



SIGN UP FORM

Adopt-a-Block Community Group/Ministry • City of Bridgeton
Concentration and focus on areas of greatest need in the city.

YES! I WANT to ADOPT-a-BLOCK!

COMMUNITY GROUP or
CHURCH NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

1st CONTACT NAME: _____

2nd CONTACT NAME: _____

CITY BLOCK YOU WISH TO ADOPT:

Street Name _____ to Street Name _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE or MINISTRY TYPE:

What do I/we do? Attach separate page if more space needed.

Please submit this form by mail or in person:

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By email to mayor@cityofbridgeton.com



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ADOPT-a-BLOCK

The Mission of Bridgeton Adopt-a-Block cannot exist without the dedication and perseverance of a good number of volunteers. The mission of the community group/ministry is two fold:

To express goodwill to the community through service. We strive to meet the practical and spiritual need of the hurting and needy throughout the city.

To commit to the task of litter and graffiti clean-up and crime watch so that the rest of the community and the environment can benefit.

We want to create relationships with our neighbors in order to serve them, one block at a time.

Whether it's you or your family, your community group, your church, your school or co-workers...signing up to volunteer for Bridgeton Adopt-a-Block is simple. First, fill out the form on the back of this letter and register as a volunteer, decide on the area you would like to adopt. Then after a short orientation you will be ready to go to contribute to the Mission.

Adopt-a-Block welcomes volunteers from all organizations, community groups, church denominations and backgrounds. Come and be a part of the effort and help to change someone's life for the better, change the city of Bridgeton one block at a time!

CITY OF BRIDGETON
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www.cityofbridgeton.com

Mayor Kelly is Asking for Your Help

Volunteer • City of Bridgeton • YOU can make a difference!

As I look around, I see many reasons to be overwhelmed; everything from unemployment and crime, to graffiti and litter, we live in hard and dangerous times. But there is one thought that I can't seem to shake and no matter how I push it away or dismiss it as unrealistic, I can't seem to shake the idea that just one person or small groups of people, can make a difference...really change things. If I had to give one reason why I can't shake the thought that one person or a small group of people can change things, it's because looking back, it's the only thing that ever has. Whether it's the roots of our democracy, civil rights, advances in medicine or technology, or taming the frontiers of the American west, it's always started with a single person deciding to do must be done.

So what does that have to do with Bridgeton in 2011, in the middle of the worst economy in decades, right smack in the middle of high unemployment, with incidences of crime in our neighborhoods and seeming decline all around us in our streets? It has everything to do with Bridgeton, but more than that, it has everything to do with us as individuals, who live in houses and apartments on specific streets, who walk on sidewalks up and down our specific blocks, who play and shop and attend school on specific roads. It has everything to do with each one of us as residents of Bridgeton, because our very specific streets, yards, blocks, and neighborhoods, (Hampton St, Pine St, East Ave, Pearl St, Giles St, Oak St, Spruce St, Atlantic St) are being threatened by a small minority of people who commit crimes, who throw litter, who do damage to property, who spray graffiti on walls, who break into houses and commit acts of violence.

While this is bad, I'm not sure it's the most dangerous threat though. As I see it, the most dangerous threat we face in our very specific neighborhoods (Lincoln St, Irving Ave, Pamphylia Ave, E. Commerce St, Cottage Ave), is apathy and indifference, the "I-don't-care" attitude, the idea that it's someone else's problem. This is how most of us think. And aside from the small minority of people, who do the actual littering, graffiti, violence and crime, the rest of us really do want things to get better, we want things to improve, we want things cleaned up. So I ask, what are you willing to do in order to make it happen?

Are you willing to sign up to be a block captain? Are you willing to lead your church group to take a control over the litter problem on your specific street (Laurel St, Marion St, Coral Ave, Washington St, and Fayette St), are you willing to do something on a regular basis to make things better and bring about the improvements you want to see on the block you live on?

Ronald Reagan once said, "if not you, who...if not now, when"? We don't have the luxury of waiting for someone else to come along and make the changes we wish to see. Government does not have the resources to make these problems go away. The police will continue to enforce the laws and our code officials will continue to enforce the codes, but we can't "enforce" these problems away if you are unwilling to get involved. Our City Council will continue to pass good ordinances, but they can't "legislate" these problems away if you stand on the sidelines. I will continue to represent and advocate for Bridgeton with state officials in Trenton and federal officials in Washington D.C, but it won't bring us enough resources to substitute for a commitment you are not willing to make.

I'm asking for specific people or specific groups, who are willing to take on the litter problem, graffiti, crime watch, or anything else in your specific neighborhoods, to contact me at 455-3230 Ext 200, if you are willing to get involved and make a commitment ...we'll go from there.

To hear our critics, the ones who live here and those who don't, is to believe that we'll never change, never improve, never grow and know prosperity again. But you can make the difference on your street and in your neighborhood... because you're the only thing that ever has.

City of Bridgeton, City Hall Annex 181 East Commerce Street, Bridgeton

VOLUNTEER FORM

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YES! I WANT to VOLUNTEER!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DAYTIME
TELEPHONE: _____

EVENING
TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

PLEASE INDICATE THE DAYS AND TIMES YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER:

M____ T____ W____ TH____ F____ SAT____ SUN____

Please Check Your Area of Interest:

- _____ BLOCK CAPTAIN
- _____ LITTER CONTROL
- _____ GRAFFITTI CONTROL
- _____ CRIME WATCH

Is there something specific you would like to help with?

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