

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES 2011

The following projects are opportunities for volunteers to improve the quality of life in the area. These activities provide an outlet for volunteers to work in particular neighborhoods as well as around the Lima/Allen County area. All persons interested in volunteering are welcome to join these projects. Contact the Neighborhood Specialist at 419-221-5177 to volunteer or for more information.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WORKSHOPS

-training opportunity

#### **Dates to be determined**

**Chairperson: Roy Baldrige**

-Neighborhood Workshops is a half-day long training conference offered to all neighborhood association members and prospective members, as well as interested individuals throughout the community. A variety of sessions are included on such topics as recruiting, starting a new association, mediation, projects, community-oriented policing, funding, etc. May also include Lima's C.A.R.E. Academy.

**March 20**

### PASSPORT TO THE WORLD: AN INTERNATIONAL EXPO

**Chairperson: Connie Hornung**

-volunteers, sponsors, vendors are needed

- annual event dedicated to learning about the many cultural groups within our community. Dress, dance, music, food, exhibits will be part of the day designed to bring all community residents together in true partnership.

**April 30**

### OTTAWA RIVER CLEAN-UP

- volunteers needed

**Chairpersons: Connie Miller**

-held since the last Saturday in April, this clean-up is one of the largest events, bringing 300+ people out to clean up the banks of the river. Volunteers are assigned a small section, and receive a t-shirt, a certificate of appreciation, and a free lunch. The City of Lima Neighborhood Specialist will help with publicity and promotion of the event.

**May 7,14,21and June 4**

### CITY-WIDE PRIDE

-volunteers needed

**Chairperson: City of Lima Neighborhood Specialist**

- held on four Saturdays, dumpsters will be adopted by individual neighborhood associations and other community groups who will request a certain weekend, and 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. The City of Lima Neighborhood Specialist will assist with publicity and promotion of the event.

**August 2**

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

-volunteers, sponsors needed

**Chairperson: Kay VanMeter**

- Individual neighborhood associations join with other groups and area law enforcement agencies to design their own programs to help prevent crime. Each group will need volunteers to make their project successful. LACNIP will assist with publicity and promotion of the events.

**Sept. 22—24**

### REGIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK CONFERENCE

**Cincinnati, Ohio**

**Chairperson: Roy Baldrige**

- training opportunity, sponsors needed

-a five state regional conference, '11 will be hosted by Cincinnati, Ohio. The conference features a welcome reception, two keynote speakers, workshops, a networking information exchange area, entertainment, a bag of token samples/gifts from area businesses, and neighborhood tours. Delegates are needed from each neighborhood association to attend the conference and share the information from the conference with other local association members. 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 - plan ahead to make sure your group attends.

**October 22**

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

-volunteers, sponsors, supplies needed

**Chairperson: Denise Barnes**

- Neighborhood Associations have participated in this nation-wide event for 16 years. Each interested neighborhood designs a project to be completed on the fourth Saturday of October. Each neighborhood will recruit their own volunteers, supplies, and other items they may need to complete their project. The City of Lima Neighborhood Specialist will assist with publicity and promotion of the projects.

**November 10**

### LACNIP ANNUAL DINNER

-volunteers, sponsors needed

**Chairperson: Bob Friedman; Arley Taylor**

-seventeenth LACNIP Annual Dinner where new officers for 2012 will be installed, the annual Good Neighbor Award winners and Shirley Daley Neighborhood Leadership Award winner will be announced, a keynote speaker will address members and regular business will be wrapped up for 2011.

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## VARIOUS MISCELLANEOUS OPPORTUNITIES

**January - October** (approx)

### COMMUNITY GARDENS Chairperson: **Connie Miller**

- gardeners, volunteers, sponsors needed

LACNIP is establishing 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. A plot fee of \$10 includes the plot, tools, seeds and classes in gardening, nutrition, food preparation and preservation. Plots reserved on a first come basis. Call 419-221-5177.

**April - October** (approx)

### WHEELCHAIR RAMPS PROGRAM Chairperson: **Dave Rabe, Ford UAW Local 1219**

- sponsors needed

LACNIP partners with the Ford UAW Local 1219 Retirees to identify and assist with funding the installation of handicap ramps where needed both in the City and throughout the County. Individuals eligible to receive CDBG funding for the ramps will be screened and approved by LACNIP.

**September 6 - November 15**

### LIMA'S NEIGHBORHOOD CARE ACADEMY -attendees, presenters, sponsors needed Chairperson: **City of Lima Neighborhood Specialist**

The third annual Community Assets & Resources Education (CARE) Academy will be accepting new students beginning in August. This ten week course covers a variety of assets and resources available throughout the community, and participants will learn about operations of the city in order to help others by referring to the proper organization and engaging others in community decision making processes. LACNIP hosts the program and helps identify appropriate individuals to participate.

**As Needed**

### CANDIDATE FORUMS Chairperson: **Bob Friedman; John Schneider**

-volunteers, sponsors needed

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**

### BEANIE<sup>®</sup>/BUDDY TRAINING

-volunteers needed

-volunteers are continually trained to act as BEANIE<sup>®</sup> (who never speaks, but mimes), and the BEANIE<sup>®</sup> Buddy, who speaks for the bean and guides it at appearances; trained volunteers are then assigned to neighborhood association, LACNIP or City of Lima sponsored programs for the sole purpose of promoting being a good neighbor. Contact the Neighborhood Specialist at 419-221-5177 to become a BEANIE<sup>®</sup> volunteer.

**Ongoing**

### BEANIE<sup>®</sup> SALES/MARKETING

-volunteers needed

-LACNIP sponsors a line of BEANIE<sup>®</sup>ware (T-shirts, totes, figures, etc.) to raise funds for neighborhood improvement projects; volunteers are needed to manage inventory, coordinate consignments and other sales and to market the BEANIE<sup>®</sup>ware; volunteers with a marketing interest also may serve on the BEANIE task team; contact the Neighborhood Specialist at 419-221-5177 to help with BEANIE<sup>®</sup> sales and marketing.