

Northville Ambassadors volunteer program starts

Sign up, then clean up

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If you're adept with a broom and a dustpan and like talking to people, you could be a Northville Ambassador.

Under the direction of Jay Wendt, planning commission chair, and the staff of the Northville Downtown Development Authority, the city is seeking retirees or others who would like to volunteer for the new program.

Phil Martinez, owner of Northville Sports Den in Northville Square, has agreed to provide T-shirts for the crew. They may also wear some sort of badge or button.

WHAT THEY'LL DO

Wendt said the all-volunteer team will do more than just sweep up cigarette butts on Main and Center streets.

They'll also greet people on the street and go into downtown stores to ask people if they're familiar with the restaurants or are looking for a certain type of store.

"The idea for them to promote the downtown area as well as keeping it looking clean," Wendt said.

The area they will cover is Main Street from Wing Street to Hutton and Center Street from Dunlap Street

to Cady Street.

"We're looking for about a four-six hour a month commitment from each individual," Wendt said.

"A lot of retirees want something to do," he said. "And there will be no heavy lifting."

Wendt hopes to be able to pull together enough volunteers to have the Northville Ambassadors out in about a month.

"We'd like 20-25 people and have them out at least three days a week," Wendt said.

For more information or to sign up for the Northville Ambassadors program, call the DDA at (248) 349-0345 or Wendt at (248) 349-3573.

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