

St. Croix Valley volunteers needed to rake leaves for seniors, disabled



Fallen leaves litter the grass at Seasons Park in Woodbury on Nov. 10, 2013. (Ben Garvin / Pioneer Press)

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Hundreds of volunteers are needed to rake yards and bag leaves for seniors and people with disabilities in the St. Croix River Valley.



Members of the Woodbury Girls U14 Soccer Club raked leaves for a Woodbury homeowner on Nov. 4, 2017, as part of Rake a Difference Day sponsored by Community Thread in Stillwater. (Photo courtesy of Community Thread)

Rake a Difference Day, sponsored by the nonprofit Community Thread, will be Oct. 27, but volunteers can work with homeowners to schedule a different raking time before or after the event.

Last year, Community Thread organized 250 volunteers to rake for nearly 50 people. Volunteer groups typically include families, scout troops, service clubs, school groups and businesses, said Allissa Obler, development and communications director for Community Thread.

People who want to have their lawns raked and people interested in volunteering can call 651-439-7434 or visit communitythreadmn.org.

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The deadline to register to have a yard raked is Oct. 5; the deadline to register to volunteer is Oct. 10.

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