



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

Please join us at the Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at noon at Presidential Banquet Center, 4548 Presidential Way. We invite you to bust out your cowboy boots, your cowgirl hats and your denim as the City of Kettering volunteers go "Country!" Bring an item for the Kettering Backpack Program (see list below) and receive a raffle ticket for an amazing prize! We have many exciting things planned as we honor all of our wonderful volunteers!

Kettering Backpack Items:

- Individual pop-top microwavable ravioli
- Individual serving cup of fruit
- Small prepared pudding
- Small cup of vegetables
- Individual mac & cheese
- Cereal
- 100% fruit juice box
- Granola/cereal bars
- Jar of peanut butter

Following lunch we will hold the recognition ceremony. Mayor Donald E. Patterson will present the certificates and awards. The hours for certificates and awards are cumulative from the time you first registered as a volunteer through June 30, 2016.

Certificates will be presented for each 100 hours you have volunteered. Special awards will be presented at 500-hour increments. Everyone will receive a gift of appreciation for his or her service.

Invitations will be mailed soon. Reservations are a must. To plan for the luncheon, we need your reply card returned by October 24. Don't miss this fun event!

Message from the Mayor



Donald E. Patterson
Mayor

Every year I look forward to attending the Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon and the opportunity to thank our volunteers for their dedication and service to our City. Now in its thirty-seventh year, the city of Kettering's Volunteer Program proudly serves as a model to cities throughout our nation. I sincerely thank you for giving the gift of your time and talent to the city of Kettering. I look forward to seeing you at the luncheon!

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Believe it or not, Christmas is right around the corner. Our Christmas Day Committee will soon be gathering to plan another wonderful holiday at Polen Farm! Thank you to our new Committee Chairs, Tom and Doris Condron. We sincerely appreciate their taking the lead as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of our Christmas Day Gathering! As you know, this is an important event in the City of Kettering. The Polen Farm Christmas Day Gathering is free and open to the community! Held on Christmas Day, December 25, from 1 to 4 p.m. this event includes refreshments, music, Santa Claus and fellowship. Don't spend Christmas alone!

Message from South Community

South Community Inc. is a 501c(3), private, not-for-profit behavioral healthcare organization serving Montgomery County. They are looking for volunteer greeters and volunteers to help with their food pantry which could include stocking, filling orders, data entry, shopping, seeking donations or working in vegetable gardens. Please visit www.southcommunity.com or contact Cindy Sherman, Volunteer Coordinator at csherman@southcommunity.com for details.

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FUN FACTS

Summertime is a perfect time to volunteer and this summer was no exception! Listed below are some of the many ways volunteers of all ages gave back to Kettering this summer:

Special Events

- Kettering Recreation Complex: 20 volunteers donated 72 hours.
- Habitat Environmental Center: 4 volunteers donated 70 hours.
- Rosewood Arts Centre: 23 volunteers donated 189 hours.

Summer Camps

- Habitat Environmental Center: 7 volunteers donated 597 hours.
- Rosewood Arts Centre: 7 volunteers donated 209 hours.

Storm Drain Marker Team

Four volunteers donated 62 hours installing medallions to storm drains in an effort to protect our waterways.



Volunteers Dick Menke, Tim Baxter (pictured) along with Al Fullenkamp and Terry Youngerman have installed 1,250 storm drain markers since June—Thanks guys!



Compost Cops

Sixteen volunteers donated 308 hours guarding the City's mulch pile.

Neighborhood Pride

Thirty-six volunteers donated 482 hours to help recognize property owners who have impeccably maintained or have made significant improvements to their property.

Parks Maintenance Assistants

Three volunteers donated 167 hours to help keep our parks looking spectacular.

Fraze

Fifty-five volunteers donated 1,350 hours to greet and assist guests at Fraze events.

Thanks so much to all of our volunteers for your service throughout the summer and the rest of the year!

You are amazing!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY



Make a Difference Day is the largest day of community giving throughout our country. The City of Kettering has been involved in this day of

giving for more than 30 years! We hope you'll join us in carrying on this tradition. This year, **Make a Difference Day** will be held Saturday, October 22, from 9 a.m. to noon. Kettering is offering two opportunities for you to get involved and make a difference:

Many of our men and women serving our country in the military will spend the holidays away from loved ones. In an effort to make their holidays brighter we will have items on hand for volunteers of all

ages to create holiday greeting cards for military personnel currently serving our country. The Blue Star Mothers will then include these cards in holiday packages for our military. This project will take place indoors at Christ Church, 3440 Shroyer Rd. at 9 a.m.

