goods while also supporting community agencies. The proceeds will go to a family from the Crime Victims Center of Chester County and also to Project ONE.

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**Annual West Chester University Turkey Trot 5k, Ehinger Gym**

**5 Thursday, November 10th (Rain Date: Thursday, November 17th)**

**K Run begins at 5:00 p.m. and pre-5K Yoga begins at 4:00 p.m.**

Come join the fun! Volunteers are needed for West Chester University’s Annual Turkey Trot. The Turkey Trot is a 5k on campus that is open to everyone and benefits the Chester County Food Bank. The roles of volunteers include set-up, clean-up, registration assistance, T-shirt distribution, food distribution and route monitors. To register to volunteer, visit <https://orgsync.com/34350/forms/227017>. For additional information, contact Mariah Laraio at [MLaraio@wcupa.edu](mailto:MLaraio@wcupa.edu)

**Operation: Happy Holiday**

**Donations being accepted now until November 11th**

Join the Student Athlete Advisory Committee & Student Veterans Group in supporting our troops overseas by donating items to give them some of the comforts of home. The following donations are being accepted: small candy (mini candy), individually packaged foods (ramen noodle soup, tuna, Beefaroni -8oz or less) insect repellent (no aerosol), toothbrush/paste, hand/foot warmers, disposable razors, baby wipes, sun blocks, hair ties, dental floss, tape and more. These donations will benefit Stockings for Soldiers. Donation locations are as follows: Athletic Dept.-Sturzebecker220, Veterans Center-624 S. High St., WCU Sykes Student Union and WCU FHG Library.

**2nd Annual 5K Mustache Dash**

**Saturday, November 19th at 11:00 a.m.**

Colleges Against Cancer is holding their annual fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. There will be food, raffle baskets, a selfie photo booth and an amazing DJ! Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. or register at [www.runccrs.com/event/mustache-day-5k/](http://www.runccrs.com/event/mustache-day-5k/)

*B.* ***UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

**Friends of Everhart Park Fall Clean Up**

**Saturday, November 19th (two shifts: 9:00-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.)**

Everhart Park, W. Union St between S Brandywine & S Bradford Ave.

Please join the Friends of Everhart Park in their annual Fall Clean Up at Everhart Park. Meet them at the green activity building on W. Union Street between S Brandywine Avenue & S Bradford Avenue. If you have your own work gloves, please bring them.  Rakes will be available. Some gloves will be also available. If you or your organization can participate, please email [herb.schwabe@gmail.com](mailto:herbschwabe.Realtor@gmail.com) or call/text Herb at 610-517-7645 in advance so they can plan for you. They will email Sign up Forms to any organization wishing to participate.

**OCCS Fall Fest 2016**

**Saturday, November 19th 2016 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

The Office of Off Campus and Commuter Services would like to invite you to participate in OCCS Fall Fest 2016. This is a volunteer community service activity taking place on November 19th 2016 from 10AM-12PM. During this time, we will be raking and gathering leaves east of Market Street and E. High Street. Our office tent will house warm apple cider, apple cider donuts and Fall treats. The first 50 to register get the long sleeve pocket shirt in the image attached! If you are interested please search “Off Campus and Commuter Services” on Orgsync and fill out the registration form.

**Hanging the Greens**

**Saturday, November 19nd**

The Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce needs your help in getting West Chester ready for the Holiday Season!  Come out and help hang pine greens and bows on doors and windows of stores in the downtown area.  If you’re interested in giving some of your time (two shifts are available:  9:00 a.m. – noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – rain or shine), make sure you sign up and return the form to either the Chamber Office or the Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs by Monday, November 14th.  Equipment will be provided, but bring gloves!  All volunteers will meet at the Oscar Lasko Youth Program Center (1 East Chestnut Street) for instructions and refreshments.  The sign up form is available in the Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs (241 Lawrence Center).

**Giving Tuesday, KenCrest 3rd Annual Day of Service**

**Tuesday November 29th**

KenCrest hosts a Day of Service where volunteers have the opportunity to volunteer at a KenCrest site close to your home or place of work. #Giving Tuesday is an international day of giving back to the community. Volunteers are needed to help paint, complete yardwork/winterize gardens, help decorate for the holidays, clean/organize supplies, toys. They will also be throwing a holiday party for KenCrest consumers and assembling furniture. If you would like to participate or have any questions contact Barbara, at [Barbara.ballard@kencrest.org](mailto:Barbara.ballard@kencrest.org) or 610-825-9369 ext.1129.

