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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE! A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR LEHNER



Dear Volunteers:

With the arrival of spring, many of us are eager to break free from our homes and get back out into the community. I suspect that many of

you were out there during the dark, cold winter months, happily lending your time and talent. This is one of the many reasons why we have such a special and connected community!

The City of Kettering will be joining communities across the country in observing National Volunteer Week, April 20 – 26. National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to show appreciation to the people and causes that inspire us to serve – the people like you! I will join the President of the

United States, as well as governors and local officials by reading a proclamation recognizing National Volunteer Week at the April 8 City Council meeting. That same evening, I have the honor of presenting the Mayor's Award for Volunteer Service to a deserving youth and adult volunteer.

Volunteering empowers us to contribute to the projects we feel most passionate about while inspiring others to do the same. Your involvement in our community helps educate participants of all ages that attend camps, workshops and events like EcoFest, you help beautify our natural spaces by removing invasive plants, removing litter, and planting trees and flowers, and you help bolster staff morale by working alongside

them in offices throughout the City. Your participation as a Kettering Volunteer is one of the reasons we enjoy a wonderful place to call home!

Please mark your calendar for the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on April 25, and the annual Community Block Party at Frazee Pavilion on June 4, from 6 – 8 p.m. Please plan to attend these events and allow us to celebrate how much we appreciate you and your contributions to the Kettering community!

Thank you for your service! See you soon.

*Peggy Lehner*

Peggy Lehner, Kettering Mayor

### Movie Night is Sunday, April 13!

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.

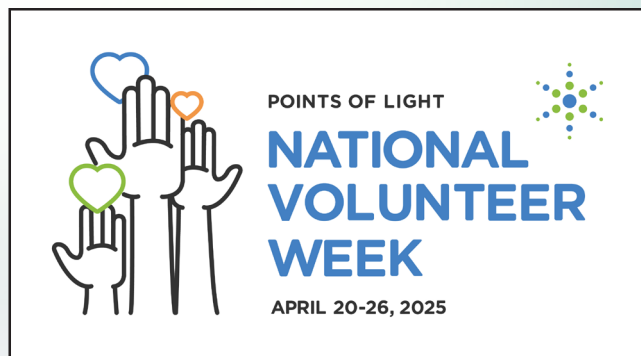
We have rented the theater for the evening, and will be featuring The Sandlot. Doors open at 4:45 p.m., and the show will start at 5:15 p.m. You are welcome to bring up to 3 guests, and we will provide a concession coupon to each volunteer, amount TBD.

**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.



 Kettering *is home* to Volunteer Spirit





The City of Kettering will be joining communities across the country in observing National Volunteer Week. This week is focused on recognizing those who have made volunteerism a part of their lives and to encourage others to become involved.

### City Council Meeting Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Lehner will issue a proclamation for National Volunteer Week, honoring our dedicated community volunteers who selflessly give their time to help their friends and neighbors throughout the City of Kettering. She will also honor a youth volunteer and an adult volunteer with the Mayor's Award for Volunteer Service.

### Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast Friday, April 25 from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Let us thank you for all you do as a volunteer, and stop by for a bite to eat before work, or any time before 10:30 a.m. A continental breakfast will be waiting for you to enjoy in the Virginia Room, located in the north building at the Government Center. Not sure where to go? Stop by the Volunteer Office and we'll get you there!

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR THE CITY OF KETTERING!**

## NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE

If you reside in Kettering, you will soon be receiving information about the city's Neighborhood Pride Program. This year marks the 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our program and serves as a wonderful example of the ways in which volunteers make a positive impact in our neighborhoods.

The Neighborhood Pride Award recognizes residents who have made significant improvements to the appearance of their homes or who have maintained their home impeccably year after year. Winners of this prestigious award are recognized publicly at a City Council meeting and an attractive sign is placed in the property owner's front yard.

The nomination process is simple. Watch your mail for the summer edition of Contact with Kettering for additional information and a nomination card. You can complete and return the card by mail, fill one out in person at the Volunteer Office or Lathrem Senior Center, or you can nominate online by visiting [www.ketteringoh.org](http://www.ketteringoh.org). If you have any questions, call the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433.

### Nominations will be accepted May 1 through July 31

This program is made possible by our outstanding committee of volunteers! Thanks for all you do to make Kettering a community so many are proud to call home!





# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Although we're all eager to welcome spring, summer will be here before we know it!

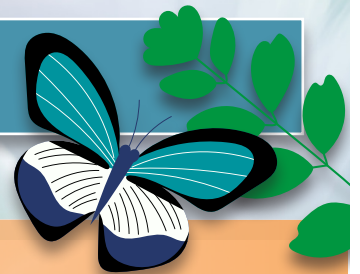
If you enjoy meeting people and working outdoors, you may be the perfect fit to join our dedicated team of volunteers at Frazee Pavilion this summer. Volunteers are asked to work 6 – 8 shows and must be able to stand 2 – 3 hours. Volunteers help welcome and direct guests, assist with item check, and help with other tasks that the Frazee team needs extra hands to complete. In May, there will be a mandatory orientation, co-lead by the Frazee team and Volunteer Office.

Our Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department offers a variety of active and engaging summer camps for kids of all ages. If you are an adult or student age 16 or older, and enjoy working with children, you may be the perfect camp volunteer to assist our staff. Volunteering with summer camps can help you gain job experience, fulfill service hours, or simply enjoy helping while having fun!

Do you have some extra free time in the evening or on weekends as the days get longer? Extra help is always needed for special events and activities sponsored by our Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department. These are great opportunities to assist with activities developed for children, families, seniors, and the general public. You'll be surprised at how quickly the time flies! Check out the list of events at [www.ketteringoh.org/volunteer-opportunities-sign-up](http://www.ketteringoh.org/volunteer-opportunities-sign-up).



Please contact the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433 if you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities and would like more information.



The Kettering Leadership Academy (KLA) is currently accepting applications for the 2025 – 2026 class. KLA is designed for people looking to take on leadership roles within our community, such as serving on a board or commission at the City of Kettering, or serving at one of our area non-profit organizations. Applicants are required to live or work in Kettering. The Academy begins in September with a mandatory 2 day retreat. Sessions are held once a month throughout the year until graduation in May. Topics include Kettering history, local government, community organizations, education, healthcare, business, public safety, service clubs, and volunteering. The fee for the Academy is \$800. Many businesses sponsor employees to attend this very worthwhile program. Please contact the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433 for further information.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### Community Block Party June 4 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Join us for another fun evening at Frazee Pavilion for this annual free event open to the entire community. Bring your friends and family to enjoy hot dogs, chips, and ice cream bars, interact with representatives from city departments, and enjoy a variety of entertainment. Mention you're a volunteer, and we'll have a treat for you to show our thanks!



### MONTHLY COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Often after you complete your orientation and start volunteering throughout the City, we may not get to see you much. We want to change this! Stop by the third Friday of each month between 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. to grab a hot beverage and light snacks. Catch up with old friends or meet new ones, and let us know how things are going. We look forward to seeing you all more often!

