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April 23, 2019

Mayor William Samaras  
and  
Members of the City Council

SUBJECT: National Community Development Week – April 22-26, 2019

Dear Mayor Samaras and Members of the City Council:

The City of Lowell will join communities across the country to celebrate National Community Development Week from Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. This annual celebration is designed to focus attention on the outstanding accomplishments over the past 45 years of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Lowell has relied on these essential programs to provide core funding for numerous public and nonprofit activities, as well as key funding sources for most of the City's major economic development initiatives; including the JAM and Acre Urban Renewal Plans and the redevelopment of the Hamilton Canal Innovation District.

With the possibility of cuts in the CDBG program, National Community Development Week is an ideal opportunity to showcase the importance of the CDBG Program for the City of Lowell and its community partners.

Attached is the schedule of events the City and grant subrecipients will host to call attention to local programs supported with these federal funds. Members of the City Council and the public are invited to attend these events throughout the week.

Should you have any questions about National Community Development Week or the activities funded through this program, please do not hesitate to contact Diane Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director.

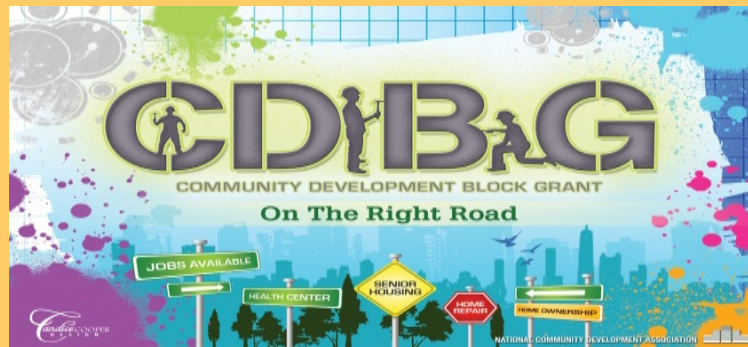
Sincerely,

Eileen M. Donoghue  
City Manager

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Attachment

cc: Diane Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director  
Craig Thomas, Deputy Director  
Christopher Samaras, Community Development Director

**\*Lowell Celebrates National Community Development Week, April 22nd – April 26th, 2019**



**Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

**The Community Family – [CommunityFamily.org](http://CommunityFamily.org)  
Alzheimer's Adult Day Health  
236 Broadway St.**

The Community Family is dedicated to providing high-quality adult day health services designed to keep adults in their homes and communities as long as possible. Our services are based on a deep respect for the dignity, self-esteem and vitality of all those we serve. We are committed to improving the quality of life for both our participants and their families.

**Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association of Greater Lowell – CMAA – [CMAALowell.org](http://CMAALowell.org)  
Walk in Services/Youth Programs  
465 School St.**

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for Cambodian Americans and other minorities and economically disadvantaged persons in Lowell through educational, cultural, economic and social programs.

**Friday, April 26<sup>st</sup>**

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

**Mill City Grows, Inc. – [MillCityGrows.org](http://MillCityGrows.org)  
Rotary Park Gardens  
Richmond St.**

In 2012, Mill City Grows partnered with the City of Lowell and the Back Central Neighborhood Group to build our very first community garden, The Rotary Club Park Community Garden. This very special space has been the hub to many Gardener Training Programs, workshops, and social gatherings, and was the first site of Mill City Grows' annual Harvest Festival celebration in September 2012