

Happy National Volunteer Week!



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Message from the Mayor

The City of Kettering will be joining communities across the country in observing National Volunteer Week, April 18 – 24. I will join with many governors and local officials by issuing a proclamation at the April 13 city council meeting. I will also present the Mayor's Award for Volunteer Service to a deserving youth and adult volunteer.

As one of the first local government programs in the United States, our volunteer program serves as a wonderful way to engage members of our community while enhancing our city services and programs.

Last year came with a multitude of challenges. However, it also came with opportunity. You exhibited creativity, perseverance, resilience, and most of all compassion. This was evidenced by the phone calls made to check on seniors, the masks sewn, and the PPE kits distributed.

Helping others is a time honored tradition in many families. We are so very fortunate that this tradition is also part of our City of Kettering family as well. As spring is upon us, and you begin to return to your volunteer roles, I sincerely

thank you for being part of our City of Kettering family and for choosing Kettering as the place to share your unique gifts and talents.

Thank you for your service!



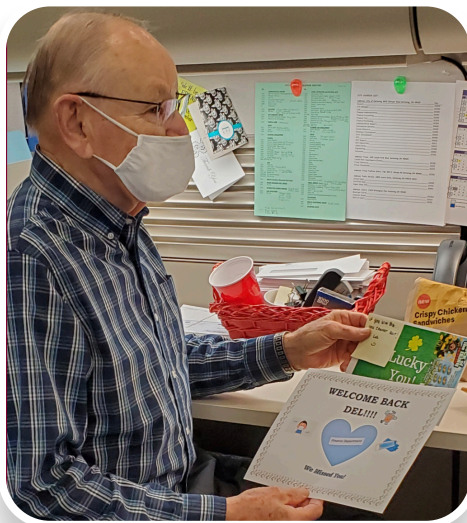
Mayor Donald E. Patterson



Welcome Back!

We are very pleased to report that volunteers are beginning to physically return to our operations! As of the writing of this newsletter, volunteers have returned to positions in offices such as Clerk of Courts, Finance, Tax and Kettering Connection. In addition, volunteers are assisting with youth sports and helping with tax returns and senior transportation at Lathrem Senior Center.

Please be aware that your health and safety is our priority. As you return to your volunteer roles, you will be provided with information regarding safety measures. If you are not ready to return to your volunteer role, that is absolutely fine. We realize that everyone has their own comfort level and we are more than willing to wait until you feel comfortable returning.



Del Herbeck in the Finance Dept.



Vicki Little in the Volunteer Office

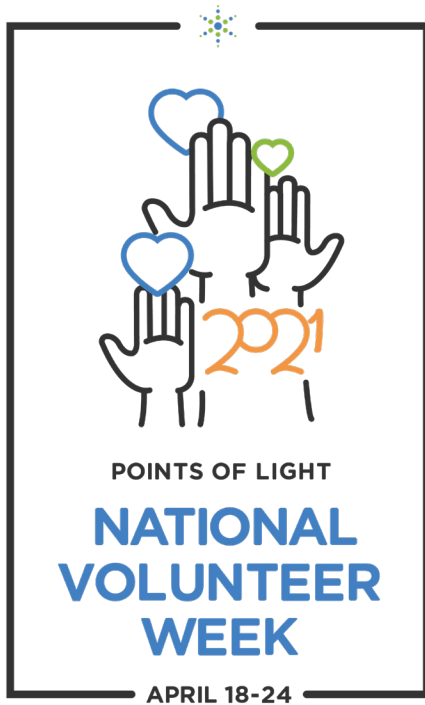


Debbie Allen in Clerk of Courts



Kettering is home to Volunteer Spirit

National Volunteer Week Activities



National Volunteer Week Displays

April 18 – 24

We invite you to check out displays honoring our volunteers. These will be placed at Town & Country Shopping Center and in our city buildings.

City Council Meeting

April 13 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.

Social Media Posts

April 18 – 24

Check out the city's Facebook page as a different volunteer will be featured each day during National Volunteer Week!

Community Block Party (Date to be determined)

We are hopeful this event will take place at some point during the Frazee season. Watch your mail for further details!

Businesses Thank Volunteers

As you drive through Kettering you will notice messages on business signs thanking volunteers. In addition, two businesses offered these coupons to our volunteers:



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The Kettering Leadership Academy (KLA) is currently accepting applications for the 2021-2022 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 retreat. Sessions are held once a month throughout the year until graduation in May. These sessions include information on history, local government, community organizations,

education, healthcare, businesses, service clubs and volunteering. The fee for the Academy is \$650. Many businesses sponsor employees to attend this very worthwhile program. Please visit www.ketteringoh.org or contact the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433 for additional 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 must be able to stand 2-3 hours and endure all types of weather. We depend on our volunteers to welcome and direct our guests! This year's season is slated to begin in July.



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 Rd? Shifts are once a week for 2 – 3 hours. Our residents will thank you for working to ensure only those that are eligible receive free mulch.



Do you have a little free time in the evening or on weekends? We can use your help with our special events and activities sponsored by our Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Dept. These are great opportunities to assist with activities suited for children and families. You're sure to have a little fun while helping with these wonderful programs!

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

Neighborhood Pride



Residents of Kettering will soon be receiving information about the city's Neighborhood Pride Program. This year marks the 33rd year of this program which recognizes property owners who have made significant improvements to the appearance of their home or business; or have maintained their home or business impeccably year after year.

The program divides the city into 12 districts awarding one winner in each district in June, July and August. The 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 special thank you to our Neighborhood Pride Committee of volunteers who work so hard to visit hundreds of properties every summer to select our winners!

Nominations will be accepted online by visiting www.ketteringoh.org or by calling 937-296-2433, beginning May 1.



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to Neighborhood Pride



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“No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another.”
— Author Unknown