

# City of Lima

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES 2020

The city of Lima has many opportunities to keep residents involved through volunteerism. Volunteer opportunities are coordinated by the Department of Community Development. Listed are opportunities offered for 2020. **If you are interested in volunteering for any of these activities contact Autumn Swanson, Neighborhood Specialist City of Lima, at [autumn.swanson@cityhall.lima.oh.us](mailto:autumn.swanson@cityhall.lima.oh.us) or 419.221.5177. LIKE our Facebook page, City of Lima Department of Community Development to keep up on current programming.**

### NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS New members accepted year round

The City of Lima is committed to improving neighborhoods and in partnership with neighborhood associations we are able to make positive changes throughout the city. Neighborhood associations are groups formed by residents focused on bettering their neighborhood. Volunteers are needed to start or join associations in their neighborhood.

### NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP TRAINING SERIES Quarterly Feb., April, July, and Oct.

The Neighborhood Leadership Series is offered quarterly to community members looking to take on a leadership role in their neighborhood or local community. The trainings are free and are facilitated by those in the leadership field. This year's topics are leadership, volunteer management, digital media, and managing conflict.

### CITIZEN BLOCK PATROL (CBP) New Member Training On-going

Citizen Block Patrol is a crime prevention program consisting of an active partnership between the Lima Police Department and the residents of the City of Lima. The program involves residents and police working together for a common goal of crime prevention and reduction. Citizens will be trained to recognize and report suspicious activity in their neighborhoods while walking. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older and complete a 12 hour training course. Great volunteer opportunity for neighborhood associations and other neighborhood groups.

### OTTAWA RIVER CLEAN-UP (ORCU) April 25, 2020

Held since 1993 on the fourth Saturday in April, this clean-up is one of the largest events, bringing 300+ people out to clean up the banks of the river. This year we rescheduled the event due to river flooding. Volunteers are assigned a small section to clean, receive a t-shirt, a certificate of appreciation, and a free lunch. This is a great volunteer opportunity for families, church groups, and service clubs.

### CITY-WIDE PRIDE (CWP) May 2, 9, and 16, 2020

CWP is a city-wide clean up that occurs Saturdays in May, dumpsters are hosted by individual neighborhood associations and other community groups who will be able to place dumpsters at a site (or sites) of their choosing. Each participating community group will be responsible for staffing the dumpsters, picking up their own supplies, and returning them at the end of the day. Wonderful volunteer opportunity for service clubs, youth groups, and businesses.

### COFFEE WITH A COP (CWC) June and October 2020

The City of Lima in partnership with the Lima Police Department, the Allen Co. Sheriff's Dept., and McDonald's, give community members an opportunity to have a casual conversation with officers and a free cup of coffee. Residents are encouraged to come out and chat about matters that concern them, ask questions, or just share a cup of coffee with your neighbors. Great fun to bring the family out and learn more about the roles of police officers in our community,

### REGIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK CONFERENCE (RNNC) September 30-Oct. 3, 2020

RNNC is a five state regional conference, devoted to training neighborhood leaders. Delegates are needed from each neighborhood to attend the conference and bring the knowledge back to our area to take action. Neighborhood Associations may wish to seek funding for registration fees, travel and accommodation expenses through fund raisers and/or association dues. This is a great training opportunity for neighborhood association volunteers.

# Lima Allen County Neighborhoods in Partnership VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES 2020

Ongoing

## Graffiti Abatement

Chairperson: Dave Blauvelt

LACNIP volunteers work under contract with the City of Lima to paint over properties targeted by graffiti, in order to help improve the quality of life throughout the community.

August 6

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Chairperson: Jessie Roark

Individual neighborhood associations join with other groups and area law enforcement agencies to design their own programs to help prevent crime. A community-wide event is held in Town Square to highlight Police-Community partnerships. Each group will need volunteers to make their project successful. LACNIP will assist with publicity and promotion of the events.

February - October

## COMMUNITY GARDENS

LACNIP has established several sites for community gardens throughout the CDBG eligible areas of the City of Lima. Individuals and families are encouraged to sign up for a garden plot close to where they live. Plots reserved on a first come basis. Tools, seeds and classes in gardening, nutrition, food preparation and preservation are all part of the program. Call 419-302-4166.

As Needed

## CANDIDATE FORUMS

Chairpersons: Bob Friedman; John Schneider

LACNIP sponsors candidate forums for a variety of local elections, both during the primary and the final selection process. These can include Mayoral, Lima City Council, County Commissioner and other races as necessary. These forums are an opportunity for community members to get involved and ask their own questions of the candidates.

Ongoing

## Aquaponics System

A new aquaponics greenhouse system is being operated at the LACNIP Resource Center. This program produces herbicide and pesticide free produce, at the same time as raising fish to provide local, naturally grown options for the community. This program will include training classes to learn aquaponics gardening.

May - October

## Elderly Lawn Care Program

LACNIP has established a partnership with agencies in Allen County to start an elderly lawn care program designed to help mow lawns through the summer for those who may not be able to do it themselves. LACNIP is looking for volunteers to mow lawns for the summer if you are interested in volunteering for the program. call 419-302-4166.