



Newburyport High School

Community Service Guide

This guide includes community organizations and non-profits offering community service and volunteer opportunities for Newburyport High School students.

Anna Jaques Hospital, Newburyport

www.ajh.org

978-463-1150

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Community hospital with mission to provide the highest quality medical care and improve the health of our community in alliance with our medical staff.

Volunteer Opportunities: Anna Jaques Hospital has a variety of departments with volunteer opportunities including Medical Records, Transportation, and Clinical.

Skills Required: Positive attitude, dependability, and professionalism. Must be able to follow directions.

Grade Level: 9-12 (must be 14 years or older)

Belleville Roots Music Concert Series

www.bellevillechurch.org/roots.php

978-463-7893

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The Belleville Roots Music Series, founded in December 2010, has three important missions. To bring a variety of high quality Roots Music concerts to the Newburyport area for all to enjoy. The series showcases music from a cappella to zydeco and may include many things in between such as blues, bluegrass, Cajun, Celtic, country folk, gospel, Irish, jazz and world music. (2) To raise funds to restore and maintain the historic 1867 Belleville Meetinghouse and adjacent Fiske Chapel complex at 300 High Street in Newburyport. It is hoped that the Meetinghouse and the adjacent complex will continue to serve as gathering places for years to come, and (3) to build community through music.

Volunteer Opportunities: Help with ushering, handing out programs, and greeting at upcoming concerts.

Skills Required: Ability to greet ticket holders and escort them to seating area. Will need to arrive 1 hour prior to concert.

Volunteers will be able to watch the concerts

Grade Level: 9-12

BOAT CAMP Nature School, Newburyport

www.boatcamp.org

978-463-2233

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BOAT CAMP Nature School is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing meaningful education outdoors to inspire lifelong connections to land and sea.

Volunteer Opportunities: Summer program assistance, education program assistance, events, community outreach, and trail maintenance.

Skills Required: Love of children and nature; environmental ethic. Please contact Andrew Prazar (andrew@boatcamp.org) for more information.

Grade Level: 9-12

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Boys and Girls Club, Salisburywww.bgclmv.org

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Boys & Girls Club mission is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those that need us the most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

Volunteer Opportunities: Refer to website under “How You Can Help” at www.bgclmv.org.

City of Newburyport, Health Departmentwww.cityofnewburyport.com

978-465-4410

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The mission of the Health Department is to educate, promote, improve and protect the public health and well-being of the citizens of the City of Newburyport, while contributing to building a healthy community and environment in which to live.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers needed for One Day Wellness Fair. Students are welcome to call the office to inquire about additional volunteer opportunities that may arise throughout the year.

Skills Required: Skills need will be dependent upon the task assigned to the students. The Wellness Fair will have the opportunities for greeters, student to staff teaching and information tables (training will be provided), set up and clean up.

There may also be opportunities for students to participate in the flu clinic. Anyone interested should call to discuss opportunities that align with their interests.

Grade Level: 9-12

City of Newburyport, Recycling and Energy Departmentwww.cityofnewburyport.com

978-499-0413

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Municipal government office with oversight of solid waste and recycling contracts and programs, yard waste facility, energy office and Green Communities Program.

Volunteer Opportunities: Internships

Skills Required: Microsoft Office, good communication skills, others depending on job.

Grade Level: 9-12

Custom House Maritime Museum, Newburyportwww.thechmm.org

978-358-7860

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Custom House Maritime Museum’s mission is to preserve, protect and communicate the maritime history of the Merrimac Valley and its role in American history.

Volunteer Opportunities: Docents (guides to do tours), interns, research, office support, help with social events, help plan exhibits, Coast Guard projects, and applying for grants.

Skills Required: Enjoys talking with visitors, love of history, good organizational ability, and good communication skills.

This is a fun place to volunteer. Lots of friendly people with all kinds of exciting activities going on year-round.

Grade Level: 9-12

Firehouse Center for the Arts, Newburyportwww.firehouse.org

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The Firehouse Center for the Art is a 195-seat intimate theater on the waterfront of beautiful downtown historical Newburyport. This vibrant cultural center offers national, regional and local live performances at affordable prices.

Volunteer Opportunities: Ushering for the performances at the theater.

Skills Required: Pleasant personality, able to follow instructions, willing to work evenings and weekends.

