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CITY OF KETTERING *is home*



Mayor's Greeting

Dear Friends,

This year the City of Kettering is focusing on building community and neighborhood pride, establishing a culture that is both the responsibility and expectation in Kettering that properties are maintained according to our community standards. We must all work together to accomplish this.

One great example of how the City engages its residents to create a culture of community pride is our **Cities of Service**

initiative. *Cities of Service* is a national program I initiated here in Kettering five years ago that uses service to the community as a resource to revitalize neighborhoods.

The effort is so strong that Kettering won the **2016 Innovative Program Award** from the National Association of Volunteer Programs in Local Government for our efforts with the *Cities of Service* project.

In 2016 the *Cities of Service* project focused on Berwin Park neighborhood. Together with residents and adjacent business owners, the City conducted a neighborhood cleanup and removed 1.75 tons of brush.

In 2017 the *Cities of Service* initiative will focus on the Oak Park neighborhood. The success of this initiative is truly a community-wide effort. We rely heavily on support from organizations, service clubs, neighborhood volunteers and individuals to help with activities. We also depend on help from area businesses to provide resources to continue this worthwhile project. If you, your organization, or business would like to join our effort, I encourage you to contact our Volunteer Office.

Another initiative critical to celebrating community pride in Kettering is the **Neighborhood Pride Awards** program. Each year the *Neighborhood Pride Awards* recognize Kettering home and business owners for exceptional efforts to improve and maintain their properties.

The winners epitomize the positive impact that investment in property appearance has on our neighborhoods. Thirty-six property owners received this coveted award in 2016. Please take a moment to visit www.ketteringoh.org and nominate a neighbor for the 2017 award.

There's another opportunity to build neighborhood and community pride, and it's one you can have fun accomplishing. Does your neighborhood host an annual block party? Block parties offer an opportunity for neighbors to get to know one another and develop supportive relationships many of us remember from the neighborhoods where we grew up. They offer a chance to become familiar with your neighbors and build bonds that are critical to a sense of belonging.

The City believes so strongly in the power of these gatherings that we offer assistance with everything from planning, to road closures, to participation by our police and fire departments.

Please help us strengthen our neighborhoods and our sense of Kettering community pride by hosting a block party in 2017. Visit www.ketteringoh.org and search "**Block Party**" for more information.

We are very fortunate to live in a community that realizes the importance of strong and vibrant neighborhoods where people look after one another. Together, we can keep Kettering neighborhoods thriving for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Patterson, Mayor

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Adventure Reef Water Park

Opens for the Season
on Saturday, May 27



Kettering Block Party

Wednesday, May 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Kettering Civic Band at 7 p.m.

Lincoln Park Civic Commons

Kettering Go 4th!

Tuesday, July 4
from 6 to 10 p.m.
at Delco Park



Kettering Shredding Day

Saturday, September 9
from 9 a.m. to Noon
Kettering Government Center



CITY OF KETTERING

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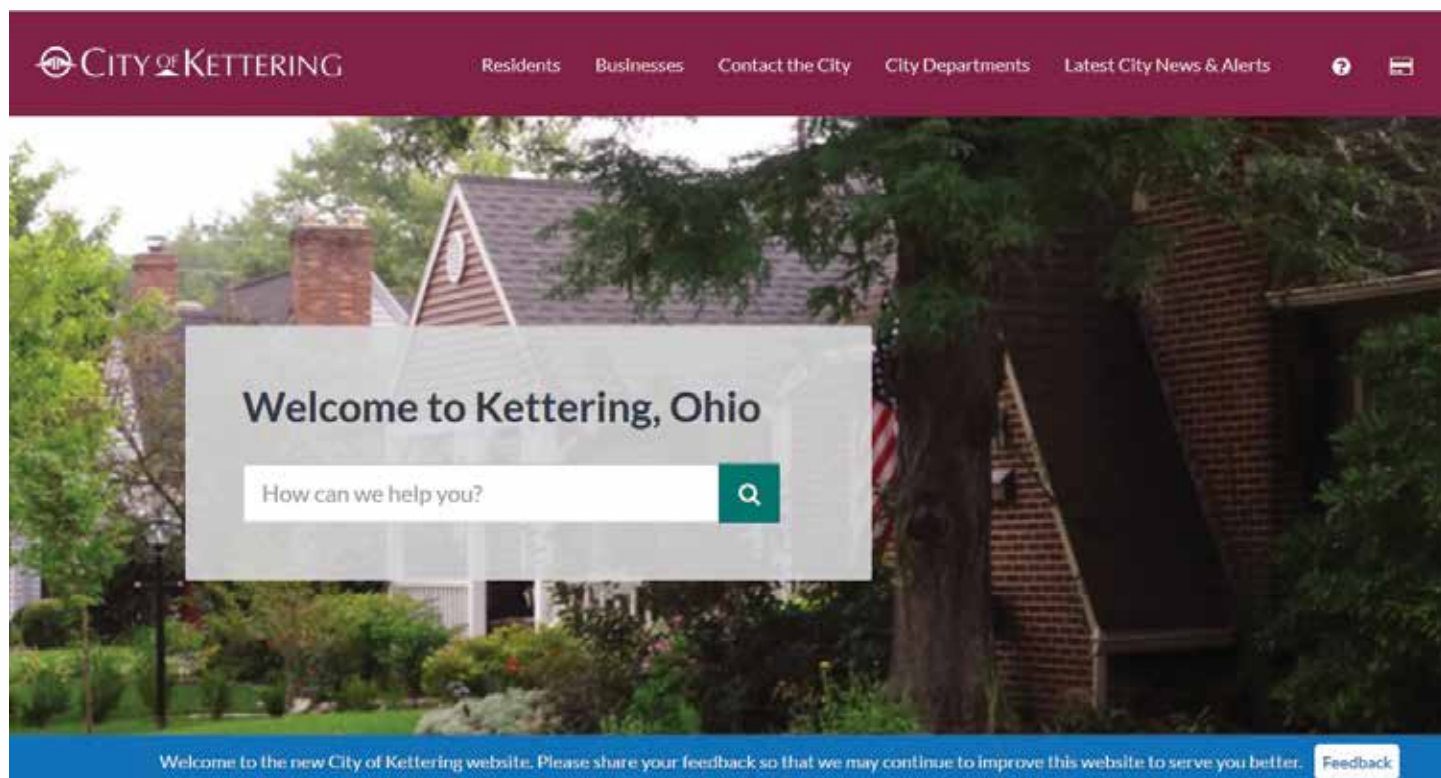
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City of Kettering Launches New Websites



To improve our ability to serve you, we recently launched new City of Kettering and Play Kettering websites.

