

Gene Currier, volunteer driver, Mason Transit Authority

MASON COUNTY — Being a sports fan, Gene Currier was drawn to volunteering as a young man through coaching and being a referee on the soccer field.

Once he retired from Boeing he moved to Mason County in 2001. After settling into his new home in 2003, Currier was looking for something fulfilling to do in the community. Plus, he needed to get out of the house.

That feeling is common among volunteers with United Way of Mason County's Retired and Senior



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Volunteer Program, RSVP, which is always seeking more volunteers to help out local organizations throughout Mason County.

The RSVP program connects citizens ages 55 and older with volunteer opportunities in the community.

Currier read a notice in the newspaper that Mason Transit Authority needed drivers to help seniors and those who are disabled get to their doctor appointments.

When he found that most need special doctors critical to their livelihood, Currier knew he had found a niche where he could help.

He was so committed that he even traded in his Saturn automobile for a Toyota Prius to maximize on the gas mileage when driving his client's long distances.

After being with Mason Transit Authority for

three years and learning about the huge need for this service along with the challenges nonprofits face, Currier was interested in becoming more involved with the agency.

He accepted a position on their advisory board, a position he held from 2006 to 2013.

Currier is an example of volunteers who truly want to make a difference. Not only does he do the work that was required day to day to serve, but he made the commitment to help on a staff level and contribute to the health of the agency as a whole.

"It's enjoyable and it feels good to help others," Currier said.

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County volunteer opportunities include working at North Mason Food Bank, delivering meals for Meals on Wheels, volunteering at the Mason County Senior Activities Association, maintaining shop at the Faith in Action thrift store, helping kids learn to read in the North Mason School District and taking seniors on errands through Catholic Community Services.

If you would like to learn more about getting involved in your community, call Jennifer Thompson, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) coordinator at 943-2773, ext. 21 to learn about a variety of volunteer opportunities.

OCCU announces 2015 scholarship program

SHELTON — Our Community Credit Union has announced that three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating 2015 high school seniors who attend school in Mason and Grays Harbor Counties and Vashon Island.

Eligible individuals must be a member of OCCU.

Applications and guidelines for the scholarship are available for download at www.ourcu.com. Applications will be accepted through April 30. Winners will be announced in May 2015.

Questions can be directed to Daris Devaney at 427-3407 or 1-800-426-567 or emailed to ddevaney@ourcu.com.

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