

There are many ways that you, as a resident, can contribute to our community. Volunteering your time and energy helps create a safer and more vibrant Corona. Here are several organizations that work in partnership with the City of Corona that may be of interest to you and your family.

Parks & Community Services Volunteers

The Parks & Community Services Department is seeking volunteers for a variety of positions within the Department. Volunteers should be 14 years of age and older and committed to service in the community.

Available Volunteer Positions Include:

- Corona Volunteers in Parks (VIPs)
- Adventure Day Camp “Leader in Training” – Summers Only
- After-School Recreation Program Assistant & Tutors
- Facility Monitoring
- Graffiti Removal / Facility Maintenance
- Senior Center
- Office Assistant
- Youth Sports Coaches & Scorekeepers

For more information or to apply to be a volunteer, please call (951) 736-2241.

The Library Foundation

Purpose:

The Library Foundation is a non-profit organization operated by a volunteer Board of Directors that is dedicated to assisting the Corona Public Library by strengthening its programs and improving its service to the public.

Funds raised by the Foundation benefit the Library in the areas of **Literacy Services**, keeping **Library Technology** current, and **Building for the Future** by enhancing the current facility and sustaining endowment efforts for a branch library to serve Corona’s growing needs.

History:

The Corona Public Library Foundation is an independent, 501(c)(3) non-profit library support group, first organized in 1981 by Stanley Reynolds as the Corona Literary Society. At the time, there was a pressing need for programs and equipment to help library users take advantage of new and fast-developing technology such as computers, video systems, and reproduction equipment. Those once visionary ideas are now integral parts of the Library’s daily services and still constantly in need of updates to remain current.

Over the years, the Foundation has raised funds by soliciting donations from individuals and businesses in the form of major gifts, endowments, planned gifts, and fundraisers. The Foundation also offers a newly created Foundation Membership program, with multiple levels for individuals, seniors, children, and organizations of any size.

For More Information or to Donate

Monetary donations are always welcome and can be designated for specific projects or programs such as computers or literacy. Funds may also be donated for general use by the Foundation or specified in memory of a loved one.

More information and applications for Foundation membership are available at the Library, online at www.CPLFound.org, by calling the Corona Public Library’s business office at (951) 736-2384 or in writing at:

Corona Public Library Foundation
650 South Main Street
Corona, CA 92882-3417

Friends of the Library

Purpose:

- To create community interest in the Corona Public Library
- To promote increased knowledge and understanding of the Library’s services and needs
- To encourage suitable gifts
- To foster support for the Library’s development

History:

The Friends of the Corona Public Library is an independent, 501(c)(3) non-profit support group first organized in 1964 when the Library was still housed in the Carnegie building at Eighth and Main Streets. The Friends were originally dedicated to expanding children’s services, providing regular story hours, and adding books to the children’s collection. Since then, the Friends’ support has grown to include contributions toward expansion of the entire Library collection, increased services in all areas of the Library, and preservation of Corona’s history and rich community heritage.

Membership Benefits

- Free subscription to “The Quarterly Reader”, the Friends’ newsletter.
- Loyalty Card Redemptions-purchases in the BookShop earn credit toward cash redemptions applied to future BookShop purchases.
- 10% discount on all donated books in the Friends’ BookShop at all times.
- 50% discount on all donated books in the Friends’ BookShop on the first Saturday of each month.

Activities and Projects

- Friends’ BookShop – browse through our shop, located next to the Adult Literacy area. Sales from bargain-priced books and gift items help provide new library books and a wide variety of Corona Public Library programs and enhancements.
- Adopt-a-Book-Program – The Friends match “adoption fees” donated by individuals, businesses, and organizations for the purchase of new books for the Library.
- Summer Reading Program – Annual donations from the Friends underwrite the Corona Public Library’s summer reading incentive program.
- Author Talks & Special Programs – The Friends sponsor a broad range of cultural programs featuring authors, musicians, storytellers, as well as supply festive year-end holiday decorations and entertainment.

