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Serve Santa Maria VII is Saturday, April 26

The seventh “Serve Santa Maria” day will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2014 with numerous local volunteers uniting to beautify our community through service projects from about 9:00 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will gather at the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center to be registered from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., then be on their way to work sites by 9:15 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be available as you arrive, courtesy of the All-America City Committee. Lunch will be provided by the Santa Maria Rescue Mission.

Each year, the City partners with the Serve Santa Maria program to improve the community in a variety of ways. The Serve Santa Maria leadership team and the City staff identify suitable projects for volunteers to do across our community. This time around, there are projects from the Recreation and Parks Department and at local schools. There is a special project at a home and some mobile home repairs for people who have the tools and like doing that. Serve Santa Maria will cover all repair costs.

What would be truly helpful is to choose the project you want to do, and then sign up ahead of the event. It’s first come, first served on the selection. Two projects are full, but there are plenty more to pick from. A minimum of 200 people are needed to complete all of the projects on the list. You may contact Pastor Carl Nielsen via e-mail at carlnielsennews@bethelsantamaria.org.

This year’s projects include spreading wood chips for weed control and water conservation at Preisker Park; cleaning and painting and adding reflective tape to traffic barricades used for community events; spreading and leveling rock dust on walking trails at Preisker Park and at the Minami center; planting native grasses at the parking lot of the Elwin Mussell Senior Center; assembling 12 picnic tables, and weed control at Pioneer Park; and, landscape improvements at Delta High School, Pioneer Valley High School, and at Righetti High School, and at a local elementary school.

Sponsors include the Santa Barbara Foundation, Thrivent Financial, and The Home Depot.

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