

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN RIVER BEND

River Bend is a small town and a close-knit community. The town is governed by a Council-Manager form of government. The Mayor and five Council members are elected to four-year staggered terms. Citizens are invited to contribute to the operation of the town through various functions. All residents of River Bend are invited to participate in one or more areas of interest.

### ADVISORY BOARDS

The Town of River Bend employs the services of several volunteer advisory boards to assist with various aspects of planning Town projects and services. Residents wishing to take an active role in Town government may apply for an appointment to one of River Bend's several Advisory Boards. These Boards meet monthly to discuss Town policies, planning, and other relevant matters. Advisory Boards present their recommendations to the Town Council for further discussion and action. Any resident wishing to serve on a Town Advisory Board may apply at Town Hall. The Town Council appoints most advisory board members for two-year terms. There are five advisory boards: **Environment and Waterways, Community Appearance Commission, Parks & Recreation, Planning Board, and Public Works**. If interested, stop in at Town Hall for more information and an application.



The town has well trained **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**. The CERT program educates people about disaster preparedness with emphasis on hazards that may impact their area. It trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT members may be called to assist following a severe weather event, a missing person or other emergency. CERT volunteers are trained to respond safely, responsibly, and effectively to emergency situations, but they can also support their communities during non-emergency events as well. FEMA's Community Emergency Response Team Program trains volunteers to prepare for the types of disasters that their community may face. Through hands-on practice and realistic exercises, CERT members:

- Learn how to safely respond to manmade and natural hazards
- Help organize basic disaster response
- Promote preparedness by hosting and participating in community events

If interested, contact 732-927-0215.



**Community Watch** is neighbors helping neighbors to stay safe. It is designed to foster collaboration between citizens and law enforcement in order to help prevent and reduce crime. Members patrol, observe and report. They do not engage in any law enforcement action. Patrols can be by car, bike or on foot. It is an opportunity to get to know your neighbors and your town. Community Watch is also involved in traffic control for several township events, such as the 4th of July parade and Halloween Trunk or Treat. We also sponsor River Bend's Night Out and cooperate with the police department for other events as requested.

If interested, contact 252-617-0179.