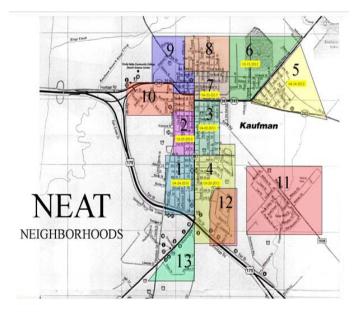
## Previous Volunteers Have Helped With:

- Building handicap ramps
- Clean brush & limbs
- Clean culverts
- Clean driveways
- Clean gutters
- Clean windows
- Clean trash
- Cut grass
- Paint address numbers
- Paint buildings and trim
- Patch holes in yard
- Plant flower beds
- Power wash buildings
- Repair fences
- Replace rotten boards
- Trim trees and hedges
- Weed flower beds
- Supplies & more supplies!!!!

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Enhancement Action

**Team** 



## N.E.A.T.

The Neighborhood Enhancement Action Team (NEAT) is designed to enhance the quality of the selected neighborhood through the concentrated delivery of services and programs provided by the City.

The City's goal is to raise awareness of codes, zoning ordinances, provide information on accessing city services & promote clean and safe neighborhoods.

Twice a year, during the Spring and Fall, we work on cleaning up one neighborhood at a time by working in partnership with the City staff, neighbors, volunteer groups, and local businesses.

We are always
looking for
volunteers & supplies

## **Prior To Clean Up Date**

Each NEAT section begins with a three to four week concentrated effort by the Code Enforcement officer to evaluate all the properties in the selected neighborhood.

He will leave a green tag on the door telling the property owner what they need to do to bring the property up to compliance.

The property owner will receive a letter in the mail, repeating what needs to be completed to bring the property into compliance. There will also be a *Worksite Application* for the property owner to request assistance with the items that need to be completed.

The application can be brought in or mailed to Development Services or brought to the neighborhood meeting that will be held before the cleanup. The neighborhood meeting is when the property owners will have the opportunity to meet City staff and have their questions answered.

City staff sorts through the applications and assigns volunteer groups to each of the approved projects. In order to be eligible for assistance the property owner must be residing in the house, be disabled, a veteran, or have a serious health issue. Unfortunately we can't guarantee that we will be able to assist each and every applicant.

## **Clean Up Date**

The City staff, volunteers and residents start early in the morning by gathering in a central location. Supplies are issued and then the groups go to their assign properties.

After a morning of working hard, the groups meet for lunch and fellowship. The groups then complete their assigned projects before leaving for the day.

The Public Works Department will be cleaning out ditches and transporting trash and limbs to the dumpsters. They will also be at the dumpsters to assist in unloading trucks and trailers.

The Fire Department will be painting the fire hydrants in the neighborhood. They will also install new fire detectors or replace batteries in existing fire detectors.

Dumpsters will be provided by IESI in the NEAT area for residents to dispose of trash at no cost.