



PARKS AND RECREATION

BURBANK VOLUNTEER PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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Happy Spring

It's hard to believe April is already here! We want to wish everyone a happy springtime and a wonderful celebration to other holidays that have passed. In acknowledgement of National Volunteer Appreciation Month, the Burbank Volunteer Program would like to thank you for your continued partnership and support. Your volunteer work has given our community members many memories, experience, and opportunities, while contributing a tremendous service to the City of Burbank. BVP is determined to provide exceptional service to our clients in need and this can only be achieved through your commitments and dedicated service. Your efforts and perseverance through these challenging times are the reasons April has become a nationally recognized appreciation month.

In case you missed it, on April 1st we hosted our annual City of Burbank EGG-stravaganza event. The community event brought together lively families from the City of Burbank and surrounding communities. From infants to seniors, all in attendance celebrated one of Burbank's springtime traditions, enjoying games, activities, and egg hunts for all youths under 10 years old. This year was one of the biggest yet, as we hosted approximately two thousand participants! BVP would like to thank all of our amazing volunteers that contributed to making the Spring EGG-stravaganza a successful event. Without you, we could not have accomplished this great feat. Turn to page 5 in this newsletter to view a recap of the event.

To our student volunteers that may need to get some hours under their belt in the next few months, we have a range of sites that need you. From working alongside some furry friends, to getting those gardening gloves on, or becoming a friendly face at the airport, there are opportunities for everyone!

If you are interested in the multitude of opportunities that await you inside this newsletter, please contact the Burbank Volunteer Program through email at bvp@burbankca.gov, or by phone at (818) 238-5370, or stop by our office inside the Joslyn Adult Center for more information.

The Burbank Volunteer Program Team.

Derrick, Camryn, and Jackie

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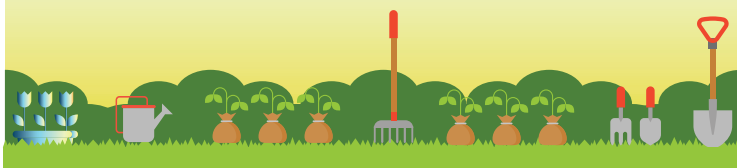
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

DIG BURBANK!

Lend a hand and help keep our local parks beautiful! To learn more about DIG, tips on signing up, and upcoming DIG Days, visit our website:
www.burbankca.gov/digburbank



S.W.A.T.

Are you (S)omeone (W)ith (A)vailable (T)ime who wants to volunteer here and there? If so, our S.W.A.T program will be a great fit for a busy schedule with ample free time!



PHONE PALS

Phone Pals allows volunteers to build a friendship with willing seniors. This program pairs volunteers with seniors to give each other companionship, as well as a social release from the comforts of your own home.



PROJECT HOPE

Project HOPE partners volunteers with seniors who are in need of assistance ranging from grocery shopping, to picking up prescriptions and more. Each volunteer builds a trustworthy relationship with their senior, allowing them more errands to run.



Active Stations

American Cancer Society Discovery Shop | American Red Cross | Boys & Girls Club | Burbank Airport | Burbank Temporary Aid Center | City of Burbank Library Services | City of Burbank Nutrition (Joslyn, HDM, Tuttle) | Education Through Music LA | Providence Senior Outreach Program | Joslyn Adult Center | Tuttle Senior Center | City of Burbank Police Department | City of Burbank Animal Shelter (VBAS) | Operation Gratitude | S.W.A.T.

For more information on these opportunities and others, contact the Burbank Volunteer Program: bvp@burbankca.gov ☎ (818) 238-5370

FEATURED STATIONS

Operation Gratitude is a volunteer based organization that works toward showing both Military and first-responders that their service is valued and recognized. With the help of volunteers, they have sent a total of 3.5 million care packages full of morale boosting items that will give these heroes a familiar feeling of home and a token of appreciation from those back home. There are many ways you can volunteer with Operation Gratitude and contribute services such as:

- Writing letters
- Creating hand-made items (scarves, hats, blankets, lanyards etc.)
- Assembling care packages
- Donating items such as Beanie Babies, stuffed animals, toys etc.



For information regarding orientations and more opportunities please visit:
<https://www.operationgratitude.com/>



Joslyn and Tuttle Nutrition is a working staff and volunteer based program operating out of numerous sites throughout the City of Burbank. The City of Burbank's Nutrition programs feed hundreds of adults 60 and older, ensuring that everyone that needs it, will have enough meals to suffice them for a week. The staff and volunteers take great pride in their actions by doing some of the following:

- Packaging lunches
- Aiding in check-in and distributing lunches
- Becoming a driver and delivering meals to homebound seniors



The Home Delivered Meals (HDM) program also takes place out of McCambridge Recreation Center

Pick up sites include: Joslyn Recreation, Tuttle Recreation, and McCambridge Recreation Centers

FEATURED STATIONS

Burbank Temporary Aid Center (BTAC) is a local food pantry and social service agency serving residents of Burbank and those who are homeless in the Burbank area. Providing groceries is BTAC's primary service, distributing over \$500,000 of groceries each year. For those that are homeless, BTAC has showers and laundry facilities, as well as sack lunches and groceries.

