

active VOLUNTEERS

Annual Report Highlights

The ACTIVE Volunteer Program statistics for 2009-2010 are below. You should be very proud of your accomplishments! Our numbers just keep growing thanks to your dedication.

Hours contributed	41,423
Value of Services	\$781,638

In the past 31 years you have saved the city nearly \$16,000,000!

You make us the envy of every community. Thank

you for making the City of Kettering the best place to live, work and play!

And speaking of hours, it has been brought to our attention that some of our local agencies with volunteer programs allow volunteers to count the time they spend driving to and from their volunteer positions in their monthly calculations. After some discussion it has been decided that the hours our volunteers accumulate at the City of Kettering can include traveling time.

“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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Winter Challenges



Hopefully They're Over

The weather outside has been frightful and we all know it has not been delightful but we want you to be safe! Please stay inside when the weather is nasty. You are all very dedicated and feel a responsibility to your volunteer positions and we truly appreciate your dedication, BUT please don't risk your health

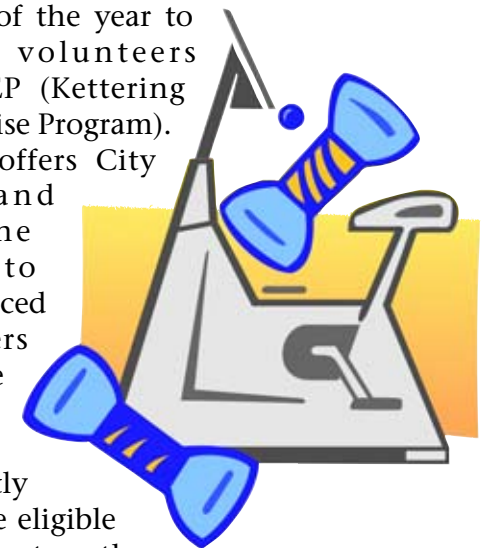


by coming in to volunteer. We will manage to get along without you for a week or even two! So, if the weather is bad or you are under the weather please stay home. We will be here when you are ready to come back!

KEEPing Fit

It is that time of the year to remind our volunteers about the KEEP (Kettering Employee Exercise Program).

This program offers City employees and volunteers the opportunity to exercise at a reduced cost. Volunteers who have contributed 100 hours of service and are currently volunteering are eligible for a 20% discount on the following fitness options: annual fitness room pass; seasonal pool pass; seasonal skate pass; annual aerobics pass; annual/seasonal combination pass or drop-in gym pass.



If you are interested in KEEP, please call the Volunteer Office at 296-2433 for a letter of eligibility to take to the Recreation Complex before buying your pass.

National Volunteer Week

The City of Kettering will be joining communities across the country in observing the annual **National Volunteer Week, April 10-16**. The week is designated as a time to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers at the local, state and national levels. Each year, the President of the United States issues a proclamation saluting our volunteers. Mayor Don Patterson and Council will issue a proclamation for the City of Kettering volunteers at the City Council meeting on April 12.

The City of Kettering is a great community to live, work, and play and that is because of you, our volunteers! You are part of our team; we could not do it without you! Thank you and please enjoy all the activities we have planned for you during National Volunteer Week:

- **April 7: "An Evening of Amazing a Cappella and Delectable Desserts"** – this event will begin with a dessert reception at 6 p.m. at Fairmont High School. Entertainment will include performances by **Eleventh Hour** and **Fusion**. Watch the mail for your personal invitation!
- **April 10–16: National Volunteer Week** – displays honoring our volunteers will be at **Town & Country** and **Lathrem Senior Center**. If you have an opportunity, please stop in the Volunteer Office to say hello, we will have our candy jar filled!
- **April 12: Council Meeting** - Mayor Patterson will have a proclamation for National Volunteer Week. Mayor Patterson will also honor a youth volunteer with the *"Mayor's Award for Youth Volunteer Service."*

- **May 25: Community Block Party** at Fraze from 6 – 8 p.m. This event is open to the community and includes a hot dog supper, interactive displays from City departments and a concert by Fairmont High School music groups. The best part is – it's FREE!
- **May 25: Government Center Grand Reopening** Prior to the annual Block Party, from 4 – 7 p.m., the community is invited to see the renovations that have taken place over the past two years to our North and South Government Center buildings.



Please mark your calendars for all of the above events. If you have any questions feel free to call the Volunteer Office at 296-2433. These events are planned for our volunteers!

Message from the Mayor



National Volunteer Week is a time to celebrate our volunteers and at the City of Kettering we have a lot to celebrate! We have over 900 volunteers who work diligently to make our community a better place to *live, work and play*. Thank you for everything! You are an inspiration to all of us at the City. I hope you enjoy all the activities we have planned to honor you!

Construction

Construction at the Charles I. Lathrem Senior Center and the Kettering Recreation Complex is in full swing! We are making many improvements in our facilities to better serve you – our patrons! If you have questions please call 296-2587 or visit www.ketteringoh.org

Income Tax Deduction

There are deductions you are allowed for volunteer service if you itemize using Form 1040 on your 2010 Federal Income Tax Return. Unreimbursed expenses while volunteering, that are deductible include: automobile mileage to and from your volunteer job, bus fare, parking fees, long distance calls, postage, uniforms and supplies. These deductions apply to your volunteer work for other places as well as the city.

The Lathrem Center will offer the AARP's Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program once again this year. Due to construction, however, the location will move to a room just off the main entrance to the Recreation Complex. Trained volunteers will complete returns and will assist in the filing of basic 2010 tax returns. Appointments are limited to one hour per client, so complicated returns cannot be completed. The service is free and available to those 60 years and older, or those on limited incomes. Appointments are available weekdays, January 31-April 15, 2011. Please call the tax hotline at 296-2469 to schedule your appointment.



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volunteer OPPORTUNITIES

- **Rosewood Arts Centre** is in need of volunteers to assist with this summer's art camps. Rosewood Arts Centre camps are for children ages 5 – 14. A variety of camps, including drawing, dance and theater are offered. Volunteers, 15 years of age or older, are needed to assist with these activities. Flexible scheduling is available. This is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers who enjoy working with children.
- **The Lathrem Senior Center** is looking for volunteer drivers to drive our seniors to scheduled appointments for the transportation program. A City car is furnished with the route. There are three-hour shifts available both in the morning and afternoon.
- **Do you love nature and want to make a difference?** If so, why not consider being a "Wild Thing" Kettering Parks volunteer. Plenty of exciting opportunities exist such as land lab assistants, school liaisons, trail maintenance, native plant enhancement, Habitat Environmental Center hosts, garden upkeep, living history/story telling, seasonal clean-ups and special events. Interested volunteers are invited to attend Spring Volunteer Open Houses at Southdale Nature Center, 3036 Bellflower St. (behind Southdale School) on the following dates:
April 6, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
May 4, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
June 1, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Please contact the Volunteer Office at 296-2433 if you are interested in these volunteer opportunities.