- Major Gifts to the Library – Substantial gifts from the Friends include the outdoor electronic message center, computer work stations, Water Wall, the murals in the Children’s Room, the book shaped children’s furniture, special gateway entrance and art in Teens@650, and special reference works.
- Friends’ Website - Visit www.FriendsofCPL.org for lots of Friends, BookShop, and Corona Library information. You can download Friends’ brochures, send us an email, ask questions, visit our Blog and much more.

How to Donate

Donations of money, used or new books, DVD’s, CD’s, and the like are greatly appreciated. Look for donation guidelines on our website and posted in the Library. To donate used or new materials, bring your donations to the Library at 650 S. Main Street. A receipt for your donation is available upon request.

How to Reach the Friends and become a member

The Friends’ website, www.FriendsofCPL.org, will answer many of your questions about our organization and membership. You can download a membership application from the site and mail it to us at P.O. Box 1892, Corona, CA 92878. Questions can also be emailed to us directly at info@friendsofcpl.org.

You can also obtain information by calling (951) 279-6604 to reach the Friends of the Corona Public Library or stop and talk with any of the Friends’ volunteers who assist throughout the Library.

Corona Public Library Adult Literacy Program

Help English-Speaking adults improve their basic reading and writing skills by becoming a volunteer tutor.

The Library also offers ESL (English as a Second Language) classes through a partnership with the local school district and volunteers. All services are free.

For more information on how to become a volunteer tutor or the ESL class, please call (951) 279-3689.

Corona Fire Safety Foundation

Purpose

To provide a partnership between the community and the Corona Fire Department to expand public safety for the citizens of Corona.

History

The Corona Fire Safety Foundation is a non-profit public benefit corporation that was formed in November 1998. Its board members contribute personal knowledge and expertise, act as advocates for the organization in the community, and contribute knowledge of community issues and matters related to the organization.

Recent Activities and Programs

- Equipment Supplied: Digital cameras, confined space rescue equipment, firefighter rescue belts, and automatic electronic defibrillators (AEDs).
- Programs Funded: Vials of Life, Fire Explorer Program, Burn Institute – Inland Empire, and fire service scholarships.

- Education Programs Funded: Swimming pool safety, Smoke detectors, and Freddy the Fire Truck.
- Fundraisers: The Great Taste.

Meetings

The Corona Fire Safety Foundation Board of Directors meets on the second Thursday of each month. General meetings are held quarterly and are open to all interested parties.

How to Join or Donate

The Corona Fire Safety Foundation can be reached at:

Corona Fire Safety Foundation
400 S. Vicentia Avenue, #215
Corona, CA 92882
(951) 736-2373

www.CoronaFireSafetyFoundation.org

All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law and can be made to a specific program or in general support of ongoing projects.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The City of Corona Fire Department’s Community Emergency Response Team program, otherwise known as CERT, has a mission to increase through training and preparation the self-sufficiency and survivability of Corona’s people, businesses, and government for all foreseeable disasters. The CERT program teaches individuals to care for family and neighbors and to assess hazards after a disaster as part of a trained team. The 25-hour FEMA based course is free to Corona area residents and includes training in:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Light Search and Rescue
- Fire Safety
- Disaster Psychology
- CPR
- Disaster First Aid
- CERT Organization
- Terrorism

For dates and information go to www.DiscoverCorona.com/cert or call (951) 736-2458.

Trauma Intervention Program (TIP)

TIP is an all-volunteer 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that those who are emotionally traumatized in emergency situations receive the immediate assistance they need. To accomplish this goal, TIP works closely with local emergency responders and hospital personnel. Well-trained citizen volunteers are called to emergency scenes to assist family members, witnesses, and other bystanders whom the emergency system must often leave behind in order to respond to other emergencies.

Services are provided to victims and their families free of charge and are made possible through grants from local government and the fund raising efforts of individuals.

