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Sixth Annual Neighbors Day Akron is Saturday, May 26th, 2012
Living Together Better

Akron, Ohio (April 23, 2012) - Akron's Sixth Annual Neighbors Day is Saturday, May 26, 2012. Neighbors Day Akron is designed to help residents get to know one another, especially those in closest proximity. The concept is simple: Know your neighbors, and friendlier, safer neighborhoods will follow.

"Neighbors Day is a concept that I saw in action while conducting business in Europe," said Mayor Don Plusquellic. "Residents throughout England, France, Germany and other countries all host Neighbors Day, bringing their residents closer together and promoting peaceful living. I wanted to do the same for our residents. I truly believe that the closer we are as a community and the more we know our neighbors, the less violence we will experience as a community."

Residents are encouraged to host an event such as:

- Invite neighbors over for tea or coffee
- Have a cookout with people from your block
- Organize a pot luck picnic or an ice cream social
- Host games or sports for neighbor children (adults can mingle while the children play)
- Organize a neighborhood cleanup day
- Weed or plant flowers in a public space or for a neighbor in need
- Organize a street party (application and permit required)
- Plan an event that fits your personality and your neighborhood

Faith-based organizations are also scheduling community outreach programs for Neighbors Day, with many organizations planning on attending neighborhood events.

If you decide to plan a neighborhood activity event, you should register your event. Registering is fast and easy; just call 3-1-1, the City of Akron's Information Center, between the hours of 6:30 am-11:30 pm, Monday through Friday. (From any residential phone inside Akron, press 311. All other phones, call 330-375-2311).

Residents may also register and learn more by going to: www.neighborsdayakron.org.

Upon registering with the City, you will gain access to a number of benefits:

- Neighbors will be able to locate your event.
- Get help and access to City Services you may need to make your event a success, like mowing a green space, or closing a street (street closure applications must be submitted by May 11).
- As a registered Neighbors Day captain you will be permitted additional trash bags outside of your City of Akron container to be picked up on your regularly scheduled pick-up day following your May 26th gathering (this is a one-time pick-up only).

- You will be given a personal follow-up phone call to get your ideas for Neighbors Day Akron 2013.
- You will be provided with invitations and flyers to tell where your Neighbors Day event is being held. Just add your name, address, and time of your event so neighbors know when and where to arrive!

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