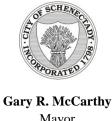
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PRESS RELEASE

City Kicking Off 4th Annual 'I Love My Schenectady Parks Day'

City seeking community volunteers for annual cleanup effort on Saturday, May 5th

SCHENECTADY – Mayor Gary McCarthy announced that the City of Schenectady will be kicking off the **4**th **Annual 'I Love My Schenectady Parks Day'** on Saturday, May 5, 2018. 'I Love My Park Day' is a campaign started by the State of New York to garner volunteer support in helping to cleanup, improve, and beautify parks across the state.

"Our parks are a gem of the city's neighborhoods and a key ingredient in what makes Schenectady a great place to live, work, and raise a family," **Mayor McCarthy said**. "We encourage residents from around the community and in every neighborhood to join us on Saturday the 5th as we enhance our parks for the coming season in celebration of this statewide event."

This year's parks include: Central Park, Grout Park, Hillhurst Park, Jerry Burrell Park, Riverside Park, Steinmetz Park, Vale Park, Wallingford and Webster Parks, Woodlawn Park and Woodlawn Preserve. Cleanup activities include raking, clearing brush, trash pickup, removing weeds, painting benches and planters, and other general cleanup. The city will provide all necessary supplies, although it is encouraged that volunteers bring and wear gloves.

City staff are coordinating with neighborhood groups and other community organizations to assist in identifying beautification needs at their respective parks, as well as disseminating information about the upcoming day to residents for volunteer support.

Residents can join the effort by **signing up to volunteer** at their local park by visiting the city's website: http://www.cityofschenectady.com/475/I-Love-My-Parks. You may also sign up to volunteer by calling Schenectady Neighborhoods and Parks (SNAP) at 518-382-5144.



Mayor Gary R. McCarthy invites you to participate in:



Saturday, May 5, 2018 Time varies by park between 8:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Volunteer and be a part of this exciting statewide event!

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