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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

The City of Kettering will be joining communities across the country in observing National Volunteer Week, April 23 – 29. This week was established in 1974 and has grown exponentially each year. It is designated as a time to recognize and celebrate the impact of volunteer service at



local, state and national levels. Each year, the President of the United States issues a proclamation saluting volunteers. Mayor Donald E. Patterson

and City Council will issue a proclamation for City of Kettering volunteers at the City Council meeting on April 25.

The City of Kettering is so fortunate to have a volunteer force of over 1,000 people! Because of your dedication and commitment to service, our volunteer program remains a model for other communities.

To celebrate you, and to thank you for choosing to spend your time and talent with us, we invite you to join us at these activities and events planned in your honor:

- **National Volunteer Week Displays (April 23 – 29)**
We invite you to stop by Town & Country Shopping Center and the Lathrem Senior Center to visit displays honoring our volunteers.
- **City Council Meeting (April 25 at 7:30 p.m.)**
Mayor Patterson will issue a proclamation for National Volunteer Week. He will also honor a youth volunteer and an adult volunteer with the Mayor's Award for Volunteer Service.
- **Community Block Party (May 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.)**
Please join us at Frazee Pavilion for this free event which is open to the entire community. Bring your friends and family and enjoy hot dogs and chips, displays from various city departments, and a concert by Kettering Civic Band! Soon you will receive a coupon for a special gift for volunteers.

Message from the Mayor



Donald E. Patterson
Mayor

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve. Volunteerism empowers individuals to find their purpose, to take their passion and turn it into meaningful change. We are so fortunate in the City of Kettering to have such a resource of talented volunteers engaging in efforts to improve and strengthen our community. You are one of the major reasons Kettering is such a wonderful place to call home! It is my hope that you will join in the many activities we have planned in your honor. Thank you for your service and dedication to the City of Kettering.

"It is one of the beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely help another without helping himself."

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

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2016 Kettering Block Party

Please stop by the Volunteer Booth and redeem your coupon! Don't miss this chance to celebrate!

Please mark your calendars for all of these events. If you have any questions, feel free

to call the Volunteer Office at 296-2433. These events are planned as a "thank you" to all of our wonderful volunteers!

NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE

Healthy neighborhoods make Kettering a great place to live! Good, stable, attractive neighborhoods maintain property values. The Neighborhood Pride Award recognizes residents who have made significant improvements to the appearance of their home or who have maintained their home impeccably year after year. Last summer over 400 properties were nominated for this award. You will receive a letter and postcard from Mayor Patterson in May. **To nominate a property in Kettering, all you have to do is complete the postcard and return it to us or complete a nomination online at www.ketteringoh.org.**

This Neighborhood Pride Award is a very prestigious award. Winners are recognized publicly at a City Council meeting, and an attractive sign is placed in the property owner's front yard.

A dedicated committee of 50 volunteers completes the judging of this award. These volunteers spend many hours observing all homes that have been nominated. The committee begins meeting in May and continues to meet throughout the summer. These volunteers are very



2016 Neighborhood Pride Award Winner: Mark and Carol Messer, 5 Greendale Drive

important as they help in our effort to maintain strong, healthy neighborhoods within our city. Please consider nominating a property when you receive your letter.

Thanks also to the many magnificent volunteers who help each summer with this program! We truly couldn't do this without you!

KETTERING LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Kettering Leadership Academy (KLA) is currently accepting applications for the 2017 – 2018 class. KLA is designed for those looking to take on leadership roles



2017 Kettering Leadership Academy

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. The Academy begins in September with an overnight retreat. Sessions are held once a month throughout the year until graduation in May. Sessions include information on history, local government, community organizations, education, healthcare, businesses, service clubs and volunteering. The fee for the Academy is \$600. Many businesses sponsor employees to attend this very worthwhile program. Please contact the Volunteer Office at 296-2433 for further information.



volunteer OPPORTUNITIES

- Do you enjoy working with children? If so, why not consider volunteering to help with summer camps. Camps are offered at Kettering Recreation Complex, Rosewood Arts Centre and Habitat Environmental Center. Help is needed half days as well as full days. Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older. This volunteer opportunity serves as an excellent way to earn service credit needed for school activities and gain job experience while having fun with our campers! If you have several activities planned this summer, no worries. You can volunteer all summer or just a few weeks. We'll work to accommodate your schedule.
- If you enjoy meeting people and working outdoors, why not consider joining our wonderful team of volunteers at Frazee Pavilion this summer? Volunteers are asked to work 6 to 8 shows and must be able to stand 2 to 3 hours. Volunteers help welcome and direct guests, and help with item check.
- Why not recruit a friend to volunteer and enjoy a few hours outdoors this spring to check the identification of folks visiting the city's free compost site on Stroop Road. Shifts are once a week for 2 to 3 hours. Our residents will thank you for working to ensure only those who are eligible receive free mulch.
- In conjunction with our Cities of Service Initiative, we are looking for volunteers to help guide the direction of our 2017 neighborhood—Oak Park. If you reside in this neighborhood, we would like to hear from you. Our Cities of Service team has many events planned to celebrate your neighborhood and we would like your input. Please contact the Volunteer Office to get involved.



Please call the volunteer office at 296-2433 if you are interested in these volunteer opportunities.



EMPLOYEE COUNCIL NEWS

Mark your calendar for the annual Employee Council Picnic to be held **Thursday, July 13 at Polen Farm, 5099 Bigger Road**. Please watch upcoming newsletters for additional details about this free event. Don't miss the chance to enjoy good food and the company of our city staff and other volunteers in a beautiful outdoor setting!