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## Volunteer Hours

Our volunteer program's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. We'll soon be calculating hours for the July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 time frame. Volunteer awards will be based on this information, so it is very important that we have your hours recorded accurately. If you have hours that need to be turned in, or you would like to check to see if we have your hours recorded, please call the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433 or email [marylou.randolph@ketteringoh.org](mailto:marylou.randolph@ketteringoh.org) by July 31. We appreciate your help with our record-keeping!

## Future Volunteer Opportunities

It's unfortunate that the recent pandemic robbed us of so many activities and events; however, your safety is our number one concern. As we begin to make plans for your return, we are making modifications to our programs and facilities to help ensure the safety and well-being of our staff, our volunteers and our visitors. Throughout the summer, we will begin reaching out to volunteers to discuss any changes that might pertain to your particular volunteer position. We will do our best to create an environment where volunteers feel safe and comfortable. We've missed you and we are looking forward to seeing you again! As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433.

## Volunteer Information Update

It is our goal to maintain accurate information on all of our volunteers. Recently, an information update form was emailed to all volunteers with an email address on file. If you completed and returned the form, thank you. If you did not receive a message and would like to update your volunteer record, including your emergency contact information, please send an email to [marylou.randolph@ketteringoh.org](mailto:marylou.randolph@ketteringoh.org) or call 937-296-2433.

Please join the  
Kettering Volunteer Advisory Council  
and City Staff

**Thursday, June 25**  
**4 – 6 p.m.**  
in the front parking lot of  
**Fairmont High School,**  
**3301 Shroyer Rd.** for a

**Volunteer  
Appreciation  
Drive-Thru!**

No need to get out of your car, just drive on over, enter the parking lot from Lincoln Park Blvd. and follow the orange cones to receive a handmade face mask, crafted by our volunteers for our volunteers, and a free ice cream bar!




*We look forward to seeing you!*

# Neighborhood Pride

As many of us are spending more time at home these days, it's been the perfect opportunity to make those home improvements you've been thinking about. As you take your daily walk or drive throughout Kettering, keep an eye out for both residential and commercial properties that have been significantly improved or have been maintained impeccably year after year. Jot down the address and nominate these properties for a prestigious Neighborhood Pride Award. Self-nominations are also accepted and encouraged. All nominations will be reviewed by our fabulous committee of volunteers. The program divides the city into 12 districts. A residential property owner from each district is selected

to receive an award in June, July and August. One commercial property is selected each month as well. Award winning properties will be recognized with a **Neighborhood Pride Award Winner** sign proudly displayed in the yard. The property will be featured on our website and the property owner will be recognized by Mayor Donald E. Patterson.



## 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**
- Email [marylou.randolph@ketteringoh.org](mailto:marylou.randolph@ketteringoh.org)

# Kettering Leadership Academy

Congratulations to the 2020 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. KLA 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.

Due to COVID-19, we will not be holding sessions until September 2021. We hope to begin taking applications for 2021-2022 in March. If you have questions regarding the Academy, please call the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2531.



*Back Row (L - R): Robert Baker, City of Kettering; Jyl Hall Smith, Dayton Realtors; Joseph Duncan, Kettering City Schools; Kari Backen, WilmerHale; Mike Perry, Worthington Industries; Robert Gray, Self-employed; Keith Uhlenhake, HEAPY. Front Row (L - R): Terri McFarland, Mast Global Digital - Lbrands; Michelle Wilkey, David's United Church of Christ; Ashley Runk, Day Air Credit Union; Margaret Pasqualone, City of Kettering; Alina Joseph, Kettering Health Network; Not Pictured: Megan Butcher, Heartland; Linda Cotrone, Christ Church United Methodist*

# 2020 Mayor's Award Recipients

In keeping with tradition, nominations for the *Mayor's Award for Volunteer Service* were accepted this spring by the Kettering Volunteer Advisory Council. This award was created in 1983 as a way to honor outstanding volunteers who make valuable contributions to the community through volunteer service in a wide variety of categories. Recipients of this award must either be a resident of Kettering or the majority of their volunteer service must be performed in Kettering. One adult volunteer and one youth volunteer are selected to receive the annual award.