Grade Level: 9-12

Friends of the Newburyport Council on Agingwww.foncoa.org

978-463-8112

Olga MacFarlane

The Friends of the Newburyport Council on Aging advocate for and to address the needs of seniors by raising and expending funds in conjunction with the Newburyport Council on aging and the community.

Volunteer Opportunities: Assist with current events including silent auction, dinners, and entertainment, and mailings.

Skills Required: Computer skills and website design are helpful. Grade Level: 9-12

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Gulf of Maine Institute, Newburyport Teamwww.gulfofmaineinstitute.org

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Gulf of Maine Institute (GOMI) works within the community to raise environmental awareness one family at a time, by thinking locally and acting bio-regionally.

Volunteer Opportunities: GOMI Newburyport team checks water quality at four sites along the Merrimack River and at places where people swim from boats. GOMI Team helps control the spread of invasive species especially pepperweed, monitor marine invasive species on docks and in tide pools, perform outreach to the community about issues affecting Newburyport like the current concern over plastic bag use and help restore and maintain the Alchemical Garden on the Clipper City Rail Trail.

Skills Required: Willingness to volunteer is the biggest skill followed by commitment to the team and the projects.

Students need to learn to manage their time so they can commit regularly to do something for GOMI each month. It doesn't work without consistent attendance and effort. Specific skills needed for project completion will be taught by fellow team members, team advisor or the scientist consulting on the project.

Grade Level: 9-12

Historic New England, Newburywww.historicnewengland.org

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Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm

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Historic New England is the nation's oldest, largest and most comprehensive historic preservation organization. The Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm in Newbury offers many community service related positions and opportunities.

Volunteer Opportunities: Junior Guide Program (12 weeks) provide tours of manor house and farm; Community Service including family events, volunteer to help with parking, food service, and many other duties; and Animal Care including work with MSPCA rescue animals (must be trained). Please contact Education Coordinator to discuss individual opportunities.

Skills Required: Communication skills, a willing attitude and commitment to service project.

Grade Level: 9-12

Historical Society of Old Newburywww.newburyhist.org

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The Historical Society of Old Newbury preserves and interprets the history of "Old Newbury" - which includes Newbury, Newburyport, and West Newbury - from pre-Columbian times to the present. The Society carries out its mission in part through the ownership and operation of the Cushing House Museum, the Perkins Engraving Plant, and other historic structures on the Cushing House grounds. The Society furthers its purpose through lectures, exhibitions, educational programs, school tours, publications, a research library, and cooperation with area groups interested in local history. The Historical Society of Old Newbury seeks to share historical information to broaden knowledge and appreciation of the past, address historic preservation in the present, and provide a foundation for the future.

Volunteer Opportunities: Some opportunities are project-based, some event-based depending on organization needs. We have needs throughout the year so we encourage students to contact us and we will likewise get in touch with you to let you know of specific opportunities as well.

Skills Required: Detail-oriented; will ask questions rather than assume what to do; care in handling historic documents and other objects (will be trained how to do so as-needed); and intellectual curiosity.

Grade Level: 9-12; for most volunteer opportunities, students should be in AP or college-bound courses.

Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center, Newburyportwww.jeannegeigercrisiscenter.org

978-465-0999

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The Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center is a nationally recognized leader in the effort to end domestic violence and provide care for victims. For over 30 years, we have been providing advocacy and support services to families and the communities within the greater Newburyport area. Our mission is to empower members of our community to live free from fear, intimidation, violence or the threat of abuse by providing support, advocacy and education.

Volunteer Opportunities: One day volunteer opportunity at our annual walk against domestic violence in October.

Volunteer duties include set up, parking guide, crossing guards, and clean-up and other tasks assigned day of event. If interested in more long term volunteering please contact Laura Sampson at 978-465-0999 for an application and more information.

Skills Required: Must be reliable and flexible to assist with a wide variety of task at the event. Must have transportation and students who are 16 years of age or under may need parental consent forms signed.

Grade Level: 9-12

Leos Club, Newburyport

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Leadership. Experience. Opportunity. These are just a few of the rewards young people gain from participating in Leos. They also happen to be the values that create the acronym of our club name. Youth group for students in grades 7-12, sponsored by Lions Club. Have fun while helping others, make friends, annual acknowledgements for service.

