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BLIGHT BUSTER DAY THIS SATURDAY

GARY: CLEANING UP AND CLEANING OUT ON 4th & 5th Avenues

Gary, Indiana-On this Saturday, September 9, 2017 city departments, businesses, community organizations, faith-based groups, educational institutions, block clubs and other volunteers will clean up and clean out on two of its main corridors in its annual Blight Buster Day.

The Mayor's Office of Constituent Services (MOCS) has planned the City's annual "Building Blocks" Blight Buster Day for the past three years looking for 1000 volunteers each year to help rid the city of debris, clean vacant lots and to cut grass. City departments also perform other tasks including tree cutting, pot hole patching, issuing citations and towing abandoned vehicles.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this Saturday's cleanup may still do so by calling the MOCS at 219-881-4815 or via email: lbrooks@ci.gary.in.us. While safety materials, garbage bags and gloves will be provided, volunteers may bring rakes, brooms and other supplies. Volunteers are asked to be at the Genesis Center, 1 Genesis Center Plaza at 7:30 a.m. for Registration and the Rally. **The Media is invited. The cleanup is from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

The city's Fall cleanup has been held in October over the past years, but was moved to September this year in hopes of warmer temperatures. The cleanup on Saturday will span from Industrial Highway to I-65 and Colfax Street to I-65 targeting debris removal, grass cutting on vacant lots, public safety, board-up and demolition.

For more information about the cleanup and for volunteer opportunities in the city, please email mocs@ci.gary.in.us or call 881-4815.

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