

Volunteer News

We had a great National Volunteer Week! We were pleased so many of you attended our “Delectable Desserts and Amazing a Cappella” event at Fairmont High School. Thank you for making our community a wonderful place to live, work, play and VOLUNTEER!

And speaking of City of Kettering volunteers, please note our new logo! We are very pleased with the modern design and hope you like it too! This is the official “unveiling” of the logo. We will now begin to use it to identify our program.

From time to time it’s good to look at what might need a little “updating” in our lives, and we are doing that with our program. If you have ideas about changes or improvements to make our program better, please let us know. We always appreciate your input. Whether it’s about an activity, recognition, the tracking of hours or scheduling volunteers, we would love to hear from you. You can call the office at 296-2433 or e-mail bonnie.pittl@ketteringoh.org or better yet, stop in and see us!

Sadly, we have a few good-byes to say. Helen & Darryl Watkins have moved out of the area to be closer to their children and will no longer be volunteering with the City. They will be missed, as they were wonderful volunteers.

Many of our volunteers worked closely with fellow employee, Sharon Powell, Manager of Administrative Support. Sharon lost her battle with cancer June 6, and will be missed by staff and volunteers.

If you know of a volunteer who is no longer volunteering with the City, please let us know. We try to keep up with all of our volunteers, whether it is moving, illnesses or happy moments, but it is difficult to do. We need you to help us!

Remarks from Mark



Mark Schwieterman,
City Manager

Thank you for your patience during the renovation of our parks, recreation complex, pool, senior center and just about everything else in and around the City of Kettering! We certainly undertook a massive amount of improvement projects in 2010 and I extend a sincere thanks to you for the inconvenience you have endured. But many of the projects are behind us now and we hope you enjoy the benefits of the improvements this summer.

As our way of rewarding you for your tolerance, the Adventure Reef Water Park will open one half hour early, at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday, to residents and pass holders and Adventure Reef will be open exclusively to residents and pass holders all day on Sunday.

I hope those of you who have accumulated 100 hours or more will take advantage of employee rates at the Recreation Complex. You can receive 20% off all passes by contacting the Volunteer Office for a letter.

Thank you very much for all that you do to help make the City of Kettering the best place to Live, Work, Play and Volunteer. See you in the parks this summer!



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“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation’s compassion, unselfish caring, patience and just plain love for one another.”

– Erma Bombeck

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VIP'S (Very Inspiring People)

The 2011 City of Kettering Neighborhood Pride Program is underway. The committee is 50 volunteers strong! They spend their summer looking at properties that have been nominated for the award. Typically 500 nominations are received in a summer! That is a lot to look at and judge! There will be 12 award-winning homes in the months of June, July and August. These volunteers are doing a wonderful job and we truly appreciate their dedication. If you know of a deserving property, please let us know. These volunteers are always looking for more properties to evaluate!

Acadamies

The City of Kettering conducts three very worthwhile academies each year. All three begin in the fall. The Citizen Police and Fire Academies are held in the evening and are conducted to educate our residents about the importance of the fire and police departments. They are very informative and everyone that attends walks away with a better understanding of our firefighters and police officers and their responsibilities.

The other academy is the Kettering Leadership Academy. This academy starts in September and runs until May. It will begin with an overnight retreat. Participants will meet all day once a month. This is a leadership academy designed for those interested in holding leadership roles in our community. The cost of this academy is \$500. The majority of our participants ask their employers or a sponsor to pay for the tuition. There are scholarships available.

If you are interested in any of the above academies or would like more information please call the Volunteer Office at 296-2433 or e-mail bonnie.pittl@ketteringoh.org.

Volunteer Activities

Our annual volunteer banquet will be held Friday, November 11, (Veterans Day), at noon at Presidential Banquet Center. Please mark your calendars now. Formal invitations will be mailed in October.

We would also like to say "thank you" to our Compost Cops! Some of you are probably wondering, "what in the world is that?" These volunteers have been recruited through our Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. They safeguard the City's mulch pile during the spring and summer to ensure only people who live or work in Kettering take the mulch. We have received many positive comments from residents about these volunteers. We appreciate their willingness to volunteer two to three hours each week in rain, cold and heat!

Employee Council News

Mark your calendar for Thursday, July 21 for the City of Kettering Employee Council Picnic to be held at Polen Farm, 5099 Bigger Rd., from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. All volunteers are welcome. **Reservations are a must.** Please call the Volunteer Office at 296-2433, before **July 14** to make your reservation.



Volunteer Hours

As most of you know, the volunteer program's fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30. We will calculate all volunteers' hours for the year in July. If you have hours that you have not registered with our office, please contact us as soon as possible so we can update our records. Please don't wait until you receive your invitation to our annual banquet to voice questions about your volunteer hours. It will be too late to calculate them for 2011.

Reach for the Sky Campaign

The Reach for the Sky campaign is a major fundraising effort by the Kettering Parks Foundation to create a permanent fund that will provide a financial assistance program. The campaign will benefit children and adults in our community who cannot afford to participate in all of the wonderful programs and facilities offered by the Kettering Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department. Gifts to the campaign are fully tax deductible to the extent provided by IRS regulations. There are several ways you can donate to the Reach for the Sky campaign. You can contact the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department at 296-2454 and ask for a brochure with more information. Or, you can visit the Kettering Parks Foundation website at www.KetteringParksFoundation.org and make a donation. There are many different giving levels: \$100 and up donor names will be permanently placed on a plaque on the wall by the artwork in the lobby of the Kettering Recreation Complex. Those giving less than \$100 will receive a thank you letter and name listed in the annual report.



Artist rendition of 16' tree located in the Kettering Recreation Complex

volunteer OPPORTUNITIES

- The Lathrem Senior Center is looking for volunteer drivers. They have expanded the current transportation program and there is a real need for volunteer drivers. Drivers use vehicles provided by the City of Kettering to pick-up registered seniors. They drive them to appointments, shopping and visiting. Requirements include a valid driver's license, a clean driving record, and a background check. Drivers will be asked to drive one morning or afternoon a week. In addition to drivers, the Lathrem Center could use more schedulers to schedule the rides. If you are interested in these two very rewarding volunteer opportunities, please contact us at 296-2433.
- Each year the cities of Oakwood and Kettering come together and plan a breakfast to honor the vision and mission of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year's breakfast will be held Monday, January 16 at Christ United Methodist Church. The committee is in need of volunteers to help with this event. Help is needed with marketing and publicity, program and speaker, art and literary contest, volunteers and youth representatives, sponsorships and tickets, venue and food. If you have an interest in helping with this very important program, please contact Chairperson, Laura Arber at laura.arber@gmail.com.