TIP volunteers:

- Provide emotional and practical support
- Serve as a liaison between the victims and emergency and hospital authorities
- Help arrange follow-up services
- Provide resource information

For more information about the Corona TIP program and the next training academy, please call (951) 736-2373 or visit our website at: www.TIPCorona.org.

Corona Police Community Partnership

Purpose

To enhance cooperation between the police and the citizens of Corona to ensure a safe community.

History

Corona Police Community Partnership, Inc. (CPCP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization formed in March 1994.

Recent Activities & Programs are:

- Scholarships: Offer scholarships to local high school seniors wanting to enter law enforcement when they graduate.
- Outreach: Participate in Public Safety Day, "The Great Taste", and other community events.
- Employee Recognition: Support the annual Corona Police Department employee recognition banquet.

How to Join

Membership in CPCP is open to any person over 18 years of age who lives or works in the City of Corona.

To join or donate:

Corona Police Community Partnership (CPCP)
c/o Corona Police Department
730 Corporation Yard Way
Corona, CA 92880
(951) 736-2310

Corona Police Explorer Post #404

The Corona Police Explorer Program provides young men and women the opportunity to gain valuable training and experience in the law enforcement field. The program's goal is to help a young person decide if a career in law enforcement is right for him/her.

Police Explorers perform a variety of community services such as: traffic control, crowd control, fingerprinting of children, and assist with other special events. Occasionally, Explorers are used to search for missing children, search crime scenes for evidence or assist in major disaster scenes. Explorers also participate in the Police Department's ride-along program, which enables them to observe the actual functions of police officers as they perform their duties.

Membership Requirements

- Be 14-21 years of age
- Be enrolled in high school or college
- Maintain at least a 2.5 G.P.A
- Have good moral character with no misdemeanor or felony arrests
- Comply with the Corona Police Department grooming standards

How to Apply for Membership

If you would like to join the Corona Police Department Explorer Post #404 and get started on a career in law enforcement:

- Obtain and complete an application from the Police Department
- Pass a background investigation
- Attend four consecutive meetings

For more information on the Police Explorer program, please call (951) 736-2335 and ask to speak with the Explorer Advisor.

City of Corona Boards & Commissions

Citizens have an opportunity to participate in the implementation of local policies by serving on a City advisory board or commission. These various boards and commissions are comprised of local residents that provide input to some of our City departments and activities. At this time there are three City Boards and Commissions: the Library Board of Trustees, Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Planning Commission.

If you are a resident of the City of Corona and are interested in volunteering your time with a City board or commission, please complete an application for Public Service form available on the City website (www.DiscoverCorona.com) or by calling (951) 736-2201. Detailed information regarding the boards and commissions are below.

Library Board of Trustees

The Public Library shall be managed by a board of five Library Trustees, all of whom shall be City of Corona residents, not officers or employees, and all of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council. Members serve three-year terms pursuant to the California Education Code.

Parks and Recreation Commission

The Commission is comprised of five members, all of whom shall be City of Corona residents and shall not hold any paid office or employment with the City. Members serve four-year terms. Each Council Member appoints one member to serve concurrently with his/her term of office. Each member of the Commission shall receive fifty dollars for each regular monthly meeting attended, not to exceed fifty dollars per month. The Commission shall act in an advisory role to the City Council and make recommendations to the City Council concerning recreation programs, maintenance and operation of the public park system and the planting, care and removal of trees within the parkways.

Planning Commission

The Commission is comprised of five members, all of whom shall be residents of the City and shall not hold any paid office or employment with the City. Members serve four-year terms. Each Council Member appoints one member to the planning commission to serve concurrently with his/her term of office. Each member of the Commission shall receive fifty dollars for each regular meeting attended, not to exceed one hundred dollars per month. The Commission shall act in an advisory role to the City Council and make recommendations pursuant to the California Government Code.