In the past, our websites primarily served as online encyclopedias of information and archives of meetings and events. The new City of Kettering website and the new Play Kettering website are so much more. Now highly interactive and responsive, you should consider the new websites to be your 24/7 digital customer service center.

The new sites focus on helping you quickly access services and information and include:

- a simple search that makes it easier to

find exactly what you need

- a new design that organizes information in a more user intuitive format and places the focus on customer service



- a responsive design that adapts to phones, tablets, laptops or computers and, if the user desires, can function much like an app by simply saving the site to your mobile or tablet device home screen

- a **Get Answers** tool that lets users quickly find responses to more than 200 of the City of Kettering's most frequently asked questions

- a **Make a Payment** tab that provides one-click access to make your income tax, permits or other City payments
- a **Report an Issue** tool that allows users to request City services and report the most common concerns any time of day, every day of the week
- an entirely customized **My Services** tab that provides address specific information on topics like City Council District, Leaf Pickup District and Trash Collection day
- integration of the 24/7 Digital Customer Service Center with City social media accounts including being able to use the full Service Center to find answers to frequently asked questions and report issues directly from the City of Kettering, Ohio - Government and Play Kettering Facebook pages

Please take a moment to explore our new websites. We'd love to hear from you how we might include even more resources to serve you better. Please use the feedback button at the bottom of the new websites to share your ideas.

Make sure you never miss the latest Kettering news and important service alerts. Like – **City of Kettering, Ohio - Government** on Facebook and visit www.ketteringoh.org to sign up to receive **The Starter**—Kettering's monthly e-newsletter.



Please Only Rain in the Storm Drain

What is storm water runoff?

Storm water is water from rain or melting snow. Storm water runoff occurs when rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, streets and parking lots prevent storm water from naturally soaking into the ground.

Why is storm water runoff a problem?

Storm water can collect and transport soil, pet waste, salt, pesticides, fertilizer, oil, litter and other pollutants into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into lakes, streams and rivers, and can disturb the ecosystem.

For more information about storm water in the City of Kettering, please feel free to contact the Engineering Department at 296-2436, or visit the Engineering web page by going to www.ketteringoh.org and clicking on Engineering under Departments.

Ways you can help reduce pollution in our streams and rivers.

LAWN CARE:

- Don't over water the lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When necessary, use these chemicals only in the recommended amounts.
- Use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible.
- Compost and/or mulch yard waste.
- Don't leave yard waste or leaves in the street or sweep them into storm drains or streams.

AUTO CARE:

- Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash your car on your lawn so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations.

PET WASTE:

- When walking your pet, pick up the waste and dispose of it properly.
- Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain.



Lock Your Meds Campaign Protects the Elderly

Stories about the drug epidemic are on the news every day. A common misconception is that criminals are the main source of drugs for most addicts. In fact, Grandma's medicine cabinet can be as real of a threat.

Older adults often have prescription narcotics for chronic health conditions related to aging. Sometimes they have pain medications as part of recovery from a medical procedure. They may also take anxiety medications or sleeping pills. Medications not used on a regular basis

- can make their way to the back of the medicine cabinet.
- When they need the medication again, they find that the bottles are empty or missing.
- It is very important to remember that anyone with access to your home also has access to your medicine cabinet. Unfortunately, this means family as well as service providers and paid caregivers.
- The **Lock Your Meds** campaign encourages locking prescriptions in a safe or cabinet and

- keeping the key hidden from others. Locking your medications is the best way to keep you and your family safe.
- Beyond theft, stolen medications leave older adults at risk of other negative consequences. They may suffer pain, deteriorating medical conditions or psychological stress without the medications they need.
- Refill limits placed on certain medications by the Drug Enforcement Agency prohibit physicians from replacing the prescription.
- If you find you have been a victim of this crime, contact the Police Department to file a

- report. A report is necessary to replace any controlled substances that you may need to refill. For more information about the **Lock Your Meds** campaign, visit www.lockyourmeds.org.



70%
of people 12 and older who abuse prescription drugs get them from friends and family.

2017 Major Road Construction Projects



Funding for Home Repairs Now Available

The City of Kettering provided assistance stabilizing households and improving neighborhoods through home buyer assistance, emergency repairs and comprehensive updates. If you are having trouble financing needed home repairs, or want to update your whole home, we may be able to help!

Funding can cover minor repairs, needed updates, window replacements, system replacements or comprehensive rehabilitation of your home. The City of Kettering offers low cost loans of 0% or 1% with either low or no payments, depending upon demonstrated need. The City of Kettering offers loans so that repaid funds can be recycled in the future to assist more homeowners.

Funding is available through an allocation the City of Kettering receives from HUD and is limited to residents who are low and moderate income. See the chart below containing the program income limits.

You may request the program guidelines and application by contacting Andria at 937-296-2441 ext. 4022 or by emailing andria.perkins@ketteringoh.org.

More information is available at www.ketteringoh.org/rehabbing-a-home/

Household Size	Household Income
1	\$33,350
2	\$38,100
3	\$42,850
4	\$47,600
5	\$51,450
6	\$55,250
7	\$59,050
8	\$62,850

The City of Kettering Engineering Department will be very active in 2017 with construction projects throughout the City. Details on major projects are provided below. **If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Engineering Department at 296-2436.**

Shroyer Road

The City of Kettering will complete a joint project with the City of Oakwood to upgrade Shroyer Road. The Kettering portion of the project is asphalt resurfacing from Stroop Road to the Kettering/Oakwood corporation line. The Oakwood portion of the project runs from the Kettering/Oakwood corporation line northbound to the Oakwood/Dayton corporation line, which is the entire 1.1 mile section of Shroyer Road in Oakwood. The Oakwood portion includes asphalt resurfacing and a roadway change involving the Road Diet design concept. The vehicle lanes on Shroyer Road will be reduced from four to three, only in the Oakwood section of the roadway. This is a federally funded project planned through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Wilmington Pike

The City of Kettering remains committed to acting as a catalyst for reinvestment in Wilmington Pike for both economic purposes and for the impact the corridor has on our residents as well.