Volunteer Opportunities: Ongoing opportunities to volunteer, events, projects, field trips, etc.

Skills Required: No special skills needed, just the desire to help others. No dues required. We ask that students attend weekly after school meetings and participate in club events. Do you like to volunteer and have fun doing it? Join the Leos. We are an awesome group of kids who love to help others. Meetings start in September. JOIN US as WE SERVE.

Grade Level: 7-12

Lowell's Boat Shop, Amesburywww.lowellsboatshop.com

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Established in 1793, Lowell's Boat Shop is the oldest continually operating boat shop in the United States. Today, Lowell's is a working boat shop and museum. We offer a range of programs to all ages; including rowing, volunteering, our Apprentice Program, and much more.

Volunteer Opportunities: Internships, Apprentice Program, and Community Service on a weekly basis, and volunteer opportunities during our seasonal events, grounds maintenance and shop maintenance.

Skills Required: Drive and dedication are important. An interest in local and/or maritime history is a plus.

Grade Level: 9-12

Mass Audubon Joppa Flats Education Centerwww.massaudubon.org

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The Joppa Flats Education Center is located at the gateway to one of the country's most productive, year-round, wildlife viewing areas—the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge and the Plum Island estuary. Highlights for visitors are the many species of birds that utilize the area's extensive salt marshes, mudflats, rivers, bays, and coastal waters.

Volunteer Opportunities: Young Naturalist is a junior volunteer position for youth ages 12-15. This is a wonderful opportunity that focuses on the local beaches and tide pools, bird ecology of Plum Island and the nature and human history of the Merrimack River Estuary and salt marshes. Joppa is all about environmental education and awareness, sharing information with people of all ages, and connecting children to the natural work through education as young as age two. To learn about more volunteer opportunities refer to the Mass Audubon website.

Skills Required: Eager to learn. Grade: 9-12

Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society, Salisburywww.mrfrs.org

978-462-0760

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Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society (MRFRS) is a nationally recognized, non-profit, volunteer-driven organization committed to ensuring the health and welfare of feral and domestic cats and kittens by promoting pro-active, no-kill programs.

Volunteer Opportunities: Caring for cats and kittens in our Salisbury shelter on a regular, scheduled weekly or alternate week schedule with a minimum six month commitment required; may also help with various fund-raising events; minimum age to volunteer is 15 years old.

Skills Required: Ability to work independently after being trained, follow sanitation and feeding protocols, work well with others on the volunteer team, communicate with coordinator by email, and reliability. Must like cats, not have cat allergies, and be willing to do “dirty” tasks such as litter boxes, trash, etc. Reliable transportation mandatory.

We do accept community service volunteers on a case-by-case-basis, as long as they are willing to make the commitments as noted above and have the necessary skills.

Grade Level: 9-12

Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity, Lawrencewww.merrimackvalleyhabitat.org

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Habitat For Humanity uses donated funds, supplies and labor to build simple, decent homes for people in need. These homes are affordable and sold at no cost, no interest mortgages.

Volunteer Opportunities: 14 years and older – merchandising, moving goods at the Restore; 16 years and older – working with hand tools, move materials at build site; 18 years and older – construction tasks at 100 Parker Street location.

Skills Required: Willingness to learn, help out and work, ability to lift and carry objects; and hand and eye coordination.

All volunteers must complete and sign a liability waiver. Parents must sign for children under 18 years of age.

Grade Level: Volunteer tasks are available for 9-12 graders; 21+ adult supervision is required.

Newburyport Chamber Music Festivalwww.newburyportchambermusic.org

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The Festival's mission is to become an integral part of the culture and life of Newburyport and the surrounding area by providing a series of high caliber and stimulating musical events designed to encourage a sense of involvement and ownership on the part of the community. A live concert is fundamentally different from a recording. By fostering an awareness of the music-making process and an appreciation of the exceptional architectural spaces available in Newburyport and by providing ample opportunities for casual interaction between artists and residents, we seek to nurture a community of music lovers of all ages while exploring the unique possibilities of live classical chamber music.

Volunteer Opportunities: Internships

Grade Level: 11& 12

Newburyport Education Foundationwww.newburyportef.org

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The Newburyport Education Foundation (NEF) mission is to bring philanthropy into the Newburyport Public Schools and generate a financial resources that will enhance the quality of public education.

