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Volunteer Hours

Our volunteer program's fiscal year is from July 1 through June 30. We'll soon be calculating hours for the time period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Please check with the staff member you are working for to be sure your volunteer hours are being turned in. If not, please email your hours to marylou.randolph@ketteringoh.org or call 937-296-2433 by July 15. If you are not sure if your hours have been turned in, just contact us. We are happy to check for you.

Please keep in mind these volunteer hours are used to calculate awards and certificates presented at our annual volunteer recognition luncheon to be held in November. As you know, we will be celebrating 40 years of volunteer service! We want to make sure our records are accurate, so please, turn in your volunteer hours. It's just one more way to celebrate volunteerism in Kettering!

City Picnic

You are invited to this year's city picnic, **Thursday, July 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at Polen Farm, 5099 Bigger Road. Employee Council will provide lunch for current employees, retirees and volunteers! Enjoy pulled pork, hot dogs, veggie burgers, tossed salad, coleslaw, watermelon, dessert and door prizes! It is important that you **RSVP by July 12**, if you plan to attend. Call the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433 or email marylou.randolph@ketteringoh.org. We hope you can join us!

Message FROM THE Mayor



Donald E. Patterson
Mayor

I enjoyed seeing so many of you at the recent Community Block Party at Frazee Pavilion. It was a pleasure to stand with you for our unique photo opportunity in recognition of all you do to enhance our city. YOU are the reason for the success of this program! We will continue the celebration at our annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. It will be held November 21 at Presidential Banquet Center. Please be sure to mark your calendar as this will be a very special event to commemorate the 40th anniversary of our volunteer program! Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the City of Kettering!

Thank you for your service!

Mayor Donald E. Patterson



Kettering is home to Volunteer Spirit

Celebrating Our Neighborhoods



The Cities of Service (COS) city team joined with volunteers, businesses, service clubs, and schools to host a block party in our 2019 COS neighborhood which encompasses

neighbors bordered by Stroop Road, Marshall Road, E. David Road and Hempstead Station Drive. This area marks the seventh neighborhood in the COS Initiative. Neighbors celebrated with a block party in Irelan Park where they enjoyed free hot dogs, children's activities, door prizes and information on city services. Attendees also received free marigolds, the city flower, as part of our effort to build and strengthen neighborhoods throughout our City. We are thankful to all of the area businesses and volunteers who help support our COS efforts!



Neighborhood Pride

Whether you live in Kettering or drive through Kettering please keep an eye out for homes and businesses worthy of a nomination for a Neighborhood Pride Award. Our wonderful committee of 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. Our committee will place a sign in the yard of the winning properties and owners will be invited to a city council meeting to accept the award from Mayor Patterson. 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.

There are several ways to submit a nomination:

- Visit www.ketteringoh.org and complete an online nomination
- Call the Volunteer Office at **937-296-2433**
- Complete and mail the postcard Kettering residents received in the mail in May
- Email marylou.randolph@ketteringoh.org

Kettering Leadership Academy

The Kettering Leadership Academy (KLA) is designed for people who either live or work in Kettering and are interested in holding volunteer leadership roles in our community. KLA begins in September with an overnight retreat and meets the second Thursday of each month from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. with the last session and graduation being held in May. The cost of the Academy is \$650. The majority of our attendees are sponsored by their employers. If you are interested in completing an application, or would like more information, call 937-296-2531, email marylou.randolph@ketteringoh.org, or visit www.ketteringoh.org.

Applications for the 2019-2020 class of the Kettering Leadership Academy will be accepted until **July 8, 2019**.

Fraze Volunteers

If you have some free time this summer and enjoy being outdoors, please consider volunteering at Fraze Pavilion. Volunteers help greet and direct guests as they come to enjoy a wonderful evening of entertainment under the stars!

Volunteers must be able to stand for 2 – 3 hours and endure all types of weather. You will be asked to assist at 8 – 10 shows. This is a great way to enjoy summer while helping others! If you or someone you know is interested in joining our fabulous team of volunteers, please contact the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433 or email marylou.randolph@ketteringoh.org for additional details.

2019 Mayor's Award Recipients



Mayor Patterson with Rick Moreton and Sasha Whitaker

In recognition of National Volunteer Week, Mayor Donald E. Patterson presented the Mayor's Award for Volunteer Service in April to youth volunteer Sasha Whitaker and adult volunteer Rick Moreton.

Rick Moreton resides in Sabina, Ohio. He was honored for his volunteer service which includes helping with the city's Christmas Day Open House at Polen Farm, greeting guests at Frazee Pavilion, and assisting visitors at the Kettering Connection. Rick also generously provides guidance to city staff on matters of adaptability and inclusion.

Sasha Whitaker recently graduated from Fairmont High School. She was recognized for her volunteer efforts with Dayton Honor Flight, SICSA, the Dayton Walk to Defeat ALS, and the Kettering Early Childhood Education Center. Sasha plans to attend The Ohio State University in the fall to pursue a degree in Early Childhood Education.

Summer Camps and Special Events

The City of Kettering Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department offers a variety of summer camps and special events for children to enjoy. It's a great opportunity for youth to uncover a new skill, learn about our environment, or discover a new talent! It's also a wonderful chance for youth and adults to do the same while serving as a volunteer. Most camps and special events have an age requirement of 14. These are wonderful ways for students to learn job skills, gain experience and fulfill



service requirements. Some of our arts camps require volunteers to be at least 17 years of age. This is a fantastic way to spend time with youth as they realize their love for the arts!

Camps run Monday through Friday. Some volunteers help all summer, while others help a week or two. We can work with your schedule. Interested in learning more? Contact the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433 or email marylou.randolph@ketteringoh.org.

Mark Your Calendar

JULY 18

City Picnic

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Polen Farm
*Reservations are a must.
Call 937-296-2433 by July 12.*

October 26

National Make A Difference Day

Watch future newsletters for details.

November 21

Annual Volunteer Luncheon

Celebrating 40 years of Service!

Watch future newsletters for details.



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“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.”

— Unknown

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