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Colonials Community Times

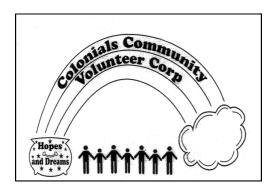
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Somewhere Over The Rainbow

It is the beginning of another year and I can only hope that this year is as successful and rewarding as last year. Last year saw many accomplishments and achievements for our group and individual members.

As impressive and important as these recognitions are what really stands out are the friendships that have developed among the volunteers and community members we work with.

I look forward to working together with everyone to continue the outstanding job that we do to make our community better for everyone. This new year has the promise for even better things to come. "What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."

Thanks for the Memories!!!

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Holiday Assistance

Colonials Community Volunteer Corps came to the rescue once again! During November and December many of our members set aside time to help the agency with the Holiday Assistance Program. This program helps provide Thanksgiving meals and Christmas food and gifts to many local families. Volunteers helped sort a tremendous amount of donated food and packed boxes that were distributed to local families in need. Volunteers also helped carry over a hundred Adopt a Family boxes to client's cars.



Fall Activities

<u>Food Pantry</u> On Tuesday mornings, volunteers have been helping at the Community Food Pantry located adjacent to William Paca Junior High School. Volunteers have been sorting and distributing food to needy families as well as

unloading pallets of boxed food. Volunteers work hard to provide this vital service to our community.

<u>Graffiti Removal</u> Every Friday afternoon, volunteers were working hard in the community removing graffiti vandalism from local municipal property, which helps to clean

our neighborhoods. To date, volunteers have removed 5,921 pieces of graffiti vandalism from local municipal property. This project will resume in the spring. Volunteers enjoy helping to make our community look better for everyone.



<u>Trunk or Treat</u> This year, our volunteers were once again invited to participate in Trunk or Treat. This Halloween themed activity was held in the parking lot of William

Floyd High School. Hundreds of children accompanied by parents attended this fun event. We decorated our van and dressed in costumes. We handed out assorted candy. Everyone had a good time!

<u>Flowers for Friends</u> Volunteers have been helping the Youth Services Committee of the William Floyd Community Summit with Flowers for Friends. Throughout the school

year we help sell flowers at the William
Floyd High School.
Flowers are sold to
raise money to assist
with costs of Senior
Prom for students with
financial needs.



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Greatest Questions Ever!!!

- 1) What are you sick and tired of?
 - Kevin S– My Job
 - Jamie-Life TBH
 - Lea-Being tired
- 2) What's a goof name for a Rhinoceros?
 - Shea-Rufus
 - Kathy– Tony
 - Viola—Puppy
- 3) Who would you like to share a pizza with?
- Carolyn– Hi it's me Carolyn. I would like to share a pizza with an elf.
 - Emilio– My aunt and dad.
 - Alicia– My sister Gabby Hanlon while watching our show.





Youth Perspectives

A Holiday Fair

By: Carolyn Borak

On Thursday, December 7th Darian and I went to a holiday fair at William Paca Junior High School. It was a nice vendor fair. I did vendor shopping and I purchased a few gifts for people. The vendors had a Chinese Auction which I won a prize. I think next time they should advertise vendor Chinese auction because people thought their would be prizes their and their was not vendors were raffling off what they wee selling. It was a lot of fun. The Boy Scouts put it on. If you are looking for something to do next year go support the Boy Scouts holiday fair. A lot of different gifts.



In Memory of Peggy

By: Carolyn Borak

Hi my name is Carolyn. I volunteered with Colonial Youth in Ray's group. I've known Peggy for over 30 years. We've done a lot of activities with the CCVC group and volunteering. I also helped Peggy out with a socialization group she ran at the Red School House. I'm good with the special needs kids because we also volunteered at the PTO meeting too. Peggy also helped me out getting my CDA I would like to get my CDA and she helped me meet my goals with it. She told me to contact Dedrie she came in to observe me. Peggy also made sure my portfolio was good and everything I needed was in it. I went to take the CDA test and I passed it. We all used to laugh together. I will learn what Peggy has taught me. Peggy will be missed by so many people.