Opportunities for volunteers include:

- Pantry/Warehouse volunteers
- Sorting donations
- Prepping grocery orders
- Intake volunteers helping meet and greet those in need of assistance



Notice: Heavy lifting is required for specific positions



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The mailroom opportunity is considered an “as-needed” basis and volunteers will be called whenever an opportunity arises

Mailroom Worker is a position where volunteers work as part of a team of two to six (sometimes more) people, preparing bulk mail. Orientation will be given the day of the project, while training is ongoing and is accomplished as new jobs present themselves. A few of the projects that will be taking place, but are not limited to are:

- Counting mail pieces
- Folding, stuffing, collating, labeling
- Cutting, packing of envelopes
- Curating multiple items to create a “goodie bag”

Mailroom volunteers operate out of the Joslyn Adult Center

Egg-Stravaganza 2023

We kicked off April with a bang, hosting our annual Spring Egg-Stravaganza! Thanks to our amazing team of staff and volunteers, this year's event was a big success. From egg hunts for ages 0-10, to 14 different spring styled games, to pictures with the Bunny himself, it was an all-around family fun event.



Families and children of all ages chose to spend their Saturday with us and we couldn't be more thankful. On behalf of BVP we want to not only thank our volunteers who made the event run as seamlessly as it did, but everyone that came in attendance as well. In case you weren't able to join us on Saturday, turn to the next page for a glimpse of what we accomplished!



A big thank you to our generous donors. The event would not have been as much of a success without your contribution.

Mrs. Fields

Disney

Raising Cane's
CHICKEN FINGERS



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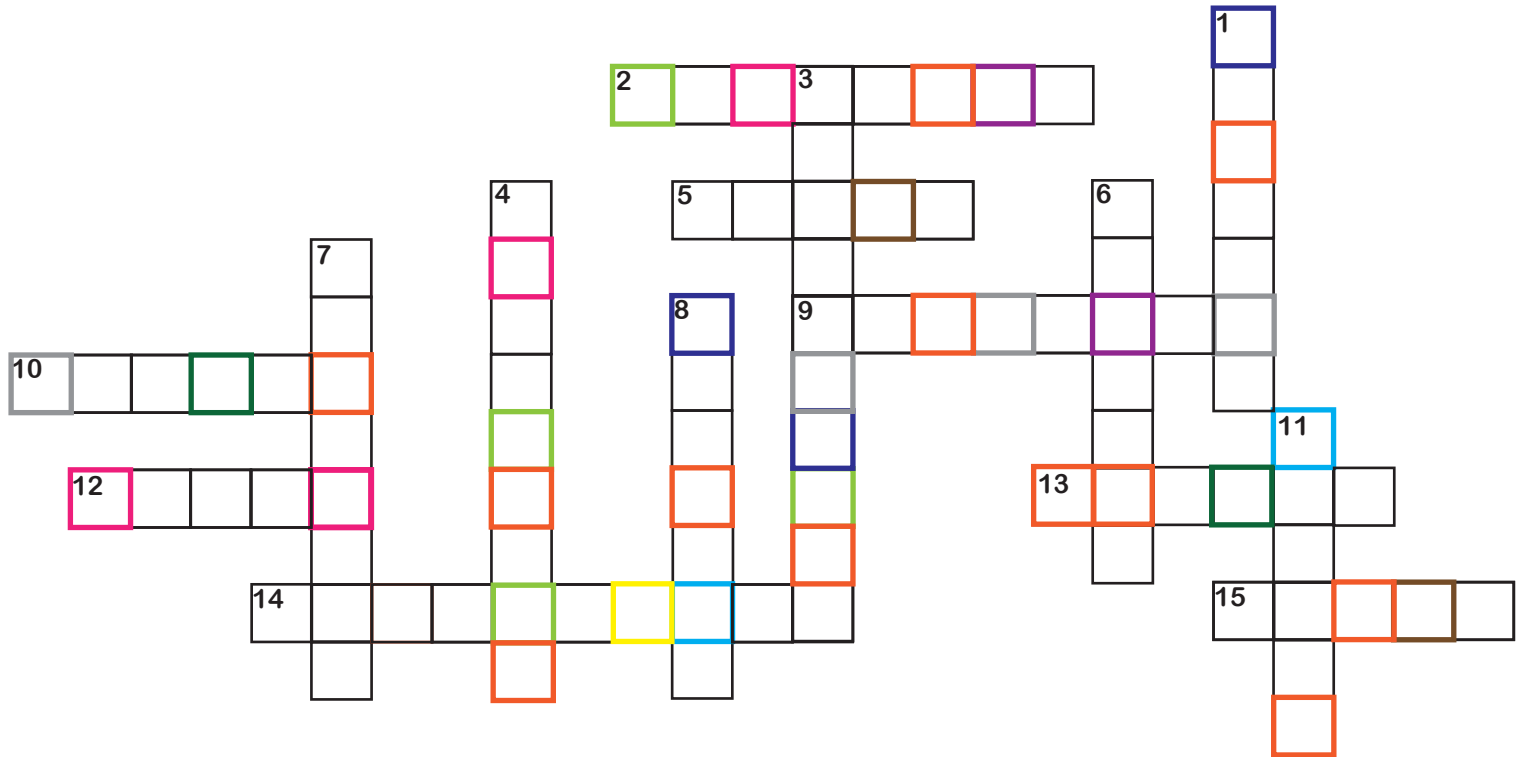
BURBANK TOWN CENTER

