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## **GE Volunteers to Help Spruce-up Vale Park Playground**

### ***GE volunteers respond to Schenectady "Day of Service"***

**SCHENECTADY, NY** – On Thursday, September 22, 30 to 40 volunteers from the General Electric Company will pitch in to paint, weed and restore the mulch cushioning at the Vale Park Playground. The playground is located near the Nott Terrace entrance to the park. Volunteer crews will assemble at 9 a.m. for a "Day of Service" and work through the day "until the job is done."

GE volunteers have generously responded to Acting Mayor Gary McCarthy's "call to community service." "Difficult economic times have made it even more important than ever for public-spirited residents to come forward," said Mayor McCarthy.

Last year GE Volunteers in the Capital Region contributed 48,000 volunteer hours across more than 200 community and school-based initiatives. "We're proud to be able to respond to the City of Schenectady's request for help and continue our long history of community support," said Matt DeBlock, one of the GE coordinators for the Vale Park event.

*Cities of Service is a coalition of mayors from cities across the country focused on matching volunteers and established community partners to areas of local need. Cities of Service was established as part of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, signed into law by President Barack Obama on April 21, 2009.*