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It's Been Busy Around Here

October and November have been crazy here at the Community Center. In addition to our regular programming, we've hosted Oktoberfest, the Make a Difference Day Breakfast, Trick or



Trucks, the Sue VanRuff Chamber of Commerce Retirement Party and a Veterans Day Celebration (we've still got a Thanksgiving Dinner scheduled for later this month).

Check out our [activity calendar](#) on our [website](#) to see what else is happening at the Community Center.





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We had a wonderful summer and fall but it's starting to turn cold. Here are some good reminders on how to keep you and your family safe as winter starts to creep in

.Heating Checklist

- Turning on the stove for heat is not safe; have at least one of the following heat sources in case the power goes out:
 - Extra blankets, sleeping bags, and warm winter coats
 - Fireplace with plenty of dry firewood or a gas log fireplace
 - Portable space heaters or kerosene heaters
- Check with your local fire department to make sure that kerosene heaters are legal in your area.
- Use electric space heaters with automatic shut-off switches and non-glowing elements.
- Never place a space heater on top of furniture or near water.
- Never leave children unattended near a space heater.
- Keep heat sources at least 3 feet away from furniture and drapes.
- Have the following safety equipment:
 - Chemical fire extinguisher



- Smoke alarm in working order (Check prior to winter storm season and change batteries, if needed.)
- Carbon monoxide detector (Check prior to winter storm season and change batteries, if needed.)

- Never use an electric generator indoors, inside the garage, or near the air intake of your home because of the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Do not use the generator or appliances if they are wet.
- Do not store gasoline indoors where the fumes could ignite.
- Use individual heavy-duty, outdoor-rated cords to plug in other appliances.

Visit the [CDC website](#) for more preparedness tips.

Volunteer Opportunities Available

Are you interested in joining the 200+ volunteer team at the Community Center. We currently have openings for a number of volunteer positions:



- Front Desk Staffing
- Toddler Time Staffing
- Homework Helpers
- Family Movie Night Staffing
- Light Facility Maintenance

- Data Entry
- Emergency Warming Center Committee
- Marketing Committee

These are great opportunities for everyone from high school students completing graduation requirements to job seekers looking for experience to retirees wanting to give back to their community.

Contact Kelly Travis at (425) 432-1272 or kellyt@maplevalleycc.org for more information.

Are You Matched?

Did you know that many companies will match their employees' (and often times their retirees') donation made to the Community Center. This is a great way to double, or even triple, your impact on our ability to offer prevention based programming. Just some of our local companies that match include:



Bank of America	Boeing	Century Link
Chevron	Cocoa-Cola	Dell
Expedia	General Electric	GlaxoSmithKline
Hewlett-Packard	Key Bank	Les Schwab
McDonalds	Microsoft	Nordstroms
Puget Sound Energy	State Farm	Verizon
Xerox	Yahoo	Zynga

Check with your Human Resources Department to see if your company will match your tax-deductible, end of year donation to the Community Center.