

Newsletter October -- December 2018

What's Coming Up?

Annual Tree Lighting

Friday, December 7th

5 p.m.– 9 p.m.

VPA is looking for some extra hands to assist in this annual downtown event. Be ready to get involved because we will have child friendly, family activities on the gridiron while everyone is waiting for the big event.

<u>l'm Interested</u>



Spotlight On Volunteer Activity:

Jennifer Shumaker contacted VPA because she was obligated to do some type of community volunteer service for one of her classes at lvy Tech. Fortunately for us, she has realized during this process that by taking on the removal of the invasive Knotweed in Leeper Park West she is going to have a long term beneficial effect on the entire area. She has already completed the mandatory hours and is going to finish the removal all the way down to the roots, as well as the task of replanting new shrubs in the area. She has joined our Better Impact system to learn how else she can volunteer for the entire VPA department.



Leeper Park Knotweed Removal

Share With a Friend

SPARK PROGRAM

We appreciate the valuable work you do so we've developed a program that rewards you for your contributions, because ultimately, volunteers are what helps make our programs and events successful and fun. Through the third quarter of 2018 volunteers have given 14,785 hours to VPA. To date there are 101 volunteers who have earned a t-shirt, 87 volunteers who have given over 20 hours of their time and 56 volunteers who have given more than 50 hours of their time. You will be emailed individually with the information on how to retrieve your items, if you are a recipient.



October 3–24: Keller Park Garden Group October 7: Newsboys United October 24: Disney Jr. Dance party on Tour November 3: SBSO Tchaikovsky's Circles November 7: Rumours of Fleetwood Mac November 30–December 2: Sound of Music Winter League VPA Youth Basketball Coaches

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES:

September 30 — October 14: Leeper Park Rose Garden October 6: SBSO Disney in Concert October 19: There's Once in Every Family October 26: Theresa Caputo Live, The Experience November 26: Theresa Caputo Live, The Experience November 28: Straight No Chaser December 7: Annual Tree Lighting



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