



# Citizens In Action!

JULY 2012

## Youth Summer Safety Camps

Yes, the La Porte Youth Summer Camp is intended for youths between the ages of 5-9 but regardless of age - WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Each camp runs from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. and while we would love to have you stay all day you can volunteer for any part of each day. A good time is almost guaranteed!!!

The City of La Porte is offering **FREE Youth Summer Camps\*** in July and August to help children of LP develop character, learn valuable life skills, make new friends and discover new interests.

So if you love kids, want to have some fun and possibly learn something new and make a few new friends - COME JOIN US!! Contact Judy Covin to volunteer.



**Camp I** – July 21<sup>st</sup> @ Jennie Riley Civic Center – 322 N. 4<sup>th</sup>. This camp will focus on Animal Safety, Stranger Danger, Internet, Pedestrian Crosswalk and Seat Belt Safety.



**Camp II** – July 28<sup>th</sup> @ La Porte Fire Training Field – 12201 N. C St. This camp will focus on Fire Safety, Emergency Management, Child Safety Seat Checks & Administering Immunizations. Car seat inspections will be available by appointment only on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Please call or email Paramedic Rachel Gomez @ 281 470-0073 or [GomezR@laportetx.gov](mailto:GomezR@laportetx.gov). For immunizations, you must bring your child's permanent immunization record. Immunizations supplies may run low due to demand for the back to school requirements.



**Camp III** – August 11<sup>th</sup> @The Senior Center @ The La Porte Fitness Center (1322 S. Broadway) and then walking to the wave pool. The camp will focus on Water Safety & What to do if you find a Gun. We will need an adult with each child under 7 years old.



**Camp IV** – August 18 @ Pecan Park – 3600 Canada Rd. – This camp will be a Bike Rodeo and each child will be provided with a free bicycle helmet.

\*Contact: Officer Yvonne Stanley at [stanleyy@laportetx.gov](mailto:stanleyy@laportetx.gov) or 281 830 5208

## CPA Class Activities

### CPA Class To Graduate!

Tuesday, July 17 6PM-Till  
La Porte Police Training Center  
Past CPA graduates and Alumni Members are welcome to attend and support the new graduates. Feel free to provide snacks or desserts.

Graduates will immediately become eligible to become a CPA Alumni Association Member.

### Future Class Opportunities

- September 18, 2012 - A new Advanced Class will begin. Participants will graduate November 13. Past CPA graduates are eligible to attend. Contact Robyn Gallion to register.
- January 2013 - Residents of La Porte are eligible to attend the Basic CPA Class. Date TBA.

## WHY REPORT MY HOURS?

Worth repeating ---- The Alumni uses the tracking of hours to identify eligibility for many of the recognition programs. Also, many departments within the PD report on and share our hours to reflect on our contribution to the Police Department and City.

### How do I report my Volunteer Time?

1. Go online at [www.LPCPAAA.org](http://www.LPCPAAA.org) and click on REPORT HOURS. Easy!
2. Visit the Volunteer Office at the station and report hours in the Volunteer Binder.

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<http://www.tcpaaconvention.org/index.html>

Alumni members Chris and Vicky Copley will represent the La Porte CPA Alumni later this month at the 20th annual Texas Citizens Police Academy and Law Enforcement Training Conference in Waco. The theme of the conference is "Herding Crime Out Of Texas!"

Following registration and a friendly get-together with other CPA's and law enforcement, Chris and Vicky will get down to business by attending opening ceremonies and attending individual breakout sessions. A few they have to choose from:

- CPA Coordinator Roundtable
- CPA Coordinator Certification
- Elder Abuse
- ATF Special Agent
- Child Abuse
- Crime Stoppers
- Drug Addiction
- Pack 360 (Using various forms of multimedia to educate about alcohol, drugs and substance abuse)
- Homeland Security
- Sexting & Bullying
- Distracted Driver
- DEA Enforcement
- Criminal Profiling
- Concealed Handgun Updates
- 501c(3) Roundtable

Make plans now to attend our August monthly meeting! Chris and Vicky will debrief their experiences at the conference and share learning experiences.

We are proud to have you represent the La Porte Citizen's Police Academy!

Have a safe trip Chris and Vicky!!

Once again LPCPA Alumni Volunteers and other representatives from the Harris County and Houston CPA's were active in the DWI No Refusal night held Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Through a coordinated effort between local law enforcement, multiple police agencies descended on the La Porte Police Department to process DWI arrests made through the night. Representatives from our court, the Harris County District Attorney's Office, medical personnel, and many other police officers utilized the police department to draft evidentiary search warrants for blood when intoxicated drivers refuse to submit to a breath alcohol test.

