



NEWS RELEASE

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Serve Santa Maria Event is Saturday, September 21

The sixth "Serve Santa Maria" day will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2013 with numerous local volunteers uniting to beautify our community through service projects from about 9 a.m. to noon. Members of the public are encouraged to participate and after work is complete they can enjoy a lunch that will be provided. The projects are great opportunities for church groups or families with children.

The City is teaming up again with Pastor Carl Nielsen, who is leading the Serve Santa Maria effort. Volunteers including City employees, residents, and local high school students will assemble at 8:30 a.m. at the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center, 600 S. McClelland Street, get their assignments, and then fan out to do the projects.

This year, organizers are recruiting anyone who wants to help clean up the City by gardening and painting at several sites, including various projects at a senior mobile home park. There is also a special project consisting of yard work at the home of a 90-year-old woman who would really appreciate the help.

City staff have identified needed projects, from planting new plants at Atkinson Park and Rice Park, raking bark chips at Preisker Park and Pioneer Park, and trash removal at Jim May Park.

To volunteer as an individual, team, or an organization or for more information, contact Pastor Nielsen by phone at (805) 264-5959.

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