**West Chester Christmas Parade**

**Friday, December 2nd**

Come out to this year’s biggest parade yet! This means many volunteers are needed! Help is needed in many areas like Holiday Village set-up, vendor load-in, Parade Marshals, handlers for 20 foot balloons, inflatable characters and more! If interested in being a part of such a fun traditional Christmas event go to <http://greaterwestchester.com/west-chester-christmas-parade-volunteer/> for more information and to sign up.

***C. ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

**Share you talents and put a smile on a senior’s face!! Calling all musicians, singers, dancers, magicians, comedians, and performers**!!!!  The Downingtown Area Senior Center is looking for any student musicians, singers, dancers, magicians, comedians, and performers in general who might be interested in volunteering to put on their own hour-long show/performance for the seniors in the upcoming months. This is a fun opportunity for clubs or organizations to do as a group! Choose any hour long slot for any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday afternoon between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (or choose multiple days/times. The more the merrier!) Please contact Lindsay Beegle at [Lbeegle@downingtownseniors.org](mailto:Lbeegle@downingtownseniors.org) for more information.

**Salvation Army, West Chester PA** is in need of volunteers to help prepare and serve meals (Saturday-Thursday 4:30pm-6:30pm), sort food drive donations (next drive on November 19, 10am-2pm), and to ring the bells at the kettles. Are you part of an a Capella group or dance group that could be a special gift at the kettles by singing or dancing to Christmas carols? There are also opportunities to adopt children for Christmas gift giving (2-5 gifts up to $75). If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Paula Hedderick at 610-696-8746.

**United Way of Chester County** is in need of volunteers who love kids and care about our education system. They need a few volunteers who are available Monday through Friday. These volunteers also have to be able to commit to three hour sessions, one day a week for six weeks for their preschool session. This session is designed to help young students achieve academic success. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Terry Kenworthy by phone at 610-429-9400 or by email at [tkenworthy@uwchestercounty.org](mailto:tkenworthy@uwchestercounty.org)

**Bridge of Hope Lancaster & Chester Counties** has various volunteer opportunities available. Volunteers are needed to help fundraise for them by stuffing and sealing envelopes. They are also looking for people who can provide child care, do yard work, and serve as an office support volunteer by answering phones, taking notes, and sending messages/emails. All volunteer efforts have flexible hours and are close by. If you are interested in volunteering here please contact Lindsey Anderson at 610-380-1360 or by email at [lindsaya@brodgeofhopelcc.org](mailto:lindsaya@brodgeofhopelcc.org)

**The YMCA Adapted Programs**

**Kennett Area YMCA**

The Kennett YMCA is looking for volunteers to work with special needs children every Tuesday from 4:15-5:00 p.m. for art and 5:15-6:00 p.m. for fitness exercise and every Friday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for swimming. Volunteers must be able to interact with the children and help them complete the activities, along with supervising them. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Nick Pincin at 610-444-9622 ext. 2319 or email [npincin@ymcagbw.org](file:///C:\Joellen\ServiceCorner\2016%20-%202017%20Academic%20Year\npincin@ymcagbw.org)

**Penn State Extension**

**Chester County 4-H**

Chester county 4-H is looking for volunteers to help youth become better citizens, learn a great deal about young people, leadership, and yourself. Enjoy serving and making friends with young people through 4-H and share your skills, talents and hobbies with young people. When volunteering with 4-H, you not only become a leader; but reap so many rewards for yourself and your community. 4-H offers a wide variety of programs that give you the opportunity to get involved in activity or club that interests you and develop your skills while you enrich the lives of the youth you work with. For information contact Toni Stuetz at Penn State Extension Chester County Office at 610-696-3500 or email [tstuetz@psu.edu](mailto:tstuetz@psu.edu)

***CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE VOLUNTEER DIRECTORY FOR EVEN MORE OPPORTUNITIES AT*** [*http://wcupa.edu/volunteersearch*](http://wcupa.edu/volunteersearch)