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Volunteer Connections Newsletter

Welcome to the 6th edition of *Volunteer Connections* — a project by Los Gatos Thrives — created to bring meaningful ways to volunteer in our community.

July 2026

Volunteer Connections provides a simple venue for Los Gatos residents to find the latest service opportunities with local nonprofits. We truly believe that volunteering is one of the best ways to give back, find purpose, and stay connected to the community we love.

Each *Volunteer Connections* edition lists the current service opportunities that local nonprofits and civic organizations wish to highlight and fill. Individuals are advised to contact the nonprofit directly for more information and to sign up.

July is a quiet month with just one nonprofit needing support. To see opportunities posted in previous editions, please refer to the [Volunteer Connections Newsletters here](#).

If you have a friend or family member who might like to get more involved in the Los Gatos community, we encourage you to forward this newsletter to them or have them check our website at lgvolunteerconnections.org.

The next *Volunteer Connections* newsletter will be emailed Friday, August 7, 2026. Local nonprofits, not already on our distribution, may contact lgvolunteerconnections@gmail.com for information on how to participate.

Volunteer Opportunities at a Glance

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Volunteer Need Overview: CADRE is holding our first planning meeting for our yearly participation in Bark in the Park™.

We are looking for volunteers to plan, set up, tend to, tear down, and manage a booth at Bark in the Park. It is a fun event where we hand out not only emergency preparedness information for you but also for your four legged friends!

 What Is Bark in the Park?

Bark in the Park is one of the largest dog festivals in the United States — a joyful, all-day outdoor celebration where leashes, wagging tails, and smiles take center stage! It's a family-friendly event that draws thousands of dog lovers and their four-legged best friends to scenic William Street Park in the historic Naglee Park neighborhood of downtown San Jose on Sept 19th.

Organization Mission: CADRE is the coordinator of Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) for Santa Clara County under California's State VOAD.

The mission of CADRE is to strengthen coordination of the disaster response and recovery efforts of non-profit, faith-based, government, private and other disaster relief entities in Santa Clara County, through partnerships, planning, training, exercises and emergency activation.

Organization Website: <https://www.cadresv.org/>

Special Skills or Age Requirements: We have a need for volunteers 55 and older, but everyone is welcome! This is our first planning meeting and we need volunteers to help us organize for this important and FUN community event. Volunteers will help plan but also manage our booth at the event.

Dates and Times Volunteers Needed: Tuesday July 14th 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM via Zoom for the first planning meeting.

Location of Volunteering Activity: Our planning meeting will be remote via Zoom. The Sept 19th Bark in the Park event takes place at William Street Park, 16th St & E William St, San Jose.

Contact for More Information: Contact CADRE's Volunteer Engagement Coordinator antonia@cadresv.org or register here: <https://app.dvforms.net/api/dv/y3oqo5>.

Current and past editions of this newsletter can be found at our *Volunteer Connections* website by clicking [here](#).

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