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Seniors Can Venture into Volunteering at Volunteer Fair

Fairfax County’s older residents have a wealth of experience and wisdom to share and the Fairfax County Park Authority is joining with others to encourage seniors to “Venture into Volunteering.”

Older adults, seniors and retirees looking for flexible, meaningful volunteer opportunities are invited to the “Venture into Volunteering” volunteer fair on October 8, 2015, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Lorton Workhouse at 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton, VA.

More than 30 organizations and Fairfax County agencies will be on hand to talk about their volunteer programs and benefits, including Fairfax Opportunities and Resources, Fairfax Pets on Wheels, Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital, Lorton Community Action Center and the Shepherd’s Center of Annandale/Springfield. Refreshments will be provided at this free event and participants will have an opportunity to enter a prize drawing.

The Fairfax County Park Authority is partnering with the Fairfax County Department of Family Services’ Area Agency on Aging, AARP, RSVP Northern Virginia (Volunteer Fairfax, Volunteer Alexandria, and Volunteer Arlington) and The Positive Aging Coalition to host the event.

Nationwide, nearly one-third of adults 45 years and older are volunteers. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, among those with a bachelor’s degree or higher, nearly 40 percent volunteer. The oldest of the generation of 77 million born between 1946 and 1964 is facing retirement or working part-time in retirement, and many are looking for additional meaningful ways to stay engaged in civic life. “Venture into Volunteering” will introduce them to many local organizations where their talents and skills will be valued and are needed.

For more information contact Jeannine Deem Purdy at the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging at 703-704-6075 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults.

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