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Volunteer Recognition Luncheon



Senior Show Choir volunteers Barbara Medley, Connie Caslin and Don Coty

The annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon will be held Thursday, November 21 at noon at Presidential Banquet Center, 4548 Presidential Way. This year we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the City of Kettering's Volunteer Program!

Please plan to attend this luncheon, held in your honor, as we commemorate four decades of service!

Following lunch, Mayor Donald E. Patterson will present certificates and awards based on your cumulative hours from the time you first registered as a volunteer through June 30, 2019. Certificates will be presented for each 100 hours you have volunteered. Gifts will be presented at 500-hour increments. All will receive a token of appreciation for his or her service.

Invitations will be mailed soon. In order to plan for the luncheon, reservations are a must. We will need your reply card by November 8. Please plan to join the celebration!

Message FROM THE Mayor



Donald E. Patterson
Mayor

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I join you in celebration of forty years of volunteer service in the City of Kettering! What began as a small group of volunteers planting marigolds in our medians has blossomed into a vibrant and dedicated



group of over 1,000 volunteers committed to enhancing our programs and strengthening our community. Whether you volunteer once a year on Christmas Day, once a week

greeting guests at Kettering Connection, or you assist with our special events and projects, you are the reason the City of Kettering can take service to the next level!

As I reflect back on the last forty years, many of our city's accomplishments were achieved with the help and commitment of our volunteers. To this day, the City of Kettering's volunteer program continues to serve as a model for other local governments. Thank you for choosing to share the gifts of your time and talent with the City of Kettering. I look forward to joining you at our annual volunteer luncheon!

Mayor Donald E. Patterson

Congratulations Kettering Leadership Academy Graduates

Congratulations 2019 Kettering Leadership Academy graduates! We wish you much success as you take on future leadership roles within our community!

The principal goal of the Kettering Leadership Academy (KLA) is to build a resource of community leaders on a continuing basis. The Academy is

designed to identify, educate and develop potential community leaders; expand leadership potential; enhance the quality of life in our community; and provide access to leadership and personal growth opportunities.

For additional information about KLA, please contact Volunteer Administrator, Mary Lou Randolph at 937-296-2531.



Front Row (L – R): Lisa Duvall, Edict Systems Inc; Kerry Corthell, Community Volunteer; Josie Burns, Kettering College; Carrie Remhof, WilmerHale; Jonelle Carroll, Kettering City Schools/City of Kettering; Shannon Wright, Kettering City Schools; Maggie Burk, L Brands; David Bogle, St. Charles School

Back Row (L – R): Chris Wright, Christ Church; Richard Honneywell, ODOT (retired); Christopher Evans, Kettering Police Dept; Michael Nesbella, WilmerHale; Art Santoianni, U.D. School of Business Adm. (retired); Mitch Robbins, Kettering Fire Dept; Nick Andrews, Heapy Engineering

Volunteers Spread Sunshine All Summer Long!

Wow! What a summer! Thanks to all of you who helped with our warm weather projects and activities! Because of you, we were able to spread a little sunshine throughout our city!

Kudos to our notorious Neighborhood Pride committee; our sensational summer camp volunteers; our fantastic Fraise volunteers; our awesome Art on the Commons volunteers and our conscientious Compost Cops!

Here are a few summer time volunteer facts:

Programs	No. of Volunteers	Hours Contributed	Events
Summer Camps	14	572	31 Camps
Fraise Pavilion	36	927	35 Shows
Art on the Commons	63	235	1 Event
Neighborhood Pride	18	443	445 Nominations
Compost Cops	10	276	April through July

Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for an additional volunteer opportunity? Have a friend or family member who is interested in volunteering? We have a plethora of opportunities including:

- Assisting Children with Special Needs
- Data Entry
- Lathrem Senior Center's Nutrition Program (assisting with lunch)
- Mail Couriers
- Receptionists
- Scanning
- Senior Transportation Drivers
- Senior Transportation Schedulers

Please contact Mary Lou Randolph at 296-2531 or by email at marylou.randolph@ketteringoh.org for additional information on these opportunities.

