

News Release

City of Mansfield

Timothy L. Theaker, Mayor



For Immediate Release

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**Subject: May 20th Declared as
OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP**

Mansfield, Ohio – Mansfield Mayor Tim Theaker, is pleased to announce the City of Mansfield, and Downtown Mansfield Inc., have declared **Tuesday, May 20, 2014** as Operation Sweep in support of Earth Stewardship Month and the Great American Clean up.

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, work gloves, and shovels if they have them. The City of Mansfield will provide collection bags and disposal of the litter collected. On this same date, volunteers will be planting flowers in all of the planters in the downtown area.

“It is very important we continue to demonstrate our pride and dedication to our city with this annual clean up event.” Theaker said. He added, “This project is also instrumental in encouraging others to be a part of Planting Pride, Not Litter in our city, and perfect to prepare for visitors who come to the many activities in the downtown area throughout the year.”

Jamie Lustig-Thompson, DMI, Co- Director stated, “Downtown Mansfield, Inc. is proud to, once again, be a partner with the City of Mansfield on their community cleanup programs. It is through these collaborative efforts and the work of the many volunteers we are able to create and maintain a beautiful downtown each year.”

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 Final Friday Concert on June 27th as a participant in this event.

A rain date of Thursday, May 22, 2014 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.

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