Several volunteers helped out at the station and brought food for law enforcement officers. A number of other volunteers spent the evening riding along with officers. These folks were afforded a front row seat to the action and gained a firsthand appreciation for the dangers associated with drunk driving.

Without a doubt the night was successful in getting some dangerous drivers off the roads.



## Dispatch Greeter Program

The aim of the Dispatch Greeter Program is to free up dispatchers so they can handle emergency calls while visitors needs are met at the window. Consider it done! Several days a week an Alumni volunteer staffs the window greeting visitors with a smiling face as they answer questions and provide directions.

So what does the dispatch team think about having volunteers present? "We are very, very pleased that the program has been implemented for CPA volunteers to assist," shares Shaye Bradley. At the time of our interview, Shaye had only had the opportunity to work with Paula Rizzuto but she reports "that has been a wonderful experience."

Asked what advice she would give to new greeters, Shaye stressed, "Please don't *ever* hesitate to ask any of us questions!" and she adds that one of the more difficult things to learn is all the extensions for officers - even for dispatch personnel.

"I just want you guys to know from the bottom of my heart that I appreciate each and every one of you for your time and effort" says Shaye.

Volunteers are especially appreciated on days when dispatch is working short-handed. Having a volunteer - even for a few hours per shift - helps ease the workload for everyone.

After receiving training on the program, volunteers can work anytime between the hours of 7am and 10pm. Email Shaye Bradley (Dispatch) or officer Robyn Gallion for placement on the scheduling calendar each month.

# Making A Difference



## Blue Santa Workshop

Activity will begin soon in preparation of this year's Blue Santa program!

We'll need plenty of Elf Volunteers to make the event as successful as last year.

For more information on the Blue Santa activities, log onto <http://www.lpcpaaa.org/blue-santa-2012/>.

## C.O.P Team

*Trained Volunteers patrolling the City of La Porte observing and reporting safety violations.*

June Patrol Time: 157.50 Hrs.



Prior to scheduling a patrol, newest members of the Citizens On Patrol (COP) team are required to complete a ride-a-long with a previously trained COP member.

An updated C.O.P. Directory was mailed by Deb Hathorn to all C.O.P. members during June. Members are to use the directory to schedule a partner prior to contacting Robyn/Roger.

FYI: We plan to trial a new scheduling calendar within the next few weeks. Watch for details and until then; continue to use the current process.

## JUNE VOLUNTEER HOURS

CPA Hours: 377.75

Explorer Hours: 150.50

**YTD : 3501.50**

As a result of participating in two or more events/activities (excluding meetings) the following volunteers became eligible for the Volunteer of the 2Q Award:

Bechtel, Michel  
Portenier, Warren  
Copley, Chris  
Macias, Ramses  
Burkey, Robert  
Hernandez, Joe  
Lainhart, Liz  
Paulus, Rusty  
Hathorn, Doug  
Ferguson, Phillip  
Wohnoutka, Paula  
Hathorn, Deb  
Hernandez, Felicitas  
Tilley, Gwen  
Tilley, Richard

Burkey, Darlene  
Munke, Jo  
Stout, Maggie  
Cummings, Wanda  
Warren, Nettie  
Janssen, Debbie  
Manning, Richard  
Paulus, Sandi  
Rizzuto, Paula  
Ferguson, Viki  
Zech, Emma  
Copley, Vicky  
Hiser-McCorry, Cheryl  
Covin, Judy

Voting took place during the July meeting and the winner will be announced during the August meeting. Congratulations and a huge "THANK YOU" to ALL our volunteers.



## "Fido" Dog House Donations

**June Donations: \$30.26**

We have plenty of houses in need of placement.

Contact Rusty Paulus at 713.823.2991 or [RustyPaulus@yahoo.com](mailto:RustyPaulus@yahoo.com) to obtain a "Fido" house if you know of a business or location where donations may be possible. Or, think about taking a house for a month and collecting your own pocket change each day! We need pennies for rescued pets, please!!!

Visit the LCPAAA website to learn more: [www.lpcpaaa.org](http://www.lpcpaaa.org)

# Volunteers in Action!

## Making An Impact

Volunteers are spending their summer making a difference around the Police Department and City of La Porte! Volunteers could be found participating in the following activities throughout June and July:

Slap.N.Tag - Lock it, Hide it, Take it - June 6  
5 Points Market Days - first Saturday in June/July  
Hurricane Workshop - June 9  
Sylvan Beach Triathlon - June 10  
Website Updates: Added a new Facebook link.