Volunteer Opportunities: Provide support to community outreach efforts including mailings; assist with events including the American Music and Harvest Festival. Two high school students serve on NEF Board; interested students should contact Marcia Samuelson for more information.

Skills Required: Willingness to learn.

Grade Level: 9-12

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Newburyport Public Library

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Newburyport Public Library offers a full range of services to meet the informational, educational, cultural, and recreational needs of the greater Newburyport community with a renovated and expanded historic 18th century Federalist mansion.

Volunteer Opportunities: Teen Advisory Board participation - time commitment is one to two hours per month (or more if desired) assisting with program planning and execution, designing book displays, and offering opinions about library services and materials. General Library: one to two hours per week for three to four month commitment including shelving library materials. Complete volunteer application available on the NPL website and submit to library.

Skills Required: Attention to detail and alphabetizing.

Grade Level: 9-12

Newburyport Art Association

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The Newburyport Art Association (NAA) was founded in 1948. The NAA is dedicated to promoting and exhibiting our members' work, to providing art education for students of all ages and skills, and to keeping the visual arts accessible for students in our local schools and for special needs adults. Today, the NAA has become the cornerstone of greater Newburyport's vibrant arts scene with over 600 artist members from around the region exhibiting their artwork in a full calendar of open, juried, invitational, featured artist and interest group shows during the year. In addition we offer a full calendar of studio classes and workshops for children, teens and adults, and we support two important community outreach programs: ArtLink & OpArt. The NAA is located along Newburyport's waterfront, just steps from the center of town, in a historic 1795 brick building housing three galleries that are open year-round to the general public. Artwork exhibited in our shows and featured in our Gift Shop.

Volunteer Opportunities: Part-time office and gallery assistance (projects & ongoing); internships; seasonal work (gallery assistance); special events; gardening (in warm months); and maintenance.

Skills Required: Willing to train. We request that the student be confident of their commitment; it is difficult to plan on the help and then have the student cancel at the last minute. Ideal opportunity for a student planning to pursue further study in the arts, arts administration, and/or art education. Gallery hours: M-Sat 11am-5pm (Fri until 8pm thru Columbus Day), Sun 1-5pm

Grade Level: 9-12

Newburyport Youth Services

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The mission of Newburyport Youth Services is to create quality programming and events for our city's youth in safe and supportive environments that encourage growth, self exploration and empowerment. The department also acts as an advocate for the youth, so that their ideas, concerns and needs are heard and addressed by the community of Newburyport.

Volunteer Opportunities: Newburyport Youth Council

Skills Required: Desire to be active in the community and work with peers to create and run projects.

Grade Level: 9-12

Opportunity Works, Newburyportwww.opportunityworks.org

978-358-5803

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Opportunity Works supports over 200 individuals from communities across the Merrimack Valley through our person centered programs. We offer a broad range of daily activities that take place in a variety of community settings such as museums, parks, farms, theaters, fitness clubs, salons and local volunteer groups. Our OpART program supports artists in their creative and related financial endeavors. In addition, individuals who express a desire to explore and obtain jobs within their community participate in career development.

Volunteer Opportunities: We will consider project-based internships, semester internships and events. Interns can come do a project of their choice with participants, such as cooking, dance, singing, sports, and more. Interns can volunteer in the fund development office helping with fundraising mailings and more or you can volunteer to work with us on an event, such as our annual Lend-a-Hand Auction.

Skills Required: Dependability, punctuality, sense of humor, creativity, and enthusiasm. Our goals for an internship are to offer volunteers a fun experience as they learn about people with disabilities and how to support them in their efforts toward independence

Grade Level: 9-12, depending on the task(s).

Our Neighbor's Table, Amesburywww.ourneighborstable.org

978-388-1907

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Hunger comes in many forms. Our Neighbors' Table is committed to establishing a community that provides for the whole person with nourishing food, kindness and dignity. Offering food pantry and Wednesday evening meal program.

Volunteer Opportunities: Sorting food donations; serving Wednesday meal; and sponsoring/organizing a food drive.

Volunteer opportunities for high school students are mostly afternoons and Saturday mornings.

Skills Required: Willingness to meet new people, work hard and make a difference in your community.

