

One Day Can Make a Difference!

please see below for a partial list of annual, recurring and monthly one-day community service events in the Culver City area

ANNUAL

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

Held third Monday of January on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a national holiday

<http://www.mlkday.gov/>

also on facebook and twitter

Various community service projects throughout Los Angeles, such as staffing blood banks, building and repairing playgrounds, helping out at various seminars and events honoring Dr. King, etc.

Culver City also hosts an annual essay contest to get teens involved. Please see the City website community calendar at www.culvercity.org to find out when the next MLK Day Activities Subcommittee Meeting will be held.

Los Angeles Marathon

Held on a Sunday in March

<http://lamarathon.com/>

info@lamarathon.com or 310.271.7200

More than 5,000 VERY early-rising volunteers make this annual event happen. With a new route from "stadium to sea" there should be a nearby volunteer opportunity to Culver City. 2010 marks the 25th Anniversary of the marathon.

Global Youth Service Day

Held in late April

<http://www.gysd.org/>

also on facebook, twitter, youtube, myspace

The GYSD event in Culver City is traditionally organized at the Teen Center and coordinated by Arames White, Recreation Coordinator.

Earth Day

Held April 22

<http://www.ecostation.org/ecostation/eventearthday.htm>

also on facebook

Star ECO Station in Culver City holds a huge weekend-long Children's Earth Day event which requires lots of clean-up, set-up, logistics, break down, crowd assistance, etc.

Call 310-842-8060 for more information.

Big Sunday

Held the first weekend of May

<http://www.bigsunday.org/>

also on facebook

More than 500+ community service projects throughout Los Angeles, such as painting and furnishing homeless shelters, games day at a convalescent home, etc. You can also volunteer to be a site captain, which takes much advance planning and coordination, but is highly rewarding! Sign-ups for volunteers begin in April.

Relay for Life – American Cancer Society

Traditionally held in mid to late May at Culver City High School

<http://www.relayforlife.org>

once you locate the Culver City event page, there should be a “volunteer” tab on the left side with an online form to fill out. You can also try emailing: culverwalk@aol.com

This is a 24-hour event to raise awareness and funds for cancer. Volunteers do everything from set-up, cleanup, logistics, marketing, entertainment, luminaries coordination and more. 24 solid hours of service opportunities! Daffodil Days in March is also a one-day opportunity.

Special Olympics

Held in June in Long Beach

http://www.sosc.org/Volunteer_Main.htm

Although the “main event” is in Long Beach, local coaching and office assistance opportunities are available.

9/11 Day of Service

Held on September 11th

<http://www.911dayofservice.org/>

This is a new service day held for the first time in 2009. Their mission is to honor the victims of 9/11 and those who rose to service in response to the attacks by encouraging all Americans and others throughout the world to pledge to voluntarily perform at least one good deed, or another service activity on 9/11 each year.

Coastal Cleanup Day

Held the third Saturday of September

<http://healthebay.org/volunteer/ccd/>

800.HEAL.BAY

you can register to be on the email list at any time (top of right side column)

Beach and inland locations are offered for cleanups, which typically begin in the morning around 8-8:30 a.m. A google map on the website lists all sites participating. There are traditionally several Ballona Creek sites as well as several around Venice Beach.

National Public Lands Day

Held mid to late September

<http://www.publiclandsday.org>

Cleanups are traditionally held at local State Parks and Recreation Areas such as Kenneth Hahn Recreation Area in Culver City. Tree People also typically hosts a tree planting in the L.A. area. Visit www.treepeople.org and click on the "calendar" tab and then "community, campus, park and mountain plantings" to find the location.

Ballona Wetlands Habitat Restoration

Held the fourth Saturday of each month, from 9:30 am – noon

http://ballonafriends.org/visit_programs.html

community calendar is the first link on the page

310.739.8613

Help restore the last coastal wetland habitat in L.A. Meet at 303 Culver Blvd. in Playa del Rey, behind Gordon's Market.

Malibu Creek Watershed Restoration

Generally held once a month on a Sunday, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

<http://www.healthebay.org/streamteam/volrestorations/default.asp>

calendar is located on the right side, you must RSVP to attend

These are sometimes nearby close to UCLA, but other times can be as far away as Calabasas. Check the calendar or contact the Stream Team at 310-451-1500, x117.

Nothin' But Sand Beach Cleanups

Held the third Saturday of each month, from 10:00 am - noon

<http://www.healthebay.org/volunteer/htbcleanup/default.asp>

can sign-up to be on the "Clean Up Alert List" (top of right side column)

Cleanup locations rotate throughout the year amongst Los Angeles County's dirtiest beaches...those that most need your help! Often held at Venice, Playa del Rey and Dockweiler beaches, all within 15 minutes of Culver City.

Surfrider Beach Cleanups

Held the 1st Saturday of every month

<http://surfriderwlam.org/programs/beach-cleanups/>

Beach cleanups at various locations, often at Venice area beaches. Participants can choose to surf their clean beach after the cleanup!

One Incredible Family

<http://www.oneincrediblefamily.org/>

OIF has several big, one-day volunteer opportunities throughout the year. For example: valentine making, Easter basket creations, potting plants, delivering Thanksgiving meals, etc. Work sites are usually in Culver City or Westchester area.