

# THE VOLUNTEER

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## FUTURE EVENTS

**St. Ambrose  
Fun Run  
6/4**

**Click It  
or  
Ticket It  
5/23  
to  
6/5**

**Old  
Fashioned  
Days  
6/22  
to 6/26**



# ONE on ONE with JIM LUKAS

Brunswick's new City Manager, JIM LUKAS, took time from his busy day to reflect on the importance of volunteerism in a community like Brunswick. His thoughts follow.

### What is your personal philosophy of the concept of volunteerism?

The commitment to volunteering has been an important aspect of my life. "Giving back" to an individual or group with the hope of improving someone's life or the community is heart-warming and certainly a worthwhile endeavor. Typically, I have received much more back than what has been provided. Helping others, without the desire for recognition, is one of the reasons why I started the "Good Neighbor Award" in Brunswick – we all know people in our neighborhoods who go above and beyond for others, without wanting any recognition, but I believe those individuals should be recognized for their efforts.

### Do you have any personal volunteer experiences that you can share?

My volunteer efforts started back in college when I helped others complete their income tax forms, assisted with juvenile delinquents, and taught an individual how to read and write. Volunteering with the literacy issue was eye-opening and shattered my stereotypes of those who are illiterate. The person I taught was a very nice person and extremely hard-working – He simply didn't know how to read. It was amazing to learn how he accomplished items in his day-to-day life (e.g., only went to restaurants with pictures on the menu). To this day, I remember him and believe that it was one of the best things I have accomplished in my life. Some additional -- more recent -- efforts have included belonging to the Rotary Club, helping my wife with her "little" in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, and serving on a Mental Health Board. I have also volunteered on many City/County-related Boards and Commissions (e.g., Chairman of Warren County's Regional Planning Commission for 10 years) with the hope of bringing some level of recognition to my community.

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**BCPAAA BI-ANNUAL CHARITY EVENT:  
COMMUNITY SHREDDING DAY**

For the fourth straight year, the BCPAAA has teamed with the Cintas Corporation to provide the community with a free shredding service. At the Saturday, May 21 event, 10,000 pounds of paper was collected. Additionally, the BCPAAA collected 450 canned goods and \$471 in monetary contributions that will be distributed to local food banks.



# MARATHON MEN

CONGRATULATIONS to  
**Sgt. Daren Lubinsky**  
and  
**Officer Scott Kowell**  
on completing the  
May 15th Rite Aid  
Marathon.



## Volunteer Ops Volunteers in Action

<b>MAYOR'S COURT</b>	<b>Most Tuesdays</b>
<b>ST. AMBROSE FUN RUN</b>	<b>June 4</b>
<b>CLICK IT OR TICKET</b>	<b>May 23 - June 5</b>
<b>COPS and KIDS</b>	<b>June 18</b>
<b>OLD FASHIONED DAYS</b>	<b>June 22 - 26</b>
<b>OLD FASHIONED DAYS PARADE</b>	<b>June 26</b>

**During the month of May, volunteers could be found**

- Working at Mayor's Court
- Aiding at the Fishing Derby
- Managing the Shredding Event
- At the Pedal to the Point Steak Roast
- Providing Support at Traffic Training Duty
- Assisting at the Memorial Day Parade
- Placing Click It or Ticket signs
- Assisting with Project Lifesaver
- Performing a National Police Week Activity
- Doing Stats for the Safe Communities Program
- Helping the Real World, Real Money Program



# VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS 2011

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	*See note	\$\$\$\$
114	84	97.5	81	168.5								545	\$19.66	\$10,714.70

\*This value (\$19.66) is the average of the national volunteer hour value & that of the volunteer hour value for the State of Ohio.

Year	# of Hours	Dollar Value
2006	1783	\$28,706.30
2007	2809	\$52,724.93
2008	3506	\$68,807.62
2009	3251	\$62,159.12
2010	1829	\$35,958.14

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TEAMWORK



**BOARD  
MEETING  
City Hall  
Meeting  
Room  
June 16  
7:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS  
MEETING  
City Hall  
Meeting  
Room  
June 16  
7:30 p.m.**

**2011 BCPAAA  
Executive Board**

President: Wendy Linderman  
V. President: Shirley Schuster  
Treasurer: Evelyn Czyn  
Secretary: Bob Wasil

Trustees  
Tushar Amin, Sue Esker,  
Vicky Kirkpatrick, Dave  
Linderman, and Bill Ohlrich

Coordinator: Phil Frate

# MEETING UPDATES

## Board Meeting Minutes May 19, 2011

The Board meeting, attended by eight Board members and Phil Frate, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Wendy Linderman.

Sue Esker provided final details for the May 21st Shredding Event. Additionally, she gave a summary of the progress of the By-Laws revision.

The group held a discussion on the saying to be put on the commemorative paver brick. Two choices were selected and a plan to have the membership vote on the saying at the regular meeting was developed.

Wendy mentioned that volunteers were still needed for placing Click It or Ticket signs.

Wendy talked about possible picnic scenarios and stated that Amanda Shroka had offered ideas that Amanda would be encouraged to see how they might be implemented.