2017 will be another year of major reinvestment in the Wilmington Pike corridor.

This summer the City will begin major streetscape improvements on the Wilmington Pike corridor between Stroop and Marshall Roads. Both sides of the street will have new streetlights installed and abundant street trees planted. On the west side of the corridor, a new 8 foot multiuse path will be installed, offering a connection to existing regional bikeways and improved pedestrian access to businesses.

Stroop Road Bridge

In 2016, the City of Kettering completed a repaving project on the portion of Stroop Road between Shroyer Road and Dorothy Lane. During the project, existing deterioration in the beams of the bridge on Stroop Road, approximately 1,600 feet east of Woodman Drive, was exposed and in several areas the milling further compromised the integrity of the bridge.

The Montgomery County Engineer owns the bridge, and has determined that temporary safety measures must remain in place until the bridge can be replaced. These measures include reducing traffic to one lane in each direction along Stroop Road and a 15 ton maximum weight restriction for vehicles traveling over the bridge.

In the coming months please be alert for the start of construction and necessary traffic control measures. We do anticipate that this section of Stroop Road will be closed entirely for portions of the project. Please watch our website, monthly Starter e-newsletter and social media accounts for the most up-to-date information on the project timeline and traffic impacts.



Det. Marcum Named Officer of the Year

Detective Dave Marcum was given the honor of **Officer of the Year** on Tuesday, April 18, by Kettering Noon Optimists. Dave was nominated by supervisors for his impeccable work ethic, incredible attention to detail and continued dedication to the Kettering Police Department. Det. Marcum has been with the Kettering Police Department since June 1995.



Kettering Police Dept. Community Events

National Police Week, Monday, May 15, 2017 through Sunday, May 21, 2017, honors all U.S. law enforcement with May 15 designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day. Kettering Police Department will hold the Annual Kettering Police Memorial on the Kettering Government Center mezzanine at 3 p.m. to honor past and present officers. The public is welcome.

National Night Out is a community-building campaign promoting police-community partnerships and strong neighborhood relationships. **National Night Out** enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement, building our sense of community. **This year's event will be held Tuesday August 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the parking lot of Town & Country Shopping Center.**

Rape Aggression Defense Kids offers our young citizens the opportunity to create a safer future for themselves using the R.A.D. system. Summer classes will be held June 12 – 16 from 8 to 10 a.m. for youth 6 to 9 years old and June 19 – 23 from 8 to 10 a.m. for youth 10 to 12 years old. **Please contact Lt. Lee Sanders at 937-296-3250 to register.**

Rape Aggression Defense offers women a program of lecture, discussion and physical resistive strategies, all facilitated by certified R.A.D. Instructors. Classes are held on Tuesday evenings for four weeks. A summer R.A.D. session begins July 11, from 6 – 9 p.m. **Contact Lt. Lee Sanders at 937-296-3250 to register.**

Citizens Police Academy is your opportunity to take a behind-the-scenes look into the Kettering Police Department. Our 59th CPA class will begin Wednesday, August 30 and meets Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9 p.m. for 10 weeks. **To register visit the City of Kettering website, www.ketteringoh.org or contact Ptl. John Jung at 937-296-2458.**



K9 Cops National Top Dogs

Two Kettering Police K9 teams competed at the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) National Detector Dog Trials in April. Officer Brent Wright and his 6 year old black Labrador partner, K9 Fuse, along with Officer Devin Maloney and his 2 year old German Shepherd partner, K9 Jax, competed with a field of 46 narcotic detection trained teams from across the nation.

Both teams competed at the regional level, with Officer Maloney and K9 Jax winning that competition and Officer Wright and K9 Fuse finishing in the top 5. With their success at the regional level, they went on to the National Detector Trials to compete on a more competitive stage. K9 teams from across the nation gathered in Raleigh, North Carolina, where they were judged in two events worth 100 points each. These events were rooms and vehicles, with narcotics hidden in multiple locations. The teams were judged on their thorough search ability along with their accuracy of narcotics locating. Officer Wright and K9 Fuse scored 198.34 for 4th Place overall. Officer Maloney and K9 Jax scored 198 for 8th Place overall. Achieving a top 10 finish at the national level is an accomplishment, but it is rare to see two teams from the same unit finish in the top 10.

In addition to competing at individual team level, both Kettering K9 teams competed for the team award. This award was a combination of the points scored by each of the two teams. Eighteen teams of two handlers and dogs competed. **The Kettering team took First Place overall!**





Summertime Safety Tips:

- Your child needs to wear a helmet on every bike ride, no matter how short or how close to home. Many injuries happen in driveways, on sidewalks, and on bike paths, not just on streets. Children learn best by observing you. Set the example: Whenever you ride, put on your helmet.
- Keep children out of the yard while mowing.
- Children and adults should never swim alone.
- Provide touch supervision. This means that an adult is within arm's reach anytime your young child is in or near water.



Summer Hydrant Inspection Program

Fire department personnel will begin inspecting fire hydrants in June and testing will continue through August. As part of this process, half of the nearly 2,800 fire hydrants in Kettering will be inspected to ensure they are working properly. This is done in an effort to guarantee that every fire hydrant in the City is inspected every two years. During this inspection, Kettering Fire Department will open the hydrant to ensure proper operation while inspecting the hydrant for damage. All deficiencies discovered through this inspection process will be reported to Montgomery County Environmental Services so that repairs can be made. Please be aware that through this inspection process, sediment contained within the water delivery system can be disturbed causing a discoloration of the water. This sediment is not harmful to your health but can cause discoloration to clothing. It is suggested to check the clarity of your water prior to washing laundry. If your laundry does become discolored, do not dry. Wash again using a rust removing

detergent after water returns to a clear state.