Get in the holiday spirit by celebrating with children, families, and the whole community by helping with special events through the City of Kettering Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department! Enjoy activities such as the *Pumpkin Roll & Relay Sunday*, October 27, or spend the evening serving cookies and hot chocolate at the *Mayor's Tree Lighting Friday*, December 6. Volunteers have their choice of opportunities on Saturday, December 7 with *Breakfast with Santa* or the *Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt* at Polen Farm Barn; *A Rosewood Holiday* at Rosewood Arts Centre; and *Santa Paws* at the Kettering Recreation Complex. If you enjoy helping with games for preschoolers and their families, *Holiday Fun 4 Little Ones* is Saturday, December 21. Join us for a fun night of activities at the *New Year's Eve Family Bash* on Tuesday, December 31 at the Kettering Recreation Complex. If you are interested in any of these special events, please contact Brittany Ingraham at 937-296-2433 or by email brittany.ingraham@ketteringoh.org.

Make a Difference Day

Saturday, October 26 from 9 a.m. to Noon

We are thrilled to participate in National *Make A Difference Day* again this year! We have multiple projects planned in order to provide an opportunity for everyone to contribute on this largest day of giving. Projects include both indoor and outdoor activities:

Indoor Projects:

Create holiday greeting cards to be distributed by *Blue Star Mothers* to our active duty military serving throughout the world.

Create holiday placemats to be donated to area nursing homes.

Project Location: Christ Church United Methodist, 3440 Shroyer Rd.

Outdoor Project:

Provide assistance to neighbors in need of help with yard maintenance and cleanup. This project is in conjunction with the *Cities of Service* initiative and

will take place in the 2019 *Cities of Service* neighborhood bordered by E. Stroop Rd., Marshall Rd., E. David Rd. and Hempstead Station Dr.

Project Location: Volunteers will meet at Irelan Park – 4532 Marshall Rd.

Both projects are suitable for individuals as well as groups of volunteers such as scouts, service clubs, sports teams, student groups and faith-based organizations. Volunteers under age 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

A light breakfast will be provided at both locations.

Interested in helping? Please contact the City of Kettering Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433 or by email at marylou.randolph@ketteringoh.org.

Don't miss this opportunity to join with others to truly "make a difference" in our community!



Christmas Day Open House

Our fabulous Christmas Day Committee, under the expert leadership of Bill and Marynel Bradley, will soon be gathering to plan yet another wonderful holiday at Polen Farm located at 5099 Bigger Road! This event is free and open to the community! It is an Open House, so stop by anytime between 1 and 4 p.m. We would love the opportunity to spend Christmas with you!

The Open House includes Christmas caroling, delicious food, holiday cookies, train display, free children's books and activities, and a visit from Santa! The event is suitable for all ages and is held in a beautifully decorated setting.

Reservations are not necessary. Just stop on by and celebrate with us! Please call 937-296-2433 if you have questions.

Cities of Service 2019 Neighborhood Celebration

Neighbors living in the area between E. Stroop Rd., Marshall Rd., Hempstead Station Dr. and David Rd. gathered at Irelan Park Saturday, June 8 to enjoy hot dogs, children's activities, music, giveaways and door prizes as we kicked off the seventh neighborhood in our *Cities of Service* (COS) initiative. In addition, neighbors received information on city programs such as senior services, public safety and housing.

Neighbors residing in the 2019 COS neighborhood will soon be receiving information regarding *Make A Difference Day* activities to take place Saturday, October 26. Volunteers will be available to help neighbors who need assistance with outdoor maintenance such as debris removal, leaf raking, and hedge trimming.

COS is a non-profit organization that helps mayors build stronger cities by tapping into the knowledge, creativity, and service of citizens to help identify and solve critical problems. COS supports a coalition of 266 cities, representing over 73 million people across the Americas and Europe.

Mayor Patterson joined the coalition in 2011 with a focus on strengthening our neighborhoods. Kettering was recognized for our COS efforts this summer. Of 266 participating cities, 11 cities were selected by COS to participate in an assembly and



conference held in Boston this summer. Kettering was the smallest city invited to participate. Other cities included: Lansing, MI; Seattle, WA; South Bend, IN; Baton Rouge, LA; Round Rock, TX; Scottsdale, AZ; Topeka, KS; Phoenix, AZ; New York, NY and Long Beach, CA. Kettering was selected as a model

city based on our ability to secure local community partners to fund the initiative. Thanks to the many community volunteers, area businesses, and service organizations for your support in this effort and for making civic engagement a priority!



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SAVE THE DATE



October 26 — Make-a Difference Day

November 21 — Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

December 25 — Christmas Day Open House at Polen Farm

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