



June 21, 2009

Volunteer workshop on June 23

PORTLAND - The Portland Main Street program will be hosting a workshop focused on volunteer recruitment and retention strategies for public service groups on Tuesday, June 23, at 6 p.m., at Portland City Hall. All area public service groups that utilize volunteers are welcome to attend this informative meeting.

The presentation will be conducted by Janelle Hill, president of the Volunteer Association of West Michigan. In the greater Grand Rapids community, Hill serves as the Chairperson of the Kent County Mentoring Collaborative and is an active member of the Mentor Michigan Providers Council. She also serves as a volunteer at Gilda's Club Grand Rapids and the Grand Rapids Art Museum. Hill also serves as the Community Services Coordinator for Arbor Circle, which is a counseling and family support agency in Grand Rapids.

"This is a great opportunity for all of the various groups within the community," said Portland Main Street Manager Patrick Reagan. "It's often difficult to find and keep a large, steady volunteer base, so we're excited to learn new techniques that will help us. Janelle Hill comes highly recommended, and the Portland Main Street program sees this as another way to help keep Portland a strong, civically engaged city."

Though this presentation is free to the public, space is limited. To reserve your seats, please contact the Portland DDA Director/ Main Street Manager Patrick Reagan at (517) 647-5027 or by e-mail at ddamainstreet@portland-michigan.org.

- From the Portland Main Street Committee