**Bob Montavon**

## Adult Award Recipient

This year, the adult recipient of the *Mayor's Award for Volunteer Service* is Bob Montavon. Bob resides in Kettering with his wife, Christy, where they raised their family. He is President of Resolute Wealth Management, LLC and he is a graduate of the Kettering Leadership Academy Class of 2012.

Bob's service consists of a variety of volunteer roles with a host of organizations spanning over twenty years. It includes coaching baseball for the First Kettering Athletic League;

scout leader and scout master with Boy Scouts of America; Oak Creek Swim Team volunteer; Fairmont High School Marching Band volunteer and St. Charles Youth Group volunteer, including summer mission trips. Bob also served on the Kettering Parks Foundation.

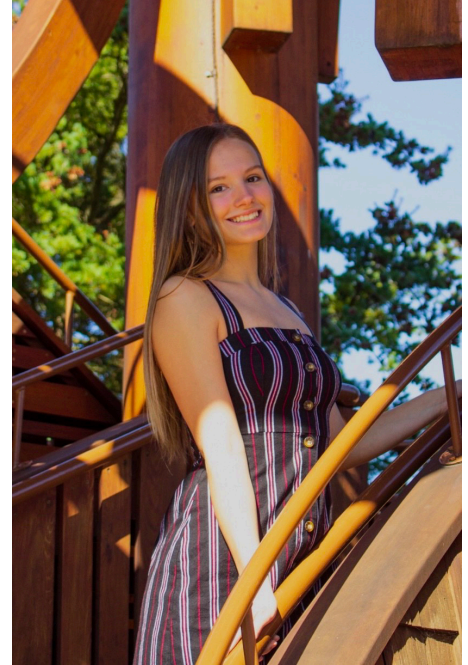
Bob is a very active member of the Kettering Dor-Wood Optimist Club where he's held multiple officer roles, committee roles, and most recently, Lt. Governor for Zone 13 of Optimist International. He also directs Kettering Tri-Star Basketball and is a lead volunteer for Kids' Day in the Park.

Bob's nominator stated, "Bob is outstanding on various levels. The most notable quality is his unwavering dedication to the Kettering community. Although Bob's children are grown, he continues to work with activities that his children used to attend and takes great pride in knowing he is still there for future generations. He is one of the great pillars of community action."

## Youth Award Recipient

The youth recipient of the *Mayor's Award for Volunteer Service* is Bobbi Carnes. Bobbi lives in Kettering with her father, Robert. Her family includes her grandmother Kathy, her brother Christian and two sisters, Taylor and Lizbeth. She is a 2020 graduate of Fairmont High School where she was involved in the National Honor Society and Class Council.

Bobbi's volunteer service includes mentoring a freshman to ensure a smooth transition into high school; assisting with the MS 5K walk as well as the Alzheimer's 5K walk; visits to retirement centers doing crafts and spending time with residents; tutoring fellow classmates and fifth graders; helping with afterschool care for younger students and helping with food drives. Most recently, Bobbi took it upon herself to go to our local



**Bobbi Carnes**

food pantry to make care packages to distribute to tornado victims. She also made cards for children to help motivate them to stay positive during such a hard time.

Bobbi believes volunteering is very important. When asked why she volunteers, Bobbi stated, "This is the community that I grew up in and it is my hometown. It has given so much to me, an amazing education and so much opportunity. For this, I feel that I owe it to myself and to people to help them as much as they have helped me. I would not be where I am today without the strength of my community."

Mayor Patterson will present the awards to Bob and Bobbi at a future city council meeting.

The City of Kettering congratulates and thanks Bob Montavon, Bobbi Carnes and all volunteers in our community for the gift of your service and your compassion for others!



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### Volunteer Office Staffing Change

Assistant Volunteer Administrator, Brittany Ingraham will be leaving the City of Kettering to pursue a new position with another organization. Her last day with the City of Kettering is June 12. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

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