Happy Anniversary

We congratulate these volunteers who celebrate their anniversaries this month and thank them for their ongoing involvement!

18 years	**Jane Johnson** and **Linda Comella**, Patrol Volunteers, Parks
17 years	**Holly Harton-Hernandez**, Steward, Parks
14 years	**Doug Kunst**, Fire Lookout, Fire; **Stan Rowan**, Driver, Fire; **Linda Novy**, Patrol Volunteer, Parks
10 years	**Pat Barton**, Aide, Bolinas Library
8 years	**John Newman** and **Bruce Schomaker**, Fire Lookouts, Fire
6 years	**Marge Genolio**, Shelver, Inverness Library; **Chrisula Asimos**, **Maria Gregoriev** and **Susan O'Brien**, Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) Volunteers, Health and Human Services (HHS)
5 years	**Joan Brown**, *Frankly Speaking* Proofreader, Human Resources; **Lauren McGuire**, Patrol Volunteer, Parks
4 years	**Paula Kamena**, Investigator, Sheriff's Office; **Judy Wilkins** and **Amory Willis**, Patrol Volunteers, Parks
3 years	**Gloria Amirehsani**, Senior Peer Counselor, HHS; **Jim Cleaves**, Tutor, Novato Library
2 years	**Lelia Lanctot**, Clerical Assistant, HHS; **Patricia Maguire**, Ombudsman, HHS
1 year	**Jesse Alvarez**, Patrol Volunteer, Parks; **Haylea Hannah**, Epidemiology Fellow, HHS; **Marie Fitzgerald**, Event Aide, Human Resources

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Volunteer Notes

Your Time Matters

Is your online volunteer time log complete as of June 30? We're preparing to report on the positive impact of Civic Center volunteers and student interns serving in all county departments. To be accurate, we need every hour! See page 3.

75 Years for Fair

The Marin County Fair is celebrating 75 years! Join the fun through July 4, and while there note the hard work of the nearly 700 volunteers who help with a wide range of fair tasks. For volunteers' photos, see page 3. For fair details, visit marinfair.org.

Holiday

Marin County offices will be closed Monday, July 4 for Independence Day.

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The Volunteer View

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Johanna Ostling joins lookout team, keeps watch for signs of fire in Marin

Johanna Ostling

When **Johanna Ostling** was on jury duty last winter she happened to sit next to a retired Marin County fireman, **Pat Williams**, who told her all about the department's volunteer fire lookout program. "The job just fit perfectly with my field of behavioral response to natural hazards – the subject of my dissertation for my PhD in environmental geography," Johanna said. Intrigued by Pat's description, she offered her skills and now is a Civic Center Volunteers participant on the Fire Department's lookout team.

The all-volunteer program has 40 lookouts who watch for smoke from lookout towers on Mts. Tamalpais and Barnabe in West Marin. They are on duty from June 1 to the end of fire season in October, said **Matt Watson**, a fire apparatus engineer with the county who coordinates the lookout team. He expects a severe fire season this year with many red-flag days. Johanna, along with 12 fellow recruits, took training led by Matt in May. The new volunteers learned to use the Osborne Fire Finder to scan the landscape for signs of smoke, and to operate a radio to report weather, temperature, wind direction, and wind speed to the department's fire dispatch center in Woodacre. Matt said, "Johanna was very prompt, helpful, and a quick learner."

After eight hours of on-site training in a tower with experienced volunteers, Johanna has been assigned to four independent sessions this season. "I never want to see smoke, but I need to know how to meet it properly and be ready," she said, adding that her mountaintop volunteer assignment "gives me time to myself while helping people."

Johanna is employed as a Kaiser Permanente project manager working with doctors whose patients have chronic conditions. She also volunteers at Muir Woods a half-day a week, and this fall she will teach geography at Santa Rosa Junior College.

As a teen in Novato, Johanna earned Girl Scouts' top Gold Award. Her mother and two sisters were also Girl Scouts. The family enjoyed outdoor camping and touring. One memorable year, they visited their family roots in Norway, Sweden, and Denmark.

Johanna has a BA, MA, and her PhD in environmental geography from Texas State University. Her work experience includes an outdoor education program on Grand Cayman Island created by Jean-Michel Cousteau to get kids out into nature.