Residents will be notified when hydrant inspections are being conducted in their area using the Code Red Emergency Incident and Community Alert System. Please take a moment to enroll using the link provided below. When you enroll in Code Red, you may opt to receive alerts on your home or cell phone, by email and by text. Thank you for your cooperation as we work to ensure that fire hydrants remain in a state of readiness.

<https://www.ketteringoh.org/code-red-emergency-notification-system/>



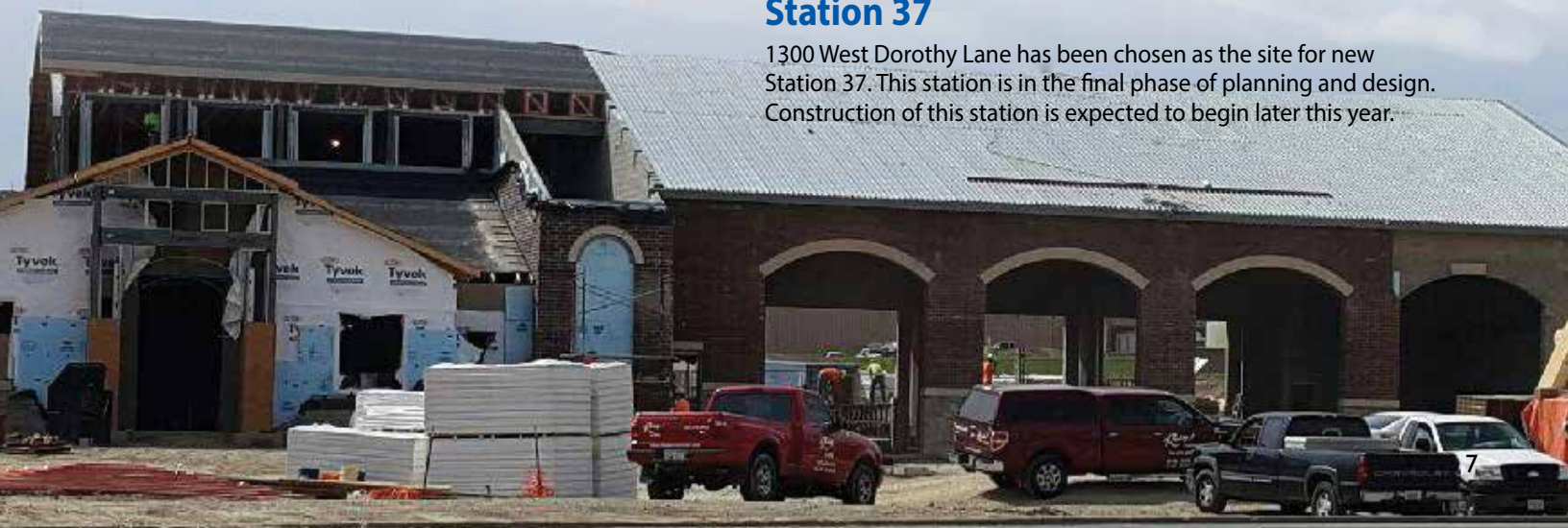
Fire Station Modernization Update:

Station 34

Construction of Station 34 is underway at 2575 Woodman Drive directly south of Tenneco. The construction of this station is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2017.

Station 37

1300 West Dorothy Lane has been chosen as the site for new Station 37. This station is in the final phase of planning and design. Construction of this station is expected to begin later this year.



Kettering Leadership Academy

The Kettering Leadership Academy (KLA) is currently accepting applications for the 2017 – 18 class. This class will be the 15th class of KLA! This program, created by Councilmember Bruce Duke and City staff, is designed for people looking for leadership roles within our community such as serving on a board or commission at the City of Kettering, or at one of our area non-profit organizations. The Academy begins in September with an overnight retreat. Sessions are held once a month throughout the year until graduation in May. Sessions include information on local history, government, community organizations, education, health care, businesses, service clubs and volunteering.

FAQ's about KLA

Is there an application process?

Yes. The application is online at www.ketteringoh.org. Hard copies are also available by calling the Volunteer Office at 296-2433. The deadline to apply is July 7.

Must I be a Kettering resident to apply?

No. However, you must either live or work in Kettering to apply.

Is there an interview process?

Yes. You will be interviewed by two of the Advisory staff members.

Is there a cost?

Yes. The Academy fee is \$600. Many businesses sponsor their employees.

How many participants are accepted each year?

No more than 15.

Is there a class project requirement?

Yes. The class will work to identify a need in the community and create an appropriate project to address the need.

What are examples of class projects implemented by KLA students?

- The Kettering Backpack Program
- The Dor-Wood Optimist Avenue of Flags Program
- Kettering Clean Care

The Kettering Leadership Academy is a fantastic opportunity to learn about many of the wonderful facets of the City of Kettering while experiencing both personal and professional growth.

If you would like additional information about the Kettering Leadership Academy, please contact the Volunteer Office at 296-2433 or visit www.ketteringoh.org to submit your application. Applications must be received by July 7.

Neighborhood Pride

This year marks the 29th year of the **Neighborhood Pride** program! This program is designed to honor residents who have made significant improvements to their homes or who have maintained their properties impeccably year after year.

Soon you will be receiving information by mail inviting you to nominate a neighbor, a business, yourself, or any Kettering resident you think is deserving of the **Neighborhood Pride Award**. Nominations will also be accepted online by visiting www.ketteringoh.org or by email to marylou.randolph@ketteringoh.org. The deadline for nominations is August 1.

Nominations are reviewed by our volunteer committee comprised of over 30 volunteers who work diligently every summer to ensure the success of the program. Last year, the committee reviewed over 400 nominations and awarded almost 40 property owners! Award winners will be recognized publicly at a City Council meeting, and an attractive sign will be placed in the front yard of the award winning properties.

Do you think your property might be worthy of an award? How about your neighbor's property? Here are a few items to keep in mind when looking for properties to nominate:

Check the overall condition of the structure:

- Is there any peeling or badly fading paint?
- Is any of the siding missing, peeling or badly faded?
- Are gutters and downspouts rusting, sagging or inoperative?
- Check the garage door—is it warped, sagging or crooked?
- Are visible doors in good repair and visually appealing?
- Is the roof in need of repair; are shingles missing?