Grade Level: 9-12

The Pettengill House, Salisburywww.pettengillhouse.org

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Formed in 1994, the mission statement of The Pettengill House is to support and empower children and families by providing education, comprehensive case management and basic needs; and by coordinating community supports that contribute to individual and family stabilization, personal growth, and development.

Volunteer Opportunities: Organize a general food drive or a themed food drive; volunteer in our program room to sort food or in our pantry organizing the shelves; volunteer once a month unloading the food delivery from the food bank and restock our shelves; donate coats for winter coat drive; volunteer for summer garden program; and volunteer for backpack program in June-August.

Skills Required: Organizational skills; confidentiality agreement must be signed.

Grade Level: 9-12

PortMedia, Newburyportwww.portmedia.org

978-961-0350

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PortMedia is a non-profit PEG (Public, Education, and Government) Cable Access television facility that cablecasts programming on Newburyport's Comcast Channels 8 and 9. PortMedia has the only television studio located in Newburyport. PortMedia is not affiliated with Comcast.

Volunteer Opportunities: Semester Internships. Great opportunity to help get students ready for college while increasing visibility for school events and local nonprofits.

Skills Required: PortMedia is an organization focused on training so no prior film experience is necessary. Computer literacy is required. Access to a vehicle is a plus.

Grade Level: Open to any high school student but best suited for sophomores and up.

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The Salvation Army, Newburyportwww.salvationarmy.org

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The Salvation Army is a Christian based social service agency, church that offers community support and traditional social services.

Volunteer Opportunities: Ringing the bell, helping set up for out holiday assistance programs, and out weekly dinner program.

Skills Required: A good attitude, willingness to take direction and some lifting. There are many other opportunities as throughout the year.

Grade Level 9-12. Those under 16 must bell ring with an adult.

Theater in the Open, Newburyportwww.theaterintheopen.org

978-465-2572

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Community theater and arts education organization, Theater in the Open has been providing quality performances and education opportunities to our greater Newburyport communities for 34 years.

Volunteer Opportunities: Project-based internships aimed at organizing peers for performance. While there are many volunteer opportunities with Theater in the Open over of the course of the year, an intern would be asked for more than the average volunteer, taking responsibility for the success of other volunteers and assisting staff members with fundraising and performance.

Skills Required: Leadership, communication and organization.

Grade Level: 11 and 12

Time Trade Circle of Greater Newburyport

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A core group of individuals in the greater Newburyport are has formed to organize a community time bank/exchange to serve our area that will be known as the Time Trade Circle (TTC) of Greater Newburyport. The time-banking model originated in the USA in the early 1980s. Today, 26 countries have active time banks. There are over 300 in the USA, including several in our area. A time bank system designed to facilitate the exchange of services with the community using the currency of time. Members earn credit in Time Dollars for each hour they spend helping other members of the community. Services offered in a time bank are as diverse as the skills and talents of the members.

Volunteer Opportunities: Serve as a member of the core group organizing a time bank for the greater Newburyport area. Currently meeting are held bi-weekly on Wednesday evening. Once the time bank is launched will help to develop the messaging and outreach to let teens in the area know about the TTC.

Skills Required: Interest in time bank model, commitment to attending and actively participating in core group meeting, good communication skills.

Grade Level: 9-12

Yankee Homecoming 2014, Newburyportwww.yankeehomecoming.com

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Yankee Homecoming is an annual eight day festival for the Newburyport community and visitors.

Volunteer Opportunities: Organize, coordinate or help be a part of a team of one of the many events throughout the eight days. The Yankee Homecoming committee is always looking for new volunteers to help with our many events.

Yankee Homecoming is a terrific way to get involved with your city, while also getting community service for college and having a great time.

Skills Required: Willingness to try; come with a creative mind with ideas and want to add to an amazing event.

Grade Level: 9-12

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YWCA Greater Newburyport

www.ywcanewburyport.org

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YWCA develops inclusive programming and facilities to provide access in the community to affordable housing, childcare, and health and wellness activities. The YWCA's mission is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

Volunteer Opportunities: Numerous opportunities across all departments, including marketing, event planning, leadership and child development, and facilities and landscape maintenance.

Skill Required: Specific to opportunity. Opportunities available by semester or in the summer. Flexible hours.

Grade Level: 10, 11 and 12

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