By Shirley Trimble

Who's New & Welcome

Samar Amidi, Pre-Law Intern, District Attorney's Office (DA)
Don Armstrong, Tomales Volunteer Fire Secretary-Treasurer, Marin County Fire (Fire)
Jen Bach, Tomales Volunteer Firefighter, Fire
Spencer Becerra, Marin County Organization of Latino Employees Intern, Board of Supervisors
Joshua Berry, Career Explorer Intern, Human Resources Department (HR)
Kaleb Berry, Career Explorer Intern, Health and Human Services Department (HHS)
Katherine Bonenti, *Volunteer View* Writer and Administrative Aide, HR
Litzy Braga, Career Explorer Intern, Parks
Chad Brown, Career Explorer Intern, HHS
Ronald Bruno, Steward, Parks
Sara Bushman, Certified Law Student, Public Defender's Office (PD)
Cecilia Castaneda, HIV Outreach and Program Assistant, HHS
Eric Cutler, Tomales Volunteer Fire Chief, Fire
Corinne Downing, Tomales Volunteer Firefighter, Fire
Jason Downing, Tomales Volunteer Assistant Fire Chief, Fire
Katherine Downs, Pre-Law Intern, DA
Brandan Escobar, Career Explorer Intern, Parks
Alexandra Fetter, Legal Support Intern, DA
Kristian George, Communicable Disease Program Assistant Intern, HHS
Tim Graves, Tomales Volunteer Firefighter, Fire
Ethan Greene, Investigations Intern, Marin County Sheriff's Office, and Legal Support Intern, County Counsel's Office
Jacqueline Herrera, Post-Bar Law Clerk, PD
Rory Hewitt, Fire Lookout, Fire
Julian Hinojosa, High School Intern, PD
Wendy Hoffman, Fire Lookout, Fire
Justin Hong, Legal Support Intern, DA
John Howard, Fire Lookout, Fire
Steve Johnson, Fire Lookout, Fire
Ava Jones, High School Intern, PD
Andrew Jose, Nutrition Wellness Intern, HHS
Emily Kesler, *Volunteer View* Writer and Copy Editor Intern, HR
Anna Khachatryan, Area Agency on Aging Program Assistant Intern, HHS
Weston Kirby, Legal Support Intern, DA
Marisol Koorhan, Public Guardian Intern, HHS
Ellen Labitzke, Legal Intern, PD
Galen Leeds, Tomales Volunteer Firefighter, Fire
Natalia Lima, Pre-Law Intern, PD
Shannon Low, Environmental Health Services Intern, Community Development Agency (CDA)
Dan Lyman, Legal Intern, PD
Elena Margarito, Career Explorer Intern, Parks
Michael Marthinsen, Environmental Health Services Intern, CDA
Devin Moore, Career Explorer Intern, Parks
Coleman Myers, Human Rights Commission Aide, HR
Grace Narlock, Social Media & Communication Intern, HHS
Cate Nash, Legal Support Intern, DA
Leonidas Nicol, Post-Bar Law Intern, PD
Teresa Nina, Adult Case Management Intern, HHS
Presley Okeeffe-Hair, Career Explorer Intern, Library
Kristina Oshiro, Health Equity Volunteer, HHS
Mario Parnell, Fire Lookout, Fire
Michael Pile, High School Intern, PD
Julia Po, Adult Case Management Intern, HHS
Lauren Quan, Legal Intern, PD
Cristianna Salarpi, Pre-Law Intern, PD
Ben Sampietro, Tomales Volunteer Firefighter, Fire
Kelly Sanders, Tomales Volunteer Firefighter, Fire
Dennis Sarantapoulas, Tomales Volunteer Firefighter, Fire
Arody Soriano, Children's Oral Health Program Intern, HHS
Deborah Stephenson, Financial Abuse Specialist Team Volunteer, HHS
Mark Stoering, Tomales Volunteer Firefighter, Fire
John Tillson, Career Explorer Intern, Parks
Amanda Uribe, Event Aide Intern, HHS
Willem van Dam, Trail Maintenance Volunteer, Parks
Jenny Vanegas Lacy, Adult Case Management Intern, HHS
Korina Vigil, Adult Case Management Intern, HHS

Festival gets healthy boost from volunteers and interns

The annual Fruit and Veggie Fest at the county Health and Wellness Campus got a boost from Health and Human Services and Marin County Parks volunteers and interns. They handed out samples, helped with cooking demonstrations, and taught disc golf.

Photos by Kathy Koblick and Tara Clark

County's biggest volunteer team makes a fair contribution

Energetic volunteers help Cultural Services Department staff members receive entries for the Marin County Fair, which runs June 30 through July 4. Volunteers also assist during and after the fair. At nearly 700 people strong, it's the county's largest seasonal volunteer team.

Photos by Robyn Nguyen

Update your hours now for annual impact report!

The Civic Center Volunteers office team is gathering facts for our annual report and we urgently need your help. The report shows the positive impact of volunteer and intern efforts in all county departments. It is read by county leaders who use it to inform decisions about volunteers and interns. Update your time log now so that the report reflects true involvement. Access your profile at https://ec.volunteernow.com/custom/1433 and click on Log Book to record your time as of June 30. Do you have a question or want help with your username or password? We welcome your call at 415-473-7407. Thank you for sharing your skills and time!