

'Fall' in line for community service ... and fun!

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Fall brings plenty of community-service opportunities and fun events. NOVEC urges Co-op members to participate!

Youth For Tomorrow Country Fair and Auctions

Youth For Tomorrow will hold its 32nd annual Country Fair and Auctions on Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the YFT campus at 11835 Hazel Circle Drive in Bristow. Admission: \$10; children 3 and under may enter for free. Joe Gibbs, former Washington Redskins head coach and founder of Youth For Tomorrow, will speak at the 12:30 p.m. live auction. Adults may bid on hundreds of auction items. Children may ride and play all day on more than 80 rides and amusements. NOVEC is co-sponsoring and participating at this event to benefit teenagers at risk. Learn more at youthfortomorrow.org.

IWALK for ACTS Festival

Also on Oct. 7, Action in Community Through Service (ACTS) will hold the IWALK for ACTS Festival at 14900

Potomac Town Place in Woodbridge. The festival fundraiser will include a 5K walk/run. Fees: \$20 per individual; \$15 for a team of four; \$50 for a family of three. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The free family festival, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., will include hands-on projects, performances, and games. ACTS provides relief, fosters hope and promotes self-sufficiency to Prince William residents in crisis. NOVEC HELPS is co-sponsoring this event. Learn more at actpwc.org.

Volunteer Day

NOVEC and National Rural Electric Cooperative Association employees will put on jeans and serious shoes before joining forces on Tuesday, Oct. 3 to support our surrounding communities. Volunteers will work with Loudoun Therapeutic Riding in Leesburg and Project Mend-a-House in Woodbridge.



Prince William Recycles Day

NOVEC distributes to customers renewable electricity generated at the Prince William County Landfill. Approximately 100 underground extraction wells capture gas released from decomposing trash and pipe it to generators. To see how trash-gas creates clean energy and learn more about recycling — while enjoying entertainment, games, a puppet show, and more — attend Prince William Recycles Day on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 14811 Dumfries Rd, Manassas, VA 20112. Learn more at www.pwcgov.org/trashandrecycling.



Hands that Help Poker Tournament

HELPS will hold its 7th annual Texas Hold'em fundraising poker tournament on Saturday, Oct. 28, at the Prince William County Police Association Hall, 14288 Independent Hill Dr., Manassas. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. Games start at 6:30 p.m. Win prizes! Fee: \$50 per player if registered before Oct. 20; \$60 at the door. Money raised will go to charitable, community, and school organizations that HELPS supports. To participate, contact Christine Kelly, 703-754-6734 or Bernie Cleveland, 703-577-2171, or email NOVECHelpsPoker@novec.com by Oct. 20.



ABOUT HELPS

NOVEC HELPS, Hands Engaged in Local Public Service, is a non-profit, 501 (c) (3) organization of NOVEC employees who volunteer their time to do community service. The HELPS board of directors votes on projects and events to support, whether with financial donations or with feet on the ground. Learn more at www.novechelps.org. Follow HELPS on www.facebook.com/novechelps.