



Volunteer  
**KETTERING**

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**LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES!**

**VOLUNTEER  
APPRECIATION NIGHT!**

★ *Historic* ★  
**PLAZA**  
THEATRE  
*Miamisburg, Ohio*



Join us for an evening out at the Historic Plaza Theater in Miamisburg! Located in the heart of downtown Miamisburg at 33 S. Main St., this renovated theater is primarily volunteer run, and provides affordable ticket prices to see classic and new release films.

We have rented the theater for the evening, and will be featuring the 1978 classic, *Grease*. Doors open at 4:45 p.m., and the show will start at 5:15 p.m. You are welcome to bring one guest with you, and we will provide a concession coupon to each volunteer, amount TBD.

**Since there is a seat limit, this event will require an RSVP.**

Please call the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433, or email [ketteringvolunteer@ketteringoh.org](mailto:ketteringvolunteer@ketteringoh.org). We can provide a map or printed directions at your request when you RSVP.



## LAST CALL FOR VOLUNTEER HOURS!

Our volunteer program's fiscal year runs July 1 through June 30. We'll soon be calculating hours for the time period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Please check with the staff member you work with to be sure your volunteer hours are being turned in. If not, please email your hours to [lindsey.curry@ketteringoh.org](mailto:lindsey.curry@ketteringoh.org) or call 296-2433 by July 22. If you are not sure if your hours have been turned in, give us a call and we'll check!

Why do we want your hours? The calculation of volunteer hours is often used in grant applications, accreditation processes, and annual report information by a host of city departments. The Volunteer Office strives to report the most accurate information possible. Volunteer hours are also used to calculate awards and certificates presented at our annual volunteer recognition luncheon to be held in November.



## EMPLOYEE COUNCIL PICNIC

You are invited to  
this year's city picnic,  
Thursday, September 12  
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at  
Polen Farm; 5099 Bigger Rd.

Employee Council will provide lunch for current employees, retirees and volunteers! The food choices are still under debate, but please RSVP by September 3 by calling the Volunteer Office at 296-2433 or email [lindsey.curry@ketteringoh.org](mailto:lindsey.curry@ketteringoh.org). We hope you can join us!



*Kettering is home* to Volunteer Spirit



# NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE

Whether you live in, or drive through Kettering, keep an eye out for homes and businesses worthy of a Neighborhood Pride Award nomination. Our committee of dedicated volunteers reviews each nomination submitted. They work very hard throughout the summer to select twelve residential properties and one commercial property in June, July, and August.

## There are several ways to submit a nomination:

- Visit [www.ketteringoh.org](http://www.ketteringoh.org) and complete an online nomination
- Call the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433
- Cut out, complete, and mail the postcard found in the Summer Edition of Contact With Kettering
- Email [lindsey.curry@ketteringoh.org](mailto:lindsey.curry@ketteringoh.org)

A single award for Sustainable Landscaping will be awarded as well. Our committee will place a sign in the yard of the winning properties, and owners will be invited to city council to accept the award from Mayor Lehner. Keep in mind, you may also nominate yourself if you've maintained your Kettering property impeccably for several years or you've made significant improvements to your property.



## 10 YEARS OF CITIES OF SERVICE

The Cities of Service (COS) city team joined with volunteers, businesses, and service clubs to host a block party in our 2024 COS neighborhood which encompasses neighbors bordered by Justice Rd. West Ave., Gaylord Ave., E. Dorothy Ln., and Haig Ave. This will be the tenth neighborhood in the COS initiative. Neighbors celebrated with a block party on Wiles Dr. where they enjoyed free hot dogs, cookies, snacks, door prizes, and information on city services and community resources. We are thankful to all of the area businesses, non-profits, and volunteers who help support our COS efforts!





# KETTERING LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CLASS OF 2024

Congratulations to the 2024 Kettering Leadership Academy graduates! We wish you much success as you take on future leadership roles within our community! Applications for the class of 2025 are currently being accepted! The Kettering Leadership Academy begins in September with an overnight retreat September 8 and 9. In October, the group will begin meeting the second Thursday of each month from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. with the last

session and graduation being held in May. The Academy is designed for people who either live or work in Kettering and are interested in holding leadership roles in our community. The majority of our attendees are sponsored by their employers.

**If you are interested in learning more for future participation, please call 296-2531, email [dawn.kirchner@ketteringoh.org](mailto:dawn.kirchner@ketteringoh.org), or visit [www.ketteringoh.org](http://www.ketteringoh.org).**



# KLA

KETTERING LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Back row (L-R): Nevin Smith, Matt Greeson, Sarah Malchow, Claudia Burnell, Rick Armstrong, Ryan Homs, Archie Jones  
Front row (L-R): Natalie Snell, Jodee Ball, Angi Furr, Rachel Morris



## MEET THE 2024 MAYOR'S AWARD RECIPIENTS



Sophia is a senior at Alter High School who has been highly involved as a volunteer, both in her school and throughout the community. She graduates this May, and will be attending the University of Miami, Oxford, majoring in Political Science.

Some of Sophia's volunteer work has been contributed to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, St. Vincent de Paul, Learning Tree Farm, Girls Scouts, as an Alter Student Ambassador, as a Hope Squad peer facilitator, and as Co-Chair of the Key Club among others. During her high school career, Sophia has volunteered over 400 hours all while maintaining an impressive 4.2 GPA while taking AP and Honors classes.

Her nominator noted "She is a young lady who demonstrates respect, responsibility, kindness, and perseverance," and "is a humble role model for her peers and teachers."

**Congratulations and thank you for all you do in our community, Sophia and Peggy!**



Peggy Spencer has been a longtime volunteer at Greenmont Elementary School. When her son and grandchildren attended Greenmont, Peggy actively volunteered with the PTA, coordinating fairs, fundraisers, and prepared Friday Folders. Although her son and grandchildren have long since left Greenmont, Ms.

Peggy still happily and tirelessly prepares daily and weekly materials for teachers. She creates folders, makes books and booklets, staples packets, sharpens the paper cutter, un-jams the copier, laminates, cuts out letters, shapes, and pictures, and hand-delivers finished items to classrooms. She often takes projects home to complete, collects recycling throughout the building, helps in the cafeteria, soothes nervous students on picture day, and even assists with kindergarten registration. In fact, Ms. Peggy is such a familiar smiling face to students at Greenmont, that many students lovingly call her "Nana."

In addition to all the volunteer work she does for the teachers, students, and staff daily at Greenmont, she is also the sole caretaker for her aging father, and manages his appointments, household repairs, and meals.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### **Employee Council Picnic**

September 12 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Polen Farm  
RSVP to the Volunteer Office by September 3

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### **Movie Night at The Historic Plaza Theater, Grease**

Doors open 4:45 p.m., show starts 5:15 p.m.  
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### **Make A Difference Day**

October 26

More details in the fall newsletter!

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### **Annual Volunteer Luncheon**

November 21

More details in the fall newsletter!

