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# **MORAINE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

# Quarterly Update: January - March 2019

Thank you for volunteering and being part of the Moraine Volunteer Program. Your work is greatly appreciated! What a fantastic year for the Moraine Volunteer program in 2018. Last year a total of 4,089 hours were volunteered by 1,265 volunteers. Because of your efforts, we can provide many services for our community that wouldn't otherwise be possible.

2018 HIGHLIGHTS: The Moraine Volunteer Program completed its third year of operation. The program mission is to offer citizen's an opportunity to become involved in their city by assisting staff in a variety of jobs, organized activities and events.

The Volunteer Program administered eleven Community Cleanups in 2018 between April and November at local parks, bike paths, hiking trails and at the Moraine boat dock. Overall, 1,010 pounds of trash was picked up by volunteers with 25% of the items recycled.

Moraine Volunteer Program 2018 Partnership Awards were presented in April 2018 for outstanding volunteer efforts. American Thermal Instruments received the award in the Business Category; Kathy Toller received the award in the Individual Category; Moraine Rotary Club received the award in the Club Category.

Working with local high schools, a class from West Carrollton High School performed paper document scanning at the Municipal Building. National Honor Society students from West Carrollton High School and especially from Kettering Fairmont High School, volunteered year round at city special events, classes and community cleanups to earn school service credits.

Volunteers administered the free annual paper document shredding provided by the City of Moraine and served hot dogs which was held at the Fire Division Safety Fest at C.F. Holliday School.

The 2018 Adopt-A-Flowerbed Program was very successful as over 40 people volunteered from May through the end of September, weeding and helping to maintain 28 different city flowerbed sites.

Working with Moraine businesses, thirteen employees from DMAX in June volunteered and walked both sides of Dryden Road from Northlawn Avenue to Main Street and picked up 220 pounds of litter and recyclable items.

In September, seventeen workers from American Thermal Instruments on East River Road in Moraine volunteered to remove weeds, shrubs, trim bushes and trees, mow the grass and give a much needed face lift to the front and back yards of a disabled senior citizen woman's house on Pensacola Blvd. Approximately 300 pounds of yard debris was removed. ATI employees returned a month later to cut her grass and install new bushes, flowers and mulch in the front and back yards.

Teens, adults and senior citizens performed basic data entry, served meals at the senior citizen nutrition program, worked on historical projects, performed light maintenance at both recreation centers, assisted staff at park and recreation classes, special events and major community events and completed a massive Ellerton Cemetery data entry project for the Community Development Department.

#### **UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The April 2019 Volunteer Opportunity Flyer is enclosed. Volunteers are especially needed at the April 13th Easter special events at the Gerhardt Civic Center and at the April 27th spring cleanup of the historical Johnny Appleseed Hiking Trail. Lend a helping hand if you can.

## 2019 ADOPT-A-FLOWERBED PROGRAM

Registration has begun for volunteers to adopt one of 28 city flowerbeds. Moraine Street Division plants the flowers and keeps them watered. Twice a month from Late May to mid-September the volunteer removes weeds, grass and litter to keep them beautiful. Sign up for a flowerbed today and keep Moraine beautiful!

## FREE PRC MEMBERSHIP PASS

Don't forget, once you volunteer 12 hours you are eligible for a free six month pass to the City of Moraine Payne Recreation Center and enjoy all of the fitness opportunities there!

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