It was announced that the city Manager, Jim Lukas, would speak at the next Regular Meeting in June.

Hannah Edgar was introduced as the new summer intern. It was also mentioned that John Eggleston, who interned last summer, will be doing some volunteer work with the department this summer. John, who has graduated from college, will now receive training at OPATA.

It was mentioned that Rebecca Rak is seeking volunteer help for a Safety Day in June.

Phil Frate was part of a Q and A session on the 501c3 and its relationship to the BCPAAA. More discussion will be held in the future.

## Regular Meeting Minutes May 19, 2011

Wendy Linderman opened this meeting by introducing the 13 members in attendance to the 2011 BDP summer intern, HANNAH EDGAR.

Next, Shirley Schuster talked about the commemorative brick that was purchased to honor the department. A vote was taken on the saying to be etched on the brick.

Wendy Linderman asked for people to help with the click It or Ticket sign campaign. Car magnets advertising this program were passed out.

She also circulated a sign-up sheet for the St. Ambrose Fun Run on June 4th.

Evelyn Czyz asked if the group would like to take a Medina County jail tour in the future. A poll will be taken to gauge interest in a date.

Details for the Shredding Event were mentioned.

It was noted that the By-Laws Committee is in the process of examining the current BCPAAA by-laws and those of other organizations as well.

Wendy Linderman notified the group that Jim Lukas will speak at the June 16th meeting at 7:30 p.m.

BDP Summer Intern, Hannah Edgar introduced herself to those present by informing them that she is a Criminal Justice major entering her last semester at Edinboro College. She plans on becoming a police officer.

It was noted that John Eggleston has graduated from college and will be attending OPATA at Owens Community College. He will put in hours as a volunteer with the Department this summer.

It was noted that Rebecca Rak has asked for volunteer help at the Safety Days to be held at Giant Eagle.

It was mentioned that Sue Esker and Shirley Schuster put memorial ribbons on police cruisers and city vehicles in honor of National Police Week.

Wendy Linderman provided a synopsis of the activities volunteers were involved in during the two Traffic Training held in the Industrial Parkway last weekend.

Wendy Linderman mentioned the fact that group is planning a picnic. She felt that Amanda Shroka had provided valuable information on such an endeavor that could be utilized in planning such an event.

It was noted that the BCPAAA - Charities had recently made a donation to the Brunswick Food Pantry.

The treasury now has \$833.09.

The meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

# MEMBERS:

**Clear your calendar and plan to attend the June 16th meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Meeting Room. The speaker at this meeting will be City Manager, JIM LUKAS.**

**What do you feel are the key reasons why a resident should consider volunteering in his/her community?**

Residents have many skills that can be utilized by local governments. Working together can also spark meaningful dialogues and develop creative ways to approach problem areas. Residents should volunteer because of the feeling that is achieved by helping improve someone's life or the community where they live. Many of us have had opportunities in our life that helped us to succeed in life – for me, as just one example, it was the chance to live at home while I pursued my education which saved a lot of money -- but some people aren't so fortunate. Who knows what someone may achieve if another person reaches out to them and helps just a tad (e.g., tutoring or mentoring)?

**As you are in the early stages of getting to know the City of Brunswick, what are your initial thoughts on some of the volunteer groups (ex. The BCPAAA, the Brunswick Green Advisory Group, Brunswick ArtWorks, etc.) that can be found throughout the community?**

I have been impressed by the amount of volunteerism in Brunswick! Although I have only been here for a short period of time, it appears that volunteer organizations and church groups support each other as well as the schools and the community in general. We seem to have residents who are more active than in other cities that I am familiar with. In my former City, I always said that some of our best ideas came from residents; therefore, it is nice to see the community engaged here. We have significant issues to solve, especially with the current state of the economy, and, many times, residents can offer input that we may not have considered.

**Do you have any ideas on other types of volunteer activities that you would like to see in Brunswick?**

Not knowing every aspect of Brunswick yet, this question is hard for me to answer. I am, however, meeting more people every day from the City and Medina County who are involved in these very dedicated groups that work for the betterment of the community and aid those who are less fortunate. I support these groups in their work and hope to assist where I can.

**Any final comment(s) on volunteerism in/for the City of Brunswick?**

Thank you to the community leaders, residents and businesses that continually support volunteer groups. I have a lot of respect to those who volunteer and hope that they recognize how appreciated they are. Volunteers go above and beyond to positively impact the Brunswick community.

Jim Lukas is a Cleveland State grad (BA, MPA, and JD) who acquired his passion for local government starting in law school when he was an intern with the Cleveland City Council.

Prior to accepting the City Manager post in Brunswick, Lukas spent 14 years as the City Manager of Franklin, Ohio.

He has been married to Kathy, whom he met at Leadership Warren County, for nearly seven years. Kathy is an event/wedding planner (Your Dream Day at [www.yourdreamday.com](http://www.yourdreamday.com)).

Lukas enjoys playing tennis, participating in fantasy sports, and attending musical theater productions.