Take a look at fences, walls and retaining walls:

- Are they in good repair?
- Do they need paint, stain or repair?

Check the condition of walkways and driveway:

- Are they appropriately sealed or repaired?
- Is the pavement broken?
- Do weeds need to be removed?

What about the landscaping?

- Are the shrubs and trees well maintained?
- Are there many weeds?
- Is the lawn in good condition for the time of year?
- Are beds well defined, edged and mulched?

Hopefully these tips will help us all do our part to preserve good, stable, attractive neighborhoods that maintain property values and continue to make Kettering the place we are proud to call home.

If you have an interest in joining the Neighborhood Pride Committee, please contact the Volunteer Office at 296-2433.



KLA class with Fire Department

Mayor's Award for Volunteer Service

The **Mayor's Award for Volunteer Service** honors outstanding volunteers who are making valuable contributions to the community through volunteer service in a wide variety of categories. Recipients must either be a resident of Kettering or the majority of their volunteer service must be performed in Kettering. In celebration of National Volunteer Week, awards were presented by Vice Mayor Rob Scott to youth volunteer, Theodore Hale and adult volunteer, Damian Foster at the April 25 city council meeting.

Meet our recipients:

Theodore Hale is a junior at Kettering Fairmont High School. He is the son of Joe and Jennifer Hale. He has one older brother, Samuel. Theodore volunteers at Fairmont High School

in many different capacities. He donates at least 150 hours annually by helping with clerical duties during school in the Main Office and after school in Central Unit.

Theodore also volunteers during the summer by tending Fairmont's Unity Garden. Early in the school year, he voluntarily organizes the "**Hallway Harvest**" in which the produce from the garden is prepared as a feast for the Board of Education and staff members. He also helps with the school's **Holiday at Home** float.

Theodore's service is not limited to Fairmont High School. He also volunteered as a companion to an older gentleman recovering from cancer. He assisted him on bike rides to help ensure his safety and

to help him regain his strength. He also spent nearly 120 hours making phone calls, canvassing and registering voters for our 2016 presidential election.

In addition to his many service activities, Theodore won the State Championship in the 25 meter breast stroke in the Special Olympics. He will also be inducted into the National Honor Society. His nominator stated, "Theodore excels academically and is widely respected for being a hardworking young man and

applauded for his willingness to take leadership roles and responsibilities with cheerfulness, dedication and passion for helping people."

Theodore's actions truly serve as a model for not only the youth in our community, but

to all community members. The world is a better place because of your actions.

Congratulations, Theodore!

Damian Foster is a graduate of Kettering Fairmont High School. He is currently studying Fire Science at Sinclair Community College. He is the son of Jeremy and Nicole Foster. He has two sisters, Lillian and Vivian.

While attending Fairmont High School, Damian served as an office assistant for three years. During that time, he began helping one of the Fairmont Industries students, Patrick. Patrick has a progressive neurological disease. As this disease progresses, Damian is by Patrick's side every step of the way. While playing

football, going to school, and working part-time, Damian still found time to assist Patrick. He also attended Buddy System Nights, which are designed to encourage social interaction with Fairmont Industries students.

After graduation in 2016, Damian came back to Fairmont nearly every school day to help Patrick first thing in the morning. In March, Patrick turned 22 and graduated from Fairmont's program. Damian has already made several trips to visit Patrick and his mom.

As stated by his nominators, "Damian is an exemplary young man and I feel privileged to know him. I am a few decades older than he is, yet he has taught me so much about human kindness. It is humbling to see a young adult give so much of his time unselfishly."

Damian is a true example of the powerful impact volunteers can have in our community. His desire to help people will serve us well as he continues his studies



Award recipient Theodore Hale with Kari Basson, Kettering Advisory Council Chair; Mary Lou Randolph, Volunteer Administrator; and Vice Mayor Robert Scott



Award recipient Damian Foster with Kari Basson, Kettering Advisory Council Chair; Mary Lou Randolph, Volunteer Administrator; and Vice Mayor Robert Scott

to become a firefighter. Congratulations, Damian. You truly deserve the Mayor's Award for Volunteer Service and we thank you for enriching the lives of those around you.

Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Have a little extra time this summer? Why not join our wonderful team of volunteers who help greet guests at Frazee Pavilion? It only requires a few hours before show time. You'll meet many wonderful people while enjoying the great outdoors!

Our Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department offers many wonderful camps every summer. These camps are run by City staff members but they can always use some helping hands. Volunteer all summer or for a few weeks, we'll work with your schedule. This is a great opportunity for adults who enjoy working with children and for students looking to gain job experience, fulfill service hours, or who just want to have fun this summer!

Contact the Volunteer Office at 296-2433 for additional details.

Cities of Service Celebrates Oak Park

Let the celebration begin! We are kicking off our 2017 **Cities of Service** Neighborhood—**Oak Park!** Neighbors in the area will soon be receiving invitations to an Oak Park Neighborhood Block Party on Saturday, June 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This free event will include hot dogs, children's activities, arts and crafts and a plethora of information on public safety, senior services, home improvements and more! Don't miss the fun as we celebrate all that makes the Oak Park neighborhood a wonderful place to call home! **For more information, visit www.ketteringoh.org or call 296-2433.**

Deuce Shirts

Kettering's Hometown Spirit Headquarters

Noticing a void in the local apparel printing market, Jason and Shaunda Schirmer opened Deuce Shirts in December 2008 based on one simple concept – everything starts with providing the absolute best service to their customers.

“With our dramatic business growth in recent years we needed a larger and more centralized location to best serve our customers,” says Deuce Shirts President Jason Schirmer. “The new location in Kettering is exactly that. We have more than doubled our space to over 7,000 square feet and we are easily accessible from anywhere.”

For Jason and Shaunda,

Kettering truly is home. Both raised here in Kettering, they graduated from Kettering Fairmont High School in 2000.



Deuce Shirts is the only full service custom apparel provider in Dayton that also offers a fully stocked true retail storefront. Visit

Deuce Shirts at 5600 Bigger Road and you'll find ready to purchase spirit wear with mens, ladies and youth sizes always in stock. The local school selection includes Kettering, Centerville, Bellbrook, Lebanon, Beavercreek and more. Beyond apparel there is a wide selection of accessories and a variety of Dayton and Ohio

theme merchandise.

