



# Friends of Avalonia

A newsletter for our volunteers



## Can You Help?

Avalonia's volunteers make it happen! We estimate that more than 10,000 hours were donated by Avalonia volunteers in 2017. That's amazing! What is even more amazing is that we need more help. We have added more than 1,300 acres over the last eight years, but the number of active volunteers has remained at about 120. As we grow, our volunteer corps needs to grow, too, so we can fulfill our

commitment to keep our trails safe and clear, our boundaries marked, and our documents properly filed and recorded. Our volunteers are literally our "boots on the ground."

What do you like to do? Do you love the outdoors? Do you like to work with a team or are you a self-starter? How about becoming part of a team that monitors our boundaries? We are using some amazing technology like drones and [ArcGIS](#). Can you give our office staff a few hours a month? Chances are we can use your help.

We have some amazing people who volunteer with us. In this and future volunteer newsletters, we'll share stories of their accomplishments and successes. We'll have some fun, too, by hosting informal gatherings to meet and greet your fellow volunteers and share a beer and experiences.

Many members have expressed a willingness to volunteer for Avalonia, so we created a newsletter and a [volunteer web page](#) now chock full of information to let you know what what's going on and how you can help.

If you are already volunteering for us, thank you! If not, see the information on volunteer opportunities below. We hope you can join us! (If you are not interested or unable to volunteer, just click [HERE](#) and we won't bug you anymore.)

## New Trail Maintenance Team

Most of [Avalonia's properties](#) are open to the public with hundreds of miles of trails winding through 4,000 beautiful acres. These trails need to be maintained, marked and monitored, so if you like to hike and are willing to sign up to learn about our trail procedures click [HERE](#). Our team leader, [Kimberly Bradley](#) will be holding a basic field instruction for trail volunteers on September 29 at 10:00 AM at our [Pine Swamp Preserve](#)..... To read more, click [HERE](#).



## New Boundary Walking Team

Avalonia's stewardship policies require that we walk our 100 properties once per year and document the visits. We look for encroachments and changes in the conservation values of the land. Fall is the best time of year to monitor



because the leaves are off the trees and markers are easier to see..... Click [HERE](#) to read more

## New Boundary Marking Team

Avalonia is required to mark the boundaries of each new property. It takes some time and skill to post the marker on the right tree—not a tree in our neighbor’s back yard! This is an essential duty of a land trust to clearly inform visitors where our property lines end and the neighbors’ begins. With the planned addition of over 2,000 acres..... Click [HERE](#) to read more.



## New Record Keeping Team

Proper record keeping and document storage is the way Avalonia protects its most vital interests. Attention to detail is a must, but this is a “light duty” job requiring only a few hours every other week here in our office on Hatch Street (near Mystic Market East). You’ll work with one or two other people to make the job easy and a team effort..... Click [HERE](#) to read more.

## Volunteer Profile:

### Kent Fuller

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Owner of Bluefish, a web design and digital marketing agency in Mystic.

Lives with wife, 2 kids and a pup in Mystic next to Moore Woodlands.



### What was your inspiration to volunteer for Avalonia?

I've visited Avalonia properties around Mystic since moving here in 2010. After fishing off a rock on Knox Preserve one day in 2014, I thought I'd research Avalonia to learn about them. I found that Avalonia preserved much more land than I realized. I also discovered their website, and concluded they might need an extra hand. Click [HERE](#) to read more about Kent

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