



An Interfaith Day of Service in Akron Sunday September 8, 2019

9:00 am - 7:00 pm

www.joinfirstserve.org

You're invited to a day of service and fun!

Come join more than 800 volunteers serving the North Hill Community of Akron. First Congregational Church of Hudson will lead this effort in partnership with Temple Beth Shalom, the Islamic Society of Akron and Kent and several other faith communities in the Hudson and Akron area. Leaders from the city of Akron and the North Hill neighborhood are joining this year's efforts.

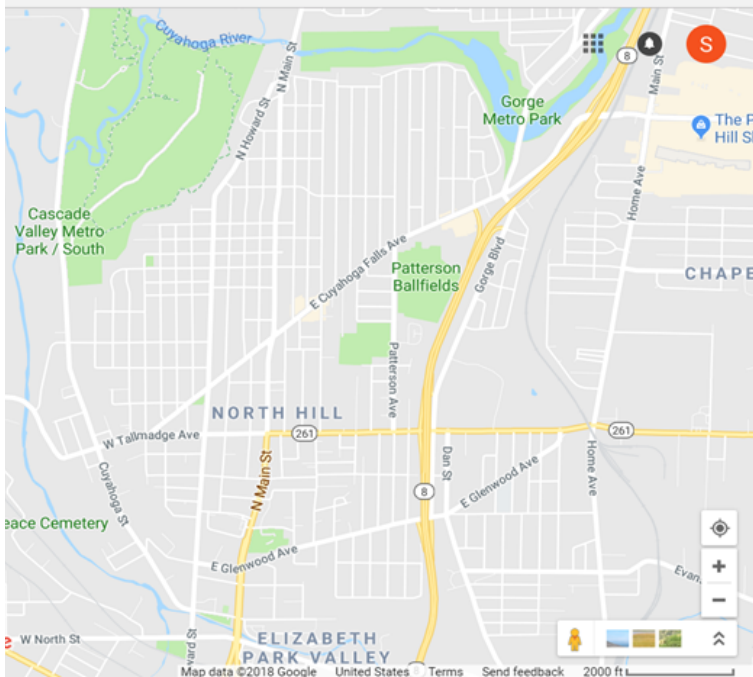
Day's Schedule

- 9:00 am Sending Service at the Akron Civic Theatre in Akron. Doors open at 8.
- 9:30 am Volunteers pick up First Serve T-shirts in Theatre lobby and head to work sites.
- 10:00 am Project crews arrive at work sites.
- 1:00 pm Projects for families with young children in the North Hill Community.
- 2:00-5:00 pm Families invited to visit the Akron Children's Museum at Lock 3 in downtown Akron.
- 3:30 pm Volunteers wrap up projects.
- 4:00-7:00pm Celebration Concert at Lock 3.

Volunteer Registration

Online volunteer registration will begin at the start of August. Please go to www.joinfirstserve.org for information and registration. You can put together a team and sign up as a group or as an individual.

Serving the North Hill Community



THE NORTH HILL COMMUNITY

The North Hill Community is located north of downtown Akron. The neighborhood developed rapidly in the 1910s and 1920s, and became Akron's preeminent immigrant neighborhood, home to a large Italian and Polish population. Today, it is once again Akron's preeminent immigrant neighborhood, now home to a thriving and growing community of newcomers from Bhutan, Burma, and Nepal. – *Jason Segedy, Notes from the Underground.*

PROJECT CATEGORIES

1. Painting
2. Mural Painting or Public Artwork
3. Projects Done at Tables such as Kit Assemble, Note Writing, or Small Painting Projects.
4. Community Engagement Project
5. Garden Project or Landscaping
6. Projects for Families to Work Together
7. Light Exterior Home or Building Improvements or Upgrades
8. Yard or Property Cleanup
9. Small Projects such as Bench Building, Raised Garden Beds, and Fences



**American
Red Cross**

Blood
Services

10:00 am - 2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive

Location: Patterson Park Community Center, 800 Patterson Ave, Akron, OH



Visit www.joinfirstserve.org to sign up to volunteer!