Just for You



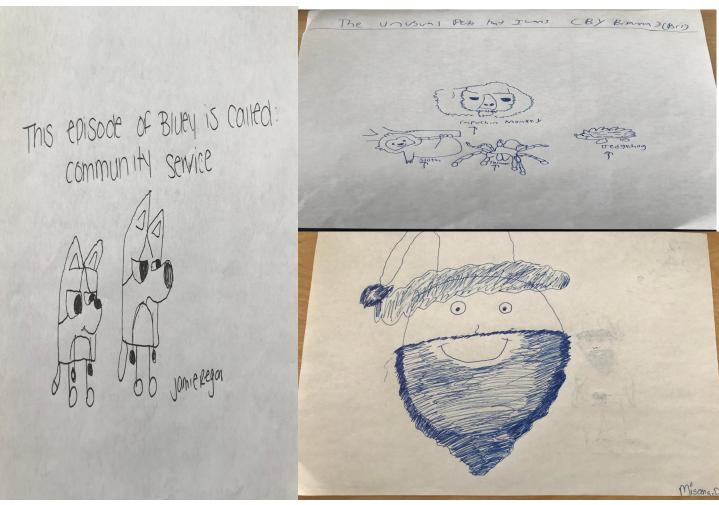
Holiday Word Scramble

By: Carolyn Borak

- 1) elbls
- 2) ansat
- 3) rsoytf-nowsamn
 - 4) oldc
 - 5) akcj-rofts

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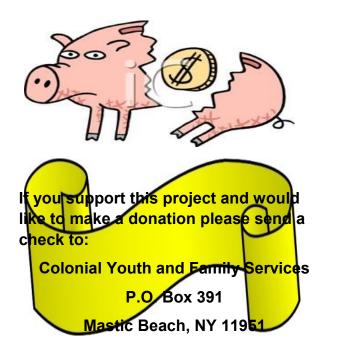
Special Thanks

- Lynda Zach
 – for buying lunch for volunteers
 during Holiday Assistance.
- Maria Steinbach
 – for baking for Holiday Assistance.
 - Neil
 – for support and generosity during the holidays.
 - The Chamber of Commence
 – for providing costumes for the Christmas Parade.
 - Parents

 for letting your children volunteer during the holidays.
 - Buildings and Grounds

 for always coming through for us during the holidays.

Donations



Volunteers

Apollo "Jackal" Carissa Horstmann Seth Ranzinger Anthony Agiato Shane Horstmann Jamie Regan Emilio Alfo Matt Johnson Kimberly Regan Chyenne Andrews Rosanna Johnson Austin Reyes Charlene Keesler Kenny Beere Cesar Rivera Dina Bianco Cait Klein Adryan Robinette Carolyn Borak Jillian LaChacz Dayven Robinette Aaliyah Burwell Eva LaManna Marcia Robinette Christian Burwell Madeline Laso **Todd Rogers** Henry Campeverde James Lee Andrew Romero Darrin Carlisle David Libonati Anna Romero Kevin Cattell Christina Luciano Louis Romero Trishelle Cattell Danielle Luciano Michelle Romero **Charlott Corry** Liz Luperena Alexus Rountree Lea Saar Isabella Coppola Beth Magee **Bayley Cuomo** Nicole Mahler Jarod Scott Dawn Cuomo Hillary Maldanado Kevin Sindt Viola Cuomo Giavanna Maltese Devin Shapero Denise Demarco Emma Marino Kari Smeland Miscena Daley Shajalisa Nicole Martinez Tyler Smeland Dean Dovale Hayley McGinn Krystal Snyder Braydon Fatzie Jessica McGinn Matthew Soccorso Matt Gammon Nicole McDonald Samantha Soccorso Brandon Moore Anthony Geyer James Tapia Curtis Gibb Anna Morrow Anthony Upshur Katie Gonzalez Eric Verdarossa Tina Murray Sarah Hack Thao Nguyen Chase Vinch Hailey Hamilton Julian Vinch May Nguyen Alicia Hanlon Preston Vinch Lea Nguyen Beth Hanlon Christina Walsh Phuc Nhuyen Faith Hanlon Brianna O'Conner **Emily Walsh** Gabby Hanlon Kimberly Oquendo Jenine White Heather Hanlon Patrick Perry Phillip Wildner Kathy Hanlon Christopher Perry Ryan Wilkenson Krystle Heimowitz Tommy Pirello Brenna Winter Max Heimowitz Shealyn Pizzini Lynda Zach Shea Hinton Megan Prewitt Theresa Zagorski Raymond Hopp Kevin Quito

Raymond Reed

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Adult Volunteers

If you are an adult who would like to volunteer your time as a mentor, to show an example of community involvement and pride. Please call Samantha Soccorso at 631-281-4461. Remember an hour of your time...means a lot to our community.

How to Join?

If you are a student presently in grades 6 through 12 in the William Floyd School District who would like to make your community a better place and be involved, come join Colonials Community Volunteer Corps.

Call 631-281-4461

Upcoming Activities

Flowers for Friends

Food Pantry

Graffiti Removal

Community Gardens

Community Clean Up

Like us on Facebook

Colonial Youth and Family Services

OR

CCVC GROUP/ ACTIVITIES

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Participating Organizations

Colonial Youth & Family Services

J.V. Kavanaugh, Knights of Columbus

Kiwanis Club of the Mastics

Mastic Beach Property Owner's Assoc.

Mastic & Shirley Community Food Center Foundation

Mastic Beach Chamber of Commerce

Mastic Beach Yacht Club

Mastic Park Civic Assoc.

Mastic, Moriches, Shirley Community Library

Pattersquash Creek Civic Assoc.

Rotary Club of the Shirley & Mastics

Tri Hamlet Lioness Club

St. Jude's Roman Catholic Church

Shirley & the Mastics Chamber of Commerce

Tri-Hamlet Women's League

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