

Join us in CELEBRATING the 2nd Annual National Community Development Day!

CELEBRATE NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday, April 10, 2026 | 12:00pm – 6:00pm

The Youngstown Foundation Amphitheater & Wean
Park | 201 S Phelps St, Youngstown, OH 44503



FOOD
TRUCKS

COMMUNITY
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ALL AGES

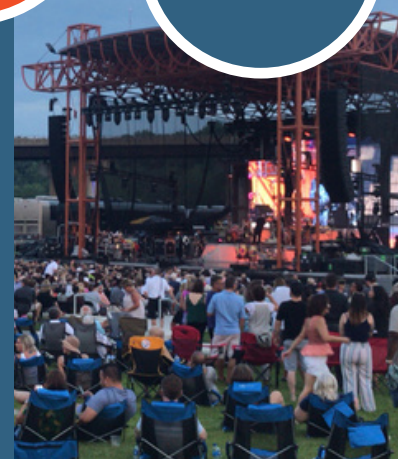


Kickoff Ceremony at the **Covelli Centre** | 11:00am

National Community Development Week is intentionally held during the Congressional appropriations process to highlight the importance of Community Development **Block Grants (CDBG)** and **HOME** programs.

These initiatives play a crucial role in:

- **Improving** neighborhoods
- **Supporting** local businesses
- **Enhancing** the quality of life for residents



To learn more about how you can participate, including volunteering, networking, and sponsorship opportunities, please contact:

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Dear Youngstown Community:

I am Wendy Robinson, Assistant Compliance Director for the City of Youngstown Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, which is managed through the Community Development Division of the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED). This letter is to inform you that our division will be hosting the City's Second Annual Community Day to celebrate Community Development Week, which is April 6-10, 2026.

National Community Development Week was established in 1986 by the National Community Development Association (NCDA). NCDA elected official groups to bring national attention to the CDBG program through grassroots support at a time when the program was facing scrutiny by Congress. Thus, the main objective of National Community Development Week and the subsequent action-packed Community Development Day, is to educate members of Congress, local government representatives, and the general public regarding how CDBG program funding can positively impact the overall community.

Similar to last year's National Community Day agenda, we will start the celebration by hosting a Kick-off Event on **Friday, April 10, 2026 at 11:00** am in the Covelli Center Community Room located at 229 East Front Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44503. Following the Kick-off Event, other exciting Community Day activities will begin at 12:00noon and run through 6:00 pm at The Wean Foundation Park and the Youngstown Foundation Amphitheater locations.

Instructions on how to register to participate in the City's Second Annual National Community Development Day Celebration are attached. The Community Development staff and I look forward to you joining us, Mayor McDowell, other local mayors, state and local officials, businesses, non-profit organizations, a variety of vendors, and various other establishments will be present for this memorable gathering!

Thank You
Wendy Robinson

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Participant Requirements

Those interested in participating, in the City of Youngstown's Second Annual National Community Development Day Celebration, on **Friday April 10, 2026**, should take note of the following details:

- **Participation Guidelines:**

- **All Participants must be registered.**
- The event is **free** and open to businesses, non-profits, service providers, community organizations and limited food vendors with valid health department documentation.
- **Participants** must provide their own, **chairs & table/s, tents, literature, sign-up sheets, and giveaways.**
- **Donation – 20-25 colored plastic eggs filled** and taped with candy and a minimum of 5 coupons from your establishment (must be submitted prior to April 8th at 4:00pm).
- **All Participants are strongly encouraged to attend or send a representative to the walk through for details about the following: (Thursday April 9, 2026, Am/ Pm time TBD)**
 1. Available **Electrical Outlets** (Everyone needing long term electricity bring generator and or extension cords) outlets for everyone is not guaranteed
 2. **Bathrooms** Distance
 3. **Drop Off Zones** (A person with your table and supplies)
 4. **Your location and Space** (If you bring a tent)
 5. **Walking Distance**

- **Registration:**

- **All interested** in a vendor's booth or formal representation are encouraged to confirm their attendance as soon as possible space is limited.
- **Online** at the City of Youngstown's's web-site, or **in person** at 26 S. Phelps St., City Hall 4th floor CPED (**QR Code Provided**)
- **Food Trucks** – All Food Truck's **Must have current** food vendor license (All food trucks will be inspected that day).

- **Sponsorship:**

- Sponsorships opportunities are available for those looking to provide greater support for the event in general or specific segments, such as advertisements and marketing(commercials), adult activities and games, entertainment, refreshments, supplies, rentals, youth and children's activities and more.
- Levels of sponsorship are listed below.

- **Contact Information:**

- For formal registration or further inquiries, contact:
 1. **Wendy Robinson**, Assistant Compliance Director
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*“Together, we are Dedicated to making our Communities better places to live,
work and enjoy life” (Author Unknown)*

**City of Youngstown’s National Community Development Day
Donation and Sponsorship Form**

Business or Organization’s Name _____

Address _____ Email _____

Contact Person _____ Phone Number _____

Type of Donation or Sponsorship chosen that best represents your business or organization.

Donation _____ Sponsorship _____ Level _____ Amount \$ _____

Donation and Sponsorship link is below.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UHI3c-A3NC3O2hI8sknFNWMx9yUm7p0N/view?usp=sharing>

Please return this form with Donation and Sponsorship form that is above. If you have any questions please contact me.

**Thank You
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