

Join us in the City of Youngstown's First National Community Development Day!



CELEBRATE NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DAY

Thursday, April 24, 2025 | 11:00am – 7:00pm

Covelli Center, 229 E. Front St. Youngstown, Ohio, 44503
Wean Foundation Park, Youngstown Foundation Amphitheater



FOOD TRUCKS

COMMUNITY VENDORS

FUN MUSIC

BOUNCE HOUSE

GAMES FOR ALL AGES



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- 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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Subject: Invitation to the City of Youngstown's First National Community Development Day

Dear Community Partners and City Organizations,

The **City of Youngstown Department of Community Planning and Economic Development's Community Development Division, directed by Beverly L. Hosey**, invites **YOU** to participate in the City of Youngstown's First National Community Development Day.

This event will take place during **National Community Development Week (April 21-25, 2025)**.

Youngstown's participation will be held on **Thursday, April 24, 2025, from 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM** at **Covelli Center, Wean Foundation Park, and the Youngstown Foundation Amphitheater**. And guess what? It's **FREE** for your organization to participate, just bring your table and literature, give-a-ways, and signup sheets.

Why This Event Matters:

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, and enhancing the quality of life for residents.

This event will serve as a platform to **educate the community, showcase local initiatives, and connect businesses, non-profits, and public officials with those they serve**. It is an opportunity to recognize the impact of community development while celebrating the growth and future direction of Youngstown.

How to Participate:

This **free event** is open to **businesses, non-profits, service providers, and community organizations** interested in engaging with the public. **Participants must bring their own table, and there is no cost to join**. There are also **sponsorship opportunities** for those looking to support the event further.

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What to Expect:

The event will welcome **community members, local businesses, non-profit organizations, city officials, and state leaders** for a day filled with:

- ✔ **Food from the city's best food trucks**
- ✔ **A bounce house and numerous kids' games led by City Parks and Recreation**
- ✔ **Live music, dance performances, and entertainment**
- ✔ **Engaging competitions and community resources**
- ✔ **Vendor booths and networking opportunities**

RSVP & Contact Information:

Organizations interested in participating are encouraged to confirm their attendance as soon as possible. For more information or **to discuss sponsorship opportunities**, please contact **Wendy Robinson** at wrobinson@youngstownohio.gov or 330-742-8887.

Join us in celebrating and strengthening the spirit of community development in Youngstown. We look forward to your participation in this impactful event!

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February 3, 2025

Dear Community Partners,

I am Wendy Robinson, Assistant Compliance Director of Community Development Division. Our division is a part of the City of Youngstown's Community Planning and Economic Development Department. The City of Youngstown and our Community Development Division will be hosting the first, City of Youngstown's, National Community Development Day. National Community Development Week will be held April 21-25, 2025.

We are extending an invitation for your attendance at the City of Youngstown's First National Community Development Week, celebration. On Thursday, April 24, 2025, 11:00am - 7:00pm at the Covelli Center, Wean Foundation Park and Youngstown Foundation Amphitheater.

"National Community Development Week is intentionally held during the Congressional appropriations process so that the significance of Community Development Block Grant can be imparted to Congressional members through local activities conducted by grantees and program partners at the grassroots level".

As public servants our celebration aims to honor our shared values of servanthood to our community. We will recognize our local Community Development Division's purpose and goals, our growth, and our new direction. We would appreciate your attendance. We are certain that your attendance and engagement would provide our community with a lasting perspective on Community Development and Engagement.

Attending will be our city of Youngstown communities, local business, non-profit organization, city officials, local and state officials. There will be food, games, competition, music, dance, vendors, and so much more.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience if you would be able to attend the event. Your participation in this event would mean a lot to us and the constituents in the community that you serve. Should you have any inquiries or require any further clarification, do not hesitate to contact me personally at wrobinson@youngstownohio.gov or 330-742-8887. Please see below ways you can participate.

Thank you and we highly anticipate your presence at The City of Youngstown's, First, National "Community Development Community Day", Celebration.

Thank You

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Ways that you can participate;

- Networking – Bring Table and chair (and a tent if you would like - no cost)
- Volunteer – Send volunteers
- Have a group perform
- Sponsorship – See below
- Sponsor a Bounce House

Sponsorship

- **Bronze Level Sponsorship** \$500 - \$1000
Name on program and
Community Development plaque,
Certificate of
Sponsorship
- **Silver Level Sponsorship** \$1,500 - \$4,000
Name on program and
Community Development plaque
Framed Certificate of
Sponsorship
- **Gold Level Sponsorship** \$4,500 – 10,000
Name on program and
Community Development plaque
Sponsorship announced at the event
Engraved Glass Certificate of
Sponsorship
- **Platinum Level Sponsorship** \$10,500 - \$20,000
Name on program
Community Development Plaque
Sponsorship announced at the event
Engraved Wood Certificate of
Sponsorship

*“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 Participation Form

Every registered participant, will be given an opportunity to speak and introduce your business, share your table location and invite people to visit you table. **Reminder:** Everyone is responsible to bring their own chairs, tables or tents. A map will be emailed to you with the table location. Table set up time begins at 9:00am, Thursday, April 24,2025. Each registered participant speaking time will be attached to the map.

Organization’s Name _____

Contact Person _____ Phone Number _____

Number Attending _____ Tent Yes _____ No _____ # of Tables Bringing _____

Who will be sharing information about your business, organization, or agency?

Will you have music, television or Lap top playing at the table? Yes _____ No _____

Will you need space for an activity near the table? Yes _____ No _____

Will you need electricity? Yes _____ No _____

Will you have a group performing, if so how many _____ how much time will be need? _____

If you have any other questions please contact me by e-mail or phone.

Thank You
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