Owners Jason and Shaunda aren't the only ones with Kettering connections. Creative Director Ben Bey is a graduate of the School of Advertising Art in Kettering and brings more than 15 years of experience at large brands like J America and Pukka Hats. Design team member and artist Mickey Graham is also a top graduate of SAA who brings expertise in graphic design, freehand, illustration, and more. Deuce Shirts has a standing partnership with SAA to hire a student intern who gains valuable experience working with a team of true professionals.

“Our design team is on the cutting edge of what is fashionable and trending,” says Schirmer. “They can bring any of our customer's ideas to life.” Once the design team works their magic to provide

custom designs for businesses, dance squads, community organizations and sports teams it is up to Production Manager Matt Mattice to deliver the job according to Deuce Shirt's high standards.

Among the other innovative services Deuce Shirts provides are free custom client apparel webstores, state-of-the-art embroidery and unique fundraising opportunities. Each year Deuce Shirts donates more than \$50,000 back to the community through fundraising, free and discounted products, and sponsorships.

“Stop in and visit the Deuce Shirts team at 5600 Bigger Road today,” says Schirmer. “The new Kettering location is just the start of our exciting future plans.”



Jason and Shaunda Schirmer in Deuce Shirts

The School of Advertising Art Expands



The School of Advertising Art, a nationally recognized college for graphic design, has further cemented its ties to Kettering by announcing plans to move forward with a \$6 million, 23,000-square-foot expansion plan.

Founded in Kettering in 1983, SAA has been located in its current building on East David Road for 18 years. Jessica Barry, SAA's owner and president, purchased the school in 2013 and has led a three-year enrollment increase of 54 percent. By 2025, SAA projects enrollment will increase by 106 percent, with a projected 87 percent increase in faculty and staff positions. These factors directly led to decision to expand the current facility, which is 14,000 square feet.

Initial renovations to SAA's current building were completed in August 2016, including a reconfiguration of existing staff office space and an addition to student restroom facilities. Plans for the 23,000-square-foot expansion were released to the public on May 16; construction on the site is estimated to be completed in 2018.

Currently, SAA offers a two-year associate degree of applied business in advertising art. As part of the expansion, the college plans to add a Bachelor's degree completion program, which will provide students with increased options for advancement in their professional careers. This program will also heighten the demand for the college's graduates, confirming the need for an expanded facility.

Each year, SAA brings new residents to Kettering — students from across the country move to Kettering and live in local apartment complexes. After graduation, SAA alumni often stay in Kettering and work for local corporations such as the Reynolds and Reynolds Company, ACCO Brands, Marxent Labs, Magnetic Mobile, Stephens Advertising, OnStage Publications, Alter High School, Apex Community Church and Deuce Shirts.

The expansion of SAA's campus will bring new jobs to Kettering and provide a safe and comfortable environment that will continue to allow students to collaborate and create professional work while beginning their journey as professional designers.



2017 season calendar

Summer's best music under the stars!

MAY

Tuesday, May 30 – 7:00 PM

MAXWELL

SUMMERS' TOUR '17
WITH SPECIAL GUESTS LEDISI AND
LEELA JAMES
\$46 – \$76

Wednesday, May 31 – 6:00 PM

KETTERING BLOCK PARTY

Kettering Civic Band at 7:00 PM
FREE EVENT

JUNE

Thursday, June 1 – 7:30 PM

GEORGE BENSON AND KENNY G

THE BREEZIN' & BREATHLESS
TOUR - Celebrating 40 years of
Breezin' and 25 years of Breathless
\$35 – \$55

Tuesday, June 6 – 8:00 PM

\$2 TUESDAY CONCERT

THE HATHAWAYS

\$2 GENERAL ADMISSION

Thursday, June 8 – 7:30 PM

FOUR VOICES

JOAN BAEZ, MARY CHAPIN
CARPENTER & INDIGO GIRLS'
AMY RAY & EMILY SALIERS
\$30 – \$50

Thursday, June 15 – 8:00 PM

MVRPC PRESENTS
THROWBACK THURSDAY

PIRATE FLAG BAND

"A TRIBUTE TO KENNY CHESNEY"
\$10* GENERAL ADMISSION

Friday, June 16 – 8:00 PM

GESMV PRESENTS \$5 FRIDAY CONCERT

THE MENUS

\$5 GENERAL ADMISSION

Saturday, June 17 – 4:00 PM



BLUES FEST

"BLUES, BREWS & BARBEQUE"
FREE FESTIVAL

Sunday, June 18 – 9:00 AM

BREAKFAST WITH THE BEATLES

"MUG DAY"
FREE EVENT

Wed., June 21 – 5:30 PM

SPASS NACHT

AN AUSTRIAN FESTIVAL
FREE FESTIVAL

Friday, June 23 – 7:30 PM

PAUL SHAFFER & THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS BAND

PLUS SPECIAL GUEST VOCALIST
VALERIE SIMPSON
\$30 – \$45

Saturday, June 24 – 3:00 PM

NEW!

SLIDERS, SIDES & SUDS

FREE FESTIVAL

Sunday, June 25 – 7:30 PM



DIANA KRALL

"TURN UP THE QUIET"
2017-2018 WORLD TOUR
\$38.75 – \$78.75

Tickets for this show include a
copy of Diana Krall's forthcoming
album, *Turn Up The Quiet*.

