

Eastside Village Volunteers in Action

Eastside Village volunteers are gearing up for work parties for members throughout the spring and summer. Here is our Inaugural work party at Mary Bedard's

What Mary had to say about the event ...

"The work party was a great success, in my grateful opinion!

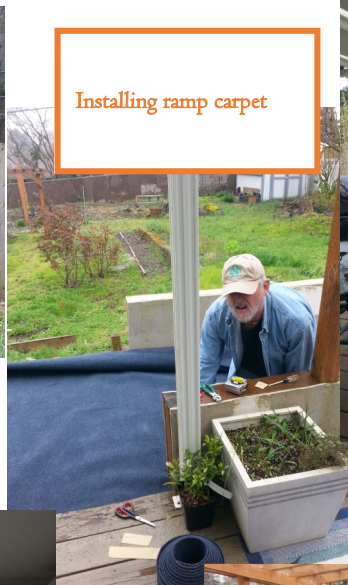
Gene Ellis (first time volunteer!), JoAnn Herrigel, Jin Darney and Craig Johnson all helped to get my list of things done. There were indoor tasks like taking down curtains to be washed (then re-hanging!), pictures to finally get hung, and some repairs like a cabinet latch that wouldn't close and the toilet paper holder tightened up. These were all things that I could have done in a former life, but found it too difficult in my present state. It's so lovely to have them finally taken care of!

And then the outdoors – my gosh it is incredible the work they did! From tying a wayward lilac up into an upright position, to removing blackberries, moving firewood piles, laying rugs, planting planters, and carpet installation – I am so very grateful for their hard work! I am having an appraisal done for a home equity conversion mortgage, and I'm pleased to say that this team effort made the place look so much better, and safer. I was very happy to share a pizza lunch, and we all enjoyed crossing items off that darn list!

Sitting on my deck in the sunset was so pleasant, enjoying the cleaned up space. I know that my membership allows me to ask for help, but I still fight that little voice that says I should be able to do it myself. Providing lunch and drinks makes that voice quiet down, and the comradery of friends helping friends is priceless."



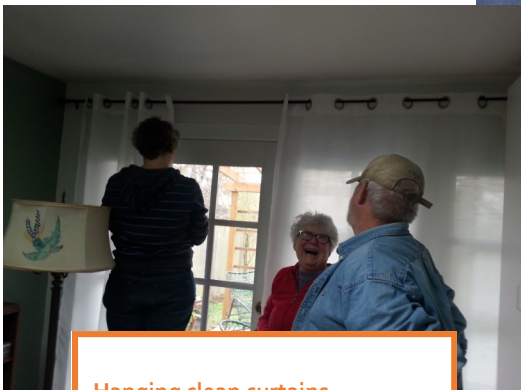
Tying up wayward lilac



Installing ramp carpet



Container Planting



Hanging clean curtains



New deck rug in place