

Flower City Kids

City of Rochester
Department of Recreation
and Youth Services
400 Dewey Avenue
Rochester, NY 14613

Save the Date:
Flower City Kids Picnic
Friday, June 1, 2012



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FLOWER CityKids



Who Are the Flower City Kids?

Over the past 24 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, the GreenWorks Employment Training/Foodlink and the City of Rochester's Department of Recreation and Youth Services.



Is There a Lesson Plan to Follow?

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 2 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 26–30, 2012.

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 Michael Warren Thomas of the City's Bureau of Recreation at 703-9237 for additional details.



See You at the Picnic!

Classes in grades 3 and under are invited to bring seedlings to the Flower City Kids Planting & Picnic, Friday, June 1 in Charlotte.

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

Please read all forms carefully.



Flower City Kids 2012 Calendar

FEBRUARY 10
Order Forms Mailed

MARCH 2
Order Deadline

MARCH 26–30
Delivery to Schools

APRIL
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 21 years, feeding more than 60,000 ambitious planters!

School Districts & Faculties— More than 700 teachers representing 96 public, private and parochial schools, day care and Head Start centers.

GreenWorks/FoodLink—

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 Michael Warren Thomas in the City's Bureau of Recreation at 703-9237 or e-mail: thomasmi@cityofrochester.gov



APRIL 2-6

*Room Planting
for Mother's Day*

APRIL 23-27

*Classroom Planting
Week for June Picnic
in Charlotte*

JUNE 1

*Flower City Kids Picnic
for classes in grade three
and under.*