Egg-Stravaganza 2023



BVP PUZZLE

Solve the crossword puzzle and put the corresponding colored boxed letters to the colored lines below to answer a funny phrase regarding volunteering!



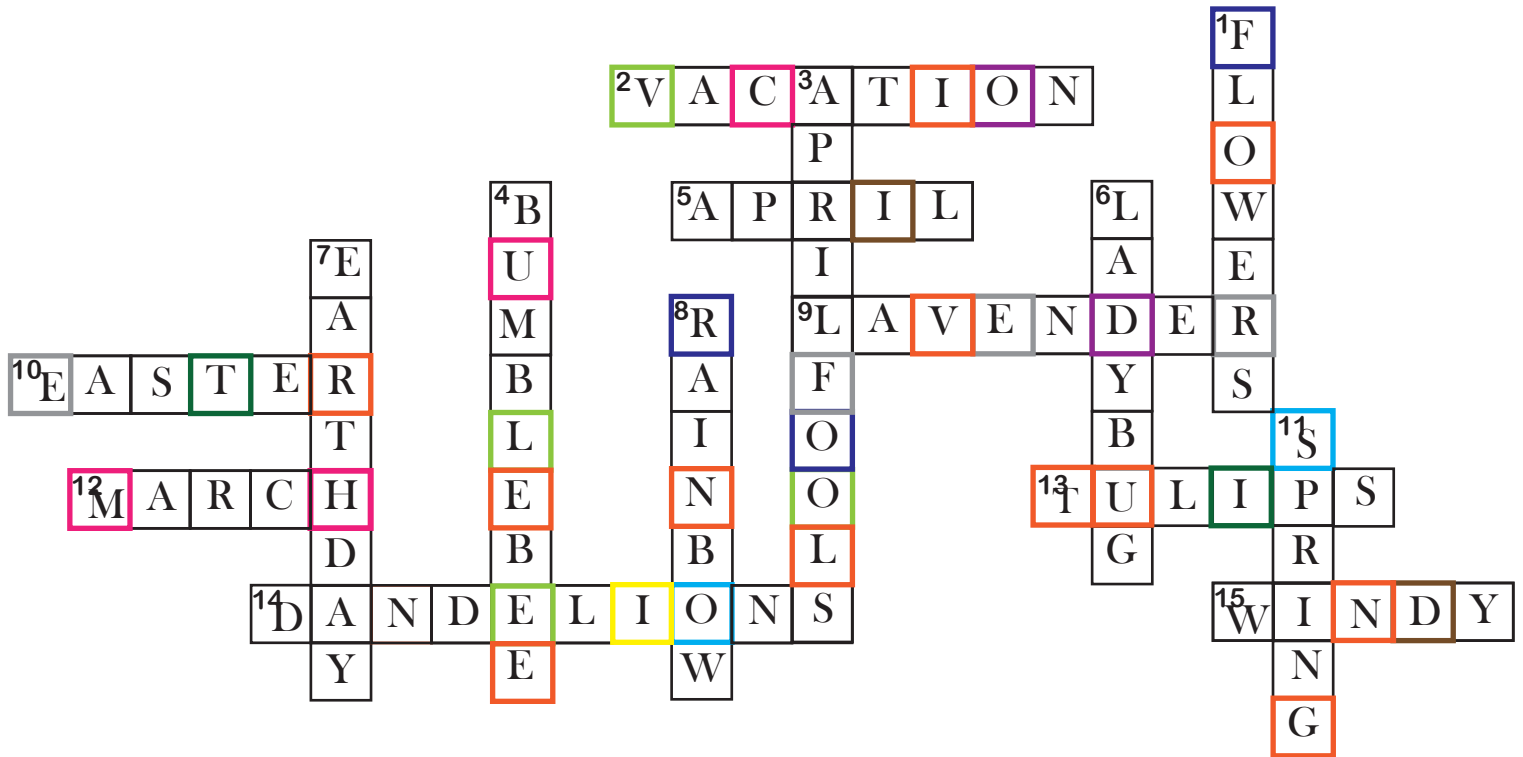
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14. pick this flower up to make a wish
15. this weather is perfect to get a kite going

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PUZZLE ANSWERS



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