Corona Heritage Park and Museum

In 1997, the Corona Heritage Foundation was formed to establish a permanent center for the community's heritage and history. By December 2000, the 10,000 sq. ft. Corona Heritage Museum was opened in what was once the company store of the Foothill Lemon Ranch. The Ranch, established in 1911, had been the agricultural hub of the City that became known as "The Lemon Capital of the World." Largely unknown before becoming Heritage Park, the site's history easily rivals any in Corona as a place of significance and has become the first official Historic District of the City of Corona.

In addition to the museum, the Park consists of four historic homes, built from 1903 through 1927, several packing houses, sheds, and an entomological laboratory. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and the facility is entirely volunteer-operated. The Park hosts several affiliated non-profit organizations on-site including the Corona Heritage Garden Society, the Corona Model Railroad Society, the Corona Art Association and the Corona Artists In Residence. The Corona Heritage Foundation has 425 members as of 2008 and is open to everyone. The Corona Heritage Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and is free to the public.

Contacts:

Administration: Ted Taylor 951-898-0687

Adult Art Classes: Leslie Brown (951) 316-1311

Children's Art Classes: Diane Archuleta (951) 737-6064

Corona Heritage Garden Society: Cindy Peterson (951) 735-1292

Curator/Museum Collections: Noella Benvenuti (951) 898-0687

Donations/Public Relations: Marla Benson (951) 733-8097

Field Trips/Tours/Volunteers: John Quinn (951) 736-0488

Corona Heritage Park and Museum

"The History, Art and Culture of Corona"

510 West Foothill Parkway

Corona, CA 92882

www.coronaheritage.org

Corona Historic Preservation Society

The Corona Historic Preservation Society (CHPS) is a local non-profit tax exempt organization founded in 1983 and dedicated to the preservation and revitalization of Corona's historic buildings, neighborhoods and sites. CHPS seeks to educate citizens of all ages about Corona's history, historic resources and to enhance historic preservation within the City of Corona. Programs presented and supported by the Society include: the Historic Marker Program, Vintage Home Tour, Heritage Home Awards, educational seminars

and field trips, and numerous community preservation projects and activities.

Purpose:

- To increase public knowledge and awareness of the unique history of Corona.
- To advocate for preservation of historic sites, structures, artifacts and records.
- To provide expertise in historic preservation and local history to the City's Community Development Department and Planning Commission on the merits of preserving various resources.
- To assist in relocating or finding alternative reuses of structures threatened with demolition.

How to join or donate:

To join, donate or contact the Corona Historic Preservation Society, you may obtain a membership application from the Society website at www.corona-history.org, pick up one of the Society's bi-monthly newsletters located at the Corona Public Library, leave a voice mail message on the Society's answering machine at (951) 898-2044, or write or send a check to:

Corona Historic Preservation Society

P. O. Box 2904

Corona, CA 92878

Please visit our website to learn more: www.corona-history.org

Code Enforcement Volunteers Program

Purpose:

The Code Enforcement Division welcomes volunteers from the community to preserve and improve our community, enhance property values and improve the overall quality of life throughout the City. All required training and equipment is provided by the City of Corona.

Volunteer Duties:

Aiding in the identification of blighted conditions and other property maintenance violations; assisting with inspections and re-inspections of alleged violations; removing illegal signage in public right of ways; clerical duties to assist City personnel; and educating the public on City standards and regulations.

Volunteer Requirements:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Possess a high school diploma or the equivalent
- Possess a valid California Drivers License and proof of insurance
- Must not have a record of conviction of a serious offense, or numerous convictions of minor offenses
- Must reside, work, or have a strong personal interest in the City of Corona
- Successful completion of the application process, including personal background checks, fingerprinting, and drug screening

For more information regarding the Volunteer Program, please contact Susan Kirsnis at (951) 736-2429 or e-mail susan.kirsnis@ci.corona.ca.us. Applications may be obtained at the City of Corona Human Resources Department, 400 S. Vicentia Ave, Corona, CA 92882 or online at www.DiscoverCorona.com