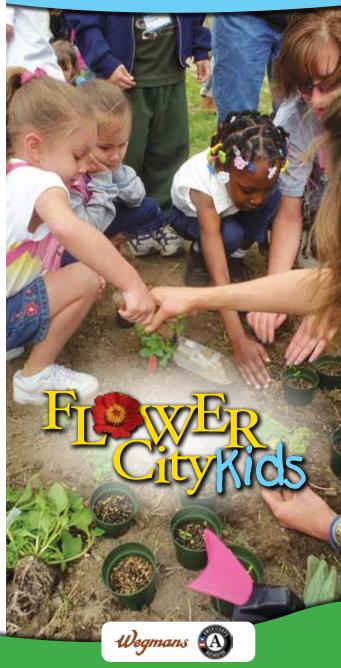
Recreation & Youth Services



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Flower City Kids

Save the Date: Flower City Kids Picnic Friday, June 7, 2013





Who Are the Flower City Kids?

Over the past 25 years, over 200,000 plants have been cultivated by pre-K and elementary students in the City's public, private and parochial schools.

With their teachers' help, they've learned more than just how seeds grow; they've also learned about the importance of plants in our lives. Now, we're inviting you and your class to get involved.

What is the History of the Flower City Kids program?

The program started as a partnership between the Rochester Telephone Pioneers (a volunteer group of active and retired communications workers) and John James Audubon School #33. The program has included many groups over the past quarter century. It is currently organized by Frontier Pioneers, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County and the City of Rochester's Department of Recreation and Youth Services.



Anything goes! There is no one lesson plan and projects differ in each classroom. Plants flourish on the windowsill and under fluorescent lights or some find a home in a milk or egg carton, or Cool Whip container. In Spring, many classes plant their seedlings in the Flower City Kids Garden

during the Charlotte picnic, but just as many plant gardens in school courtyards, around the community or take them home for the yard.

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How Do I Get Involved?

To sign up just make certain your principal/ school coordinator returns the order form by March 1 with the number of classes and students and what type of seed you would like (vegetables or flowers). The principal and coordinator will receive these forms in early February.

To eliminate confusion, all orders must come from your school's coordinator.

Seeds, soil and instructional material will be delivered March 25–29, 2013.

Is There a Cost?

No costs are involved, because project volunteers package and deliver all orders.

But I Don't Know How to Start Growing Seeds!!

If you need help, call Alex Freeman of the City's Bureau of Recreation at 428-6755 for additional details.



See You at the Picnic!

Classes in grades 2 and under are invited to bring seedlings to the Flower City Kids Planting & Picnic, Friday, June 7 in Charlotte.

Registration for the picnic is in May and each registered class receives a free bag lunch, courtesy of Wegmans. A registration form will be sent to your coordinator in early May.

Please read all forms carefully.



FEBRUARY 11 Order Forms Mailed MARCH 1 Order Deadline MARCH 25–29 Delivery to Schools APR Class Week



Partners Together

Frontier Pioneers— An all-volunteer "army" of current and retired workers from the communications industry.

Wegmans– Provided food for our planting picnic for the past 22 years, feeding more than 63,000 ambitious planters!

School Districts & Faculties – More than 700 teachers representing 56 public, private and parochial schools, day care and Head Start centers.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County Master Gardeners—A training program for jobs in the landscape industry.

Rochester Americorps – A community service program working to improve quality of life and public safety in Rochester neighborhoods, especially initiatives involving children and youth.

Sponsored locally by Monroe Community College.

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Want More Details?

To join the Flower City Kids team or for more information on Flower City Kids, Arbor Day or Earth Day: Call Alex Freeman of the City's Bureau of Recreation at 428-6755 or e-mail: freemana@cityofrochester.gov



IL 1-5 room Planting for Mother's Day

APRIL 29-MAY 3

Classroom Planting Week for June Picnic in Charlotte

IUNE 7

Flower City Kids Picnic for classes in grade two and under.

