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The Akron Garden Club to Restart Window Box Program

Akron, Ohio (June 5, 2013) - [The Akron Garden Club](#) (AGC), which works to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening and to restore, improve and protect the environment through civic projects, has generously granted Akron \$7,500 to restart the Municipal Building Window Box Program and Civic Mall Beautification program (Window Box Program) that was eliminated with the economic downturn after 2009.

The window boxes and flower beds at the Municipal Building, as well as the front wall boxes, hanging baskets and interior flower beds at the Civic Mall, will be filled with flowers and vegetation, planted and maintained by [Keep Akron Beautiful](#) (KAB).

“I want to thank The Akron Garden Club and Keep Akron Beautiful for bringing this program back. The window boxes at City Hall are really beautiful when filled and in bloom,” said Mayor Don Plusquellic. “It not only brightens up our building, but the whole block gets a boost.”

The Window Box Program was established in 2000 to brighten up the downtown government properties, with the City and KAB partnering later to continue the Window Box Program. The balance of the funds for 2013 will be raised privately through KAB, and the City will participate by maintaining the irrigation system for City Hall, providing the irrigation water, monitoring the plantings and providing technical support.

“Our club is so enthusiastic about helping to bring back this beauty to downtown for all to enjoy. Past displays have been absolutely spectacular, thanks to the leadership Bill Hahn, City arborist and horticulturist, and collaboration with KAB,” says Sherrie Kimberly, president, AGC. “We’re doubly excited that this program is restarting in 2013, as in September, we’ll be showing off our city to [Garden Club of America](#) (GCA) national officers and regional leaders coming here for a conference,” she says.

From its founding in 1924, AGC has a history of supporting Akron civic beautification, including recent collaboration with KAB to improve Alexander Park and a \$95,000 investment in Cascade Locks Park. AGC is affiliated with GCA, a nonprofit national organization composed of 200 clubs with 18,000 members who devote their energy and expertise to projects in their communities and across the nation.