



PROCLAMATION

- President Richard Nixon established National Volunteer Week with an executive order in 1974 as a way to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers.
- Every sitting U.S. president since Nixon has issued a proclamation during National Volunteer Week (as have many U.S. mayors and governors), urging Americans to give their time to community outreach organizations.
- National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to recognize and thank volunteers who lend their time, talent, voice, inspiration, support to causes they care about in their community.
- Volunteers provide services beyond an economic reach giving selflessly to many, many causes throughout the Ashland community and beyond.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council and Mayor, on behalf of the citizens of Ashland, do hereby proclaim April 15 through April 21, 2018 as

National Volunteer Week

and hereby urge all citizens to recognize the beneficial service of our citywide volunteers and thank them for lending their time, talent and support to the betterment of the City of Ashland and communities around the world.

Dated this 17th day of April, 2017.

John Stromberg, Mayor

Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder

This is a great opportunity to recognize the many service hours Ashland's Community Emergency Response Team gives toward disaster preparedness. Ashland CERT volunteers are dedicated to preparing the community to endure disasters by creating a culture of preparedness. Ashland Fire & Rescue would like to recognize two individuals, specifically Paul Collins and Dan Ragen.

Dan Ragen joined CERT in 2004 and was quickly recognized as an outstanding volunteer for providing his time to assist CERT in building and strengthening a member database, organizing his base members, and encouraging other members to become trained HAM Radio operators. He provides a wealth of expertise regarding radio communications, use and training. He also volunteers as the alternative deputy coordinator, and provides instructional training.

Paul Collins joined Ashland CERT in 2006. Since then he has become the invaluable deputy coordinator assisting in mission callouts, and other events, helped create a membership guidance booklet, and most importantly been instrumental in supporting and delivering the CERT training curriculum to the community. Paul was instrumental during the Oak Knoll Fire providing leadership and management in support of the mission and goals in protecting life, property, and the environment.

Additionally, Ashland Parks & Recreation would like to recognize Charlotte Kyle and Mary Pat Powers for their dedication and support at the North Mountain Park Nature Center. APRC manages 17 parks, 48 miles of trails, along with a Nature Center, Golf Course, Senior Center and a seasonal pool and Ice Rink.

Charlotte Kyle is an Elementary Education student at SOU and has been volunteering with Parks and Recreation for two years. She has assisted with several of our public events and has thrown herself fully into teaching school program field trips at North Mountain Park. She has shown amazing commitment and passion for sharing nature with children. After teaching three field trip seasons, she decided to complete her undergraduate Capstone project with us and has been spearheading a project to improve our Service Learning curriculum.

Mary Pat Power has been volunteering at North Mountain Park since 2005. A retired teacher and counselor, she brings many skills which help to keep several Nature Center projects running smoothly. Mary Pat records all the park's wildlife sightings, grades and summarizes all our educational assessments and helps us plan the Bear Creek Salmon Festival and Rogue Valley Bird Day. She is a birder and a member of our bird monitoring team, and she's instrumental in running Project Feederwatch, an annual citizen-science effort.