Tuesday, June 27 – 7:00 PM

\$2 TUESDAY CONCERT

DUWENDE

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS FREEDOM'S
BOOMBOX AND ELEVENTH HOUR,
HOSTED BY DEKE SHARON
\$2 GENERAL ADMISSION

Friday, June 30 – 8:00 PM

GESMV PRESENTS \$5 FRIDAY CONCERT

LARGER THAN LIFE

"THE ULTIMATE BOYBAND TRIBUTE"
\$5 GENERAL ADMISSION

JULY

Saturday, July 1 – 7:30 PM



THE MOODY BLUES

"DAYS OF FUTURE PASSED - 50th
ANNIVERSARY TOUR"
\$46 – \$76

Wednesday, July 5 – 7:00 PM

US AIR FORCE

SYSTEMS GO & WRIGHT BRASS

ENSEMBLES OF THE USAF
BAND OF FLIGHT
FREE @ FRAZE

Saturday, July 8 – 3:00 PM

KICKIN' CHICKEN WING FEST

Presented by the Miami Valley
Restaurant Association
FREE FESTIVAL

Wednesday, July 12 – 7:30 PM

BOZ SCAGGS & MICHAEL MCDONALD

\$35 – \$50

Thursday, July 13 – 8:00 PM

MVRPC PRESENTS
THROWBACK THURSDAY

HOTEL CALIFORNIA

"THE MOST AUTHENTIC
EAGLES TRIBUTE SHOW"
\$10 GENERAL ADMISSION

Friday, July 14 – 7:30 PM

GESMV PRESENTS \$5 FRIDAY CONCERT

JEFFERSON STARSHIP

"CARRY THE FIRE TOUR 2017"
SOLD OUT

**Tuesday, July 18 –
8:00 PM**

ELVIS COSTELLO & THE IMPOSTERS

"IMPERIAL BEDROOM
& OTHER CHAMBERS
TOUR"
\$35 – \$55



Friday, July 21 – 7:30 PM

DENNIS DEYOUNG THE MUSIC OF STYX & BLUE OYSTER CULT

\$25 – \$35

Saturday, July 22 – 4:00 PM

SWAMP ROMP

"ZYDECO SOUNDS & A TASTE OF
LOUISIANA"
FREE FESTIVAL

Sunday, July 23 – 9:00 AM

BREAKFAST WITH THE BEATLES

MEMORABILIA DAY
FREE EVENT

Tuesday, July 25 – 8:00 PM

\$2 TUESDAY concert

LT. DAN'S NEW LEGS

\$2 GENERAL ADMISSION

Wednesday, July 26 – 7:00 PM

MIAMI VALLEY YOUTH & TEEN TALENT SHOW

FREE @ FRAZE

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Thursday, July 27 – 8:00 PM
MVRPC PRESENTS
THROWBACK THURSDAY

FULL MOON FEVER

“AMERICA’S PREMIER TOM PETTY & THE HEARTBREAKERS TRIBUTE”
\$10 GENERAL ADMISSION

Friday, July 28 – 8:00 PM
DP&L PRESENTS 13TH ANNUAL
CONCERT FOR LITERACY:

ALMOST ALDEAN & ALLENASTIM
PROCEEDS BENEFIT PROJECT READ
\$15 General Admission

Sunday, July 30 – 1:00 PM
BOULEVARD BASH

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL
FREE FESTIVAL
Presented in conjunction with the
Miami Valley Restaurant Association

AUGUST

Friday, August 4 – 8:00 PM
GESMV PRESENTS:

LARRY LEE & THE BACK IN THE DAY BAND
\$5 General Admission

Saturday, Aug. 5 – 8:00 PM



IDINA MENZEL

2017 WORLD TOUR
\$50 – \$84

Every ticket purchased for Idina Menzel, you’ll receive a choice of either a CD or digital copy of the new album ‘idina’.

Sunday, August 6 – 6:30 PM
Mix 107.7 SummerFest 19

RETRO FUTURA TOUR 2017

FEATURING HOWARD JONES, ENGLISH BEAT, MODERN ENGLISH, MEN WITHOUT HATS, PAUL YOUNG and KATRINA (Ex-Katrina & The Waves)
\$35 – \$45

Tuesday, August 8 – 7:30 PM
I LOVE THE 90’s

THE PARTY CONTINUES FEATURING TLC, COLOR ME BADD, COOLIO, ROB BASE and C+C MUSIC FACTORY WITH FREEDOM WILLIAMS
\$52 – \$77
VIP PACKAGES ONLINE ONLY

Thursday, August 10 – 8:00 PM
HAPPY TOGETHER TOUR 2017

STARRING THE TURTLES FEATURING FLO & EDDIE, CHUCK NEGRON FORMERLY OF THREE DOG NIGHT, THE ASSOCIATION, THE COWSILLS, THE BOX TOPS & THE ARCHIES RON DANTE
\$35 – \$49

Friday, August 11 – 8:00 PM
US VETERANS MOTORCYCLE CLUB / VETFEST OHIO PROUDLY PRESENTS
MCGUFFEY LANE
Proceeds benefit Dayton VA Fisher House
\$10 GENERAL ADMISSION

Saturday, August 12 – 3:00 PM
FESTIVAL OF THE VINE
“FINE WINE & COOL JAZZ”
FREE FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 12 – 7:00 PM
HEADLINING FESTIVAL OF THE VINE
DAVE KOZ & LARRY GRAHAM
“SIDE BY SIDE” WITH SPECIAL GUESTS GERALD ALBRIGHT & JONATHAN BUTLER
\$42.50 – \$62.50

Sunday, August 13 – 11 AM - 5 PM
The 29th Annual
ART ON THE COMMONS
FREE EVENT

Presented by Rosewood Arts Centre and Kettering Arts Council

Thursday, August 17 – 7:30 PM
3 DOORS DOWN
\$30 – \$60
VIP PACKAGES ONLINE ONLY

Friday, August 18 – 8:00 PM
JOE BONAMASSA
“THE GUITAR EVENT OF THE YEAR”
\$89 – \$149

Saturday, August 19, 7:30 PM
CASTING CROWNS WITH SPECIAL GUEST ZACH WILLIAMS
\$35 – \$50

Sunday, August 20 – 1:00 PM
BACON FEST
“EVERYTHING GOES BETTER WITH BACON”
FREE FESTIVAL
Presented in conjunction with the
Miami Valley Restaurant Raiders

Tuesday, August 22 – 8:00 PM
\$2 TUESDAY CONCERT
THE CHUCK TAYLORS
\$2 GENERAL ADMISSION

Thursday, August 24 – 8:00 PM
MVRPC PRESENTS THROWBACK THURSDAY
GET THE LED OUT
“THE AMERICAN LED ZEPPELIN”
\$20 RESERVED SEATS
\$15 GENERAL ADMISSION