DARE Summer Camp - Two camps in June  
Volunteer Nettie Warren reported , " The camp provided a positive experience for the students to interact with LPPD officers and Explorers; it allowed the campers opportunities to utilize their earlier D.A.R.E. training. It was highly successful in everyway. "

July 4th Parade - barricade enforcement  
July 8th - Explorer Trash Bash @Little Cedar Bayou

**Join us in April for a week long cruise to Mexico.  
2013 Witness Protection Cruise Planned**

**For full details contact :**  
**Dickinson Travel (Gwen or Kim)**  
**e-mail Gwen @ [gab0659@yahoo.com](mailto:gab0659@yahoo.com)**  
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[www.dickinsontravel.net](http://www.dickinsontravel.net)



Judy Covin (center) needs assistance from Phillip & Deb on the receipt of her THREE President's Volunteer Service Awards. 2010: Bronze 2011: Bronze & Silver.

Judy is the first volunteer to receive the Silver PVS Award by contributing over 250 hours in 2011.

Congratulations Judy on this prestigious honor!



Be sure and stay up to date on what is happening in other CPA's.

**Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association**

La Porte is one of the featured CPA's in the Flash 1 newsletter!

<http://tcpaaconvention.org>



# OPPORTUNITIES

**July 17th** - CPA Class Graduation - Volunteers are asked to attend and support the new graduates. May also bring food, snacks, desserts.

**July 19th** - Chaplin Training @1PM - Volunteers needed to bring snacks & desserts.

**July 21 & 28th** - Youth Summer Camp - Volunteers needed for a few hours or all day to help manage the camps.

Viki Ferguson, Cheryl Hiser-McCorry, and Deb Hathorn will team up to plan this years Christmas Party. The CPA will provide the meat for the event and members will bring side dishes. BYOB! Stay tuned for more details.

Judy Covin volunteered to set up a Bereavement Team and establish a fund to acknowledge family losses and member illnesses. If you would like to join her in that project please contact her immediately.

Our thoughts and prayers go out the Copley family on the loss of their grandfather. Well wishes extend to Paula Wohnoutka and Wayne Jones for their illnesses.

## Special Notice

Robyn Gallion extended his sincere thanks for all the help Alumni volunteers have offered year to date.

LPCPAAA By-Laws were revised and read at the July meeting. Look for the revisions to be posted soon to our website

Going forward it was decided that award nominees will no longer receive a frame with their certificate. Only award winners will receive framed awards.



### 2012 LPCPAAA Board Members

President:	Phillip Ferguson
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Viki Ferguson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Chris Copley
Treasurer:	Bob Rivesman
Secretary:	Cheryl Hiser-McCorry



## How Can I Find Out What's Happening?

1. Attend a monthly Alumni meeting. All things "Volunteer" are discussed and planned at the meetings.
2. Visit our website regularly: [www.LPCPAAA.ORG](http://www.LPCPAAA.ORG)
3. Email: Add our addresses to your contact list so that mail doesn't end of up in your SPAM file. Addresses:  
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D2Hathorn@att.net  
JudyCovin@yahoo.com  
GallionR@laportetx.gov  
GonzalezR@laportetx.gov

## NEXT ALUMNI MEETING

When: First Thursday of each month.  
August 2, 2012 @6:30PM

Where: LPPD at Spencer Hwy. and N. 23rd St.

Feel free to drop by and listen in on any meeting. We would love to hear what you think of our organization. Members: Please leave Voting Fans at the meeting. Thx



### Need a Volunteer Badge?

Officer Rick Hilton @ 281.842.3120

### Report Volunteer Hours

via the Volunteer Report Form to Judy Covin @  
[www.LPCPAAA.org](http://www.LPCPAAA.org)

### Newsworthy Articles or Photos?

Email to Editor, Deb Hathorn @  
Editorlpcpa@att.net

## COMMUNICATIONS

Unfortunately time does not allow us to keep individual members notified by phone or email notices or changes and updates about events. As a member of the Alumni it is your responsibility to make arrangements to stay informed by whatever means possible.

The La Porte Library has 44 computers for your use in accessing the web or creating documents. Printers are also available.

As another option you may consider is obtaining an Alumni Communication Buddy who will assist in keeping you informed of current events and email. This has worked well for many.

If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life. ~Author Unknown