SENDING SERVICE - 9:00 a.m.

Akron Civic Theatre

182 S. Main St. Akron, Ohio 44308

The day begins at 9am at the Akron Civic Theatre. Doors open at 8am. At this 30-minute gathering that will include music and prayer, leaders from the three faith communities will ground us in our work for the day and send us forth in service to God and our neighbors. First Serve t-shirts will be available to pick up in the lobby of the Theatre. A special thank you to Howard Parr and his staff for donating the use of the Akron Civic Theatre.

PARKING

Akron Civic Theatre (Sending Service) Parking: There is a combination of parking lots, parking garages and street parking for the Civic Theatre. The Theatre highly recommends using the Cascade Parking Deck (10 W. Mill Street, Akron), as it is one block north of the Theatre. Other options are outlined on the Akron Civic Theatre website.

Project Parking: Parking opportunities in the North Hill Community will largely depend on your specific project location. Once you register, your project leader will give you specifics closer to the day.

Lock 3 Parking (Free) : Lock 3, located in the middle of downtown Akron, is surrounded by several parking decks and a surface lot. The decks include the Summit County Parking Deck on High Street, the O'Neil's Parking Deck on State Street and the Cascade Parking Facility off of Mill Street. Surface lots are located on W. Bowery Street west of Main Street.



LOCK 3 CELEBRATION

2:00-5:00 pm Children's Program

4:00-7:00 pm Celebration Concert

The concert will be performed by Out of Eden, an Eagles Tribute Band. Each First Serve participant will receive a ticket that can be redeemed at Lock 3 for snacks. Other items will be available for an additional cost. For those wearing a First Serve t-shirt both the children's program and concert are free of charge.

OUR SPONSORS



DANIEL HARRIGAN, MAYOR



Visit www.joinfirstserve.org to sign up to volunteer!

First Serve FAQs

Who can participate?

Anyone can participate! Projects are designed for families and people of all ages and abilities. Children can participate with their parents. For the safety of all involved, adults who are working on a project with minors will be background checked. Parents and guardians of minors are asked to complete permission forms for any underage participant.

How can I register?

Registration opens in August at joinfirstserve.org.

What happens if it rains?

This is a rain or shine event.

How will I find out more specific information about my project?

Once you register, your contact information will be sent to your project leader. Your leader will contact you with details closer to the actual date of service. If you have any questions in the meantime, contact Sue Wimer at swimer@hudsonucc.org.

How will I get my project site?

You will receive information from your project leader closer to the date. However, everyone is encouraged to meet at the Akron Civic Theatre for the Sending Service at 9:00 am. Following the service, you will head to the project sites in North Hill.

Members of the First Serve Committee!

Anna Baldwin	Laura Jones
Doug Bowser	Sydney Jones
Paul Brown	Karen Kelly
Mark Cooper	Trip Kern
Suzy Cottrill	Bob Manning
Karen Farkas	Colleen Padgett
Cynthia Field	Allen Park
James Field	Charlotte Reed
Jennifer Hockstra	Mary Sheehan
Mark Johnson	Kris Stoehr

Do I need to bring supplies to the project site?

In most cases, supplies will be provided. For some projects, you may be asked to bring specific project supplies. Your crew leader will provide details closer to the event date. If there is a specific request, it will be noted in the project description.

What should I wear?

T-shirts are provided for all registered volunteers - please be sure to denote sizing on your registration form. T-shirts will be available at the Akron Civic Theatre on September 8. Please be practical - dress in layers, wear sunscreen and be prepared for a variety of conditions.

Food?

Please bring your own snacks and lunch to the project site. Each crew leader will set aside a time for the crew to take a break and eat lunch together. This is a great way to get to know the people on your crew. All volunteers and residents will be invited to the Lock 3 Celebration Event. Each First Serve participant will receive a ticket that can be redeemed at Lock 3 for snacks. Other items will be available for an additional cost.

