

COMMUNITY *Keep Noblesville Beautiful*

Community gives superhero effort in clean-up

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For the past few weeks, thousands of people have flocked to multiplexes everywhere to catch “The Avengers,” the latest blockbuster centering on superheroes and their amazing actions. However, on May 19, many Noblesville residents got the opportunity to witness the extraordinary deeds of some of the city’s real-life superheroes.

The organization known as Keep Noblesville Beautiful staged a daylong service project to clean up, fix up and keep up their community. Volunteers and volunteer groups from around the city participated in what has come to be known as the KNB Blitz. The event on May 19 marked the seventh blitz that has drawn the support of individuals, businesses, churches and other organizations interested in contributing time and resources to the betterment of the city.

“This is what it’s all about,” said KNB board member Cindy Haas. “Helping out and helping others!”

Mikki Perrine concurred. “They’ve done some great things for people who need it,” Perrine said.

Perrine, the owner and operator of Ginger’s Café in Noblesville, not only serves as a board member, but also provided sack lunches to the participants and the volunteers. “The least I could do was to provide them some nourishment,” she said.

Perrine also gave high marks to members of the Noblesville High School National Honor Society who made up a large part of the more than 80 volunteers who arrived early Saturday morning. Other volunteer groups participating in the Blitz include the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, CERT Certified



Donna Parker, and Susan Mayes (Photo by Mark Johnson)

Emergency Response Team and the North Side Crime Watch.

“We had a lot more young people show up this year,” said Susan Mayes, blitz organizer. “It’s very inspiring to see the young people show up all covered in paint and say, ‘Thanks, it was fun!’ It’s really amazing that they enjoy helping others so much.”

The KNB Blitz was completed in cooperation with the Noblesville Street Dept., City Hall, Hamilton County Master Gardeners and IDNR Tree Stewards. KNB was assisted in organizing this event by the North Side Crime Watch group, which canvassed the neighborhood to encourage homeowner participation.

For more information about KNB and volunteer opportunities, visit www.keepnoblesvillebeautiful.org.