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CITY OF MANSFIELD



Jodie A. Perry, Mayor

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Subject: May 21st Declared as
OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP – Celebrating 28 Years

Mansfield, OH-- Mansfield Mayor Jodie Perry, is pleased to announce the City of Mansfield, and Downtown Mansfield Inc., have declared **Tuesday, May 21, 2024** as Operation Sweep in support of Earth Stewardship Month and the Great American Clean up celebrating 28 years of this partnership.

Volunteers, local business people, and organizations are being asked to don their work clothes and meet at the **Gazebo in Central Park (near the Gazebo) between 4:45 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** to Plant Pride, Not Litter. Volunteers are asked to bring their own brooms and shovels if they have them. The City of Mansfield will provide collection bags, gloves, and disposal of the litter collected. On this same date, volunteers will be planting flowers in all of the planters in the downtown area.

“This has been a very successful partnership with Downtown Mansfield, Inc. for nearly 3 decades and I appreciate all of their leadership,” Perry stated. She added, “I want to encourage people to join us for the 28th anniversary event and help us ensure that downtown Mansfield is ready for the thousands of visitors who come to the area each summer.”

Jennifer Gerberick Kime, DMI, CEO stated, “Downtown Mansfield, Inc. is excited to continue our partnership with the City of Mansfield in our joint efforts to beautify and clean our community. It is through these collaborative partnerships and dedicated volunteers that we are able to continue the beautification of Mansfield.”

All volunteers will receive a certificate of appreciation and a small token of appreciation for their participation courtesy of a grant received by the City of Mansfield. Volunteers will also be entered into a drawing to win prizes at the Earth Stewardship Awards ceremony as a participant in this event.

A rain date of Thursday, May 23, 2024 has been scheduled in case of inclement weather. Volunteers will still meet in Central Park at 4:45 pm.

To register to participate in Operation Clean Sweep or for more information contact Kim Hildreth at 419.755.9702 or email, khildreth@ci.mansfield.oh.us.