The other project is in partnership with the Little Miami Watershed Network (LMWN). In an effort to keep our water clean, volunteers Dick Menke, Tim Baxter, Al Fullenkamp and Terry Youngerman have been adhering medallions to storm drain covers throughout the city. These medallions serve as reminders that **The Drain is Just for Rain!** Hopefully, this will encourage citizens to refrain from dumping contaminants into our storm drains. While our wonderful volunteers

continue adhering medallions, we will be assembling additional teams of volunteers to help with this project on **Make A Difference Day**. Volunteers will meet at the shelter at Christ Church at 9 a.m. This project is suitable for those who enjoy walking and working outdoors.

If you or your organization would like to get involved, please contact the Volunteer Office at 296-2433 or email marylou.randolph@ketteringoh.org. Both projects are great opportunities for scout groups, service clubs, school groups, corporate groups and individuals to join together to truly **Make A Difference** in our community and in the lives of others!

INTRODUCING THE KETTERING VOLUNTEER ADVISORY COUNCIL

As you know, the City of Kettering volunteer program coordinates many events throughout the year. These include neighborhood cleanups, block parties and recognition events such as our annual volunteer luncheon. These events could not be accomplished without the help of our Kettering Volunteer Advisory Council (KVAC), who provide assistance with event design, planning, set-up, registration, greeting, recruitment, award nominations, and the list goes on. No matter what the event, this remarkable group had something to do with it!

This year, KVAC will be presenting a new award, given to an outside organization or business in appreciation for their volunteer service to the City of Kettering. The award will be presented at the annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon.



KVAC members from left to right (back row): Jey Ellis, Coldwell Banker; Jacque Fisher, WPAFB; Bambi Puckett, YMCA; Kari Basson, Kettering City Schools; Becky Gentry, WilmerHale; Sabrina Larson, Community Volunteer (front row): Pam Cochran, Town & Country Shopping Center; Nancy Byrd, Christ United Methodist Church; Joan Fisher-Hatton, Kettering Medical Center; Anna Breidenbach, Lathrem Senior Center (not pictured)

SPECIAL THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to Chuck and Carol Dickerson for their dedication and loyalty to our Neighborhood Pride Committee. During their fourteen years of leadership, over 600 property owners received the Neighborhood Pride Award! This did not happen without countless hours of dedication, commitment and hard work. We sincerely appreciate all that you've contributed to the City of Kettering! We commend you, thank you, and wish you all the best as you "retire" from the Neighborhood Pride Committee.



Chuck and Carol Dickerson

CITIES OF SERVICE PROJECT RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

Congratulations to the volunteers, businesses and city staff who have participated in the City of Kettering Cities of Service Initiative! Rebecca and I were very proud to accept the National Association of Volunteer Programs in Local Government's (NAVPLG) 2016 Innovative Program Award, on your behalf, at the Points of Light National Conference on Volunteering and Service, in Detroit Michigan, June 27. Our Cities of Service Initiative began in 2010 when Mayor Donald E. Patterson joined with other mayors across our nation to leverage volunteers to address pressing needs in communities. Mayor Patterson chose to focus on improving and strengthening our neighborhoods. The City of Kettering is now nationally recognized for our efforts and serves as a model program for other cities.



volunteer OPPORTUNITIES

Fall is a busy time in Kettering for family-friendly events! Volunteers are needed to help activities run smoothly. Please call the volunteer office if you'd like to help with any of these events:

- **HoneyFest** at Delco Park, Saturday, September 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This new event celebrates the endangered honey bee! Let us know if you can "bee" part of the "buzz!"
- Are you a dog lover? This opportunity will have your tail wagging! The **Wag-O-Ween** event at Kettering Recreation Complex on Saturday, October 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with the costume contest and the dog-run area.
- December is full of holiday special events including the **Fall Luminary Walk**, the **Mayor's Tree Lighting**, **Breakfast with Santa**, **Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt**, **Holiday at the Habitat**, and the **New Year's Eve Family Bash** to name a few!

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