Sunday, August 27 – 3:00 PM
KETTERING HEALTH NETWORK PRESENTS THE 4TH ANNUAL
GOSPELFEST WITH TENTH AVENUE NORTH
& LOCAL GROUP PERFORMANCES
FREE EVENT

Thursday, August 31 – 6:00 PM
THE TASTE
ADULTS - \$25 IN ADVANCE
\$30 DAY OF EVENT
CHILDREN UNDER 10 - \$10 AT THE GATE

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 9 – 7:30 PM



TAJMO’: THE TAJ MAHAL & KEB’ MO’ BAND
\$25 – \$45

Sunday, September 10 – 9:00 AM
BREAKFAST WITH THE BEATLES
“OPEN MIC DAY”
FREE EVENT

Tuesday, September 12 - 7:30 PM



YES
FEATURING JON ANDERSON, TREVOR RABIN, RICK WAKEMAN
\$35 – \$65
VIP PACKAGES ONLINE ONLY

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Open on show days only from 3 pm through intermission.

Ticket prices increase \$5 day of show for select shows.

All ticket sales are final. Artists and programs subject to change.

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Mobile Art in the Parks Program Begins this Summer



The *Kaleidoscope* van will offer free, science-based art activities for all ages at the following events:

Wednesday, May 31
Kettering Block Party
Lincoln Park Civic Commons

Tuesday, July 4
Go 4th!
Independence Day Celebration
Delco Park, Kettering

Sunday, August 13
Art on the Commons
Lincoln Park Civic Commons

Saturday, Sept 16
Honeyfest
Delco Park, Kettering

The Kettering Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department is rolling out a mobile education program this summer. *Kaleidoscope: Art and Nature on Wheels* brings a specially outfitted van to parks and community events, offering free access to inspiring art activities. Kaleidoscope's creative projects, taught through the lens of nature, will deepen participants' understanding of scientific principles. The van and its programming is a joint initiative of Rosewood Arts Centre and the Habitat Environmental Center. Additionally, beginning on May 31, the Kaleidoscope van will

begin a weekly trek to Kettering's beautiful parks on Wednesday mornings. These half-day camps will be held from 9 a.m. to noon for 7-to-10-year-olds and are free for Kettering residents. Kids may attend as many or as few as they wish. Pre-registration is required; snacks and outdoor fun will round out

the program. For a schedule of dates and locations and to register, visit playkettering.org or call (937) 296-0294. The Kaleidoscope van can also travel to your event and location! It can be reserved for after-school activities, parties and pop-up events. Call (937) 296-0294 for more information.



Habitat Named WILD School Site

In March 2017 the Habitat Environmental Center was named a *WILD School Site* from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. A *WILD School Site* is any property used by students, teachers, and the school community as a place to learn about and benefit wildlife and the environment. *WILD School Sites* function within the premise that every school, regardless of size and location, provides outdoor educational opportunities that can and should be part of an integrated environmental education program.



The Habitat was presented with a *WILD School Site* plaque from the Ohio Division of Natural Resources during *TreeFest* on April 15. For more information about the Habitat, visit playkettering.org or call 296-2477.



Parks are Kettering's inclusive "backyard", providing life-long recreational opportunities for everyone. We hope you take a moment in May, and throughout the summer, to visit

playkettering.org/play2day

Each week in August, we will offer five suggestions on how to learn, grow, play, engage and connect in our parks. Under the **Initiatives** banner on our website there will be a page dedicated to unique ways you can play in our parks. We encourage you to visit playkettering.org/play2day and check it out.

Play Dates

Adventure Reef Water Park Opens!

Saturday, May 27
Kettering Recreation Complex

FREE! Annual Youth Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 10
Delco Park

Movie FREE! Under the Stars

Friday, June 16
Delco Park

FREE! Go 4th!

Tuesday, July 4
Delco Park

Kids Day FREE! in the Park

Saturday, August 5
Delco Park

FREE! Art on the Commons

Sunday, August 13

Lincoln Park Civic Commons
For details, visit playkettering.org

Enjoy the Scenery at Lincoln Park Civic Commons...and Say "Hello" to Todd!



A serene fountain, walking paths, and vibrant flowers create a local nature oasis at the Lincoln Park Civic Commons (LPCC) in the heart of Kettering. Whether coming to Frazee Pavilion for a festival or music, walking a dog or just enjoying some outdoor time, hundreds of thousands of people of all ages visit the LPCC every year.

Many consider this popular spot to be Kettering's downtown, so making it beautiful and inviting to residents and visitors alike is important to City staff.

Todd Raker is the City of Kettering Parks employee who oversees this area. He is an Ohio State University graduate with a Turfgrass Science and Landscape Design degree. He has been with Kettering for eleven years and is in his fifth year overseeing the LPCC area.

Maintaining this area is more than just a job to Todd—it's his passion, and he does it with a high level of pride and skill.

This labor of love is a year-round process, starting in August to pick the annuals and plan a landscape design for the next year. Todd looks through catalogues to figure out what might work best, taking into consideration how much sun and shade each section gets.

He chooses colors that go together well for such a highly visible area, taking into consideration texture and leaf form to offer variety and appeal. He's noticed several of the same visitors return on a daily basis, so he's sure to keep things fresh and aesthetically pleasing for them and all visitors.

He compiles a list of annual flowers he'd like to order the following spring. Then the City's Purchasing department puts the request out to bid to vendors to get the best price possible.

The annuals are pulled during the fall, and the beds are left to rest during the winter while Todd focuses on researching and planning for the coming year.

In the beginning of May, he preps the beds by tilling and adding mushroom compost and fertilizer to them. When the flowers arrive, Todd and his team use a gardening drill to make the planting go much faster compared to hand digging. He carefully pinches the roots and flowers on top to help stimulate growth.

The planting typically takes about two weeks to complete, and after the plants are in place, mulch is carefully laid out by hand. Weeding is done weekly, and fertilizer is applied every two weeks.

Watering is done by irrigation systems throughout the beds. Newly planted flowers are watered every day for a couple of weeks, so they can get established, after which time watering is then done every-other day.

Todd said he'll try just about any flower, but he's recently steered clear of impatiens

due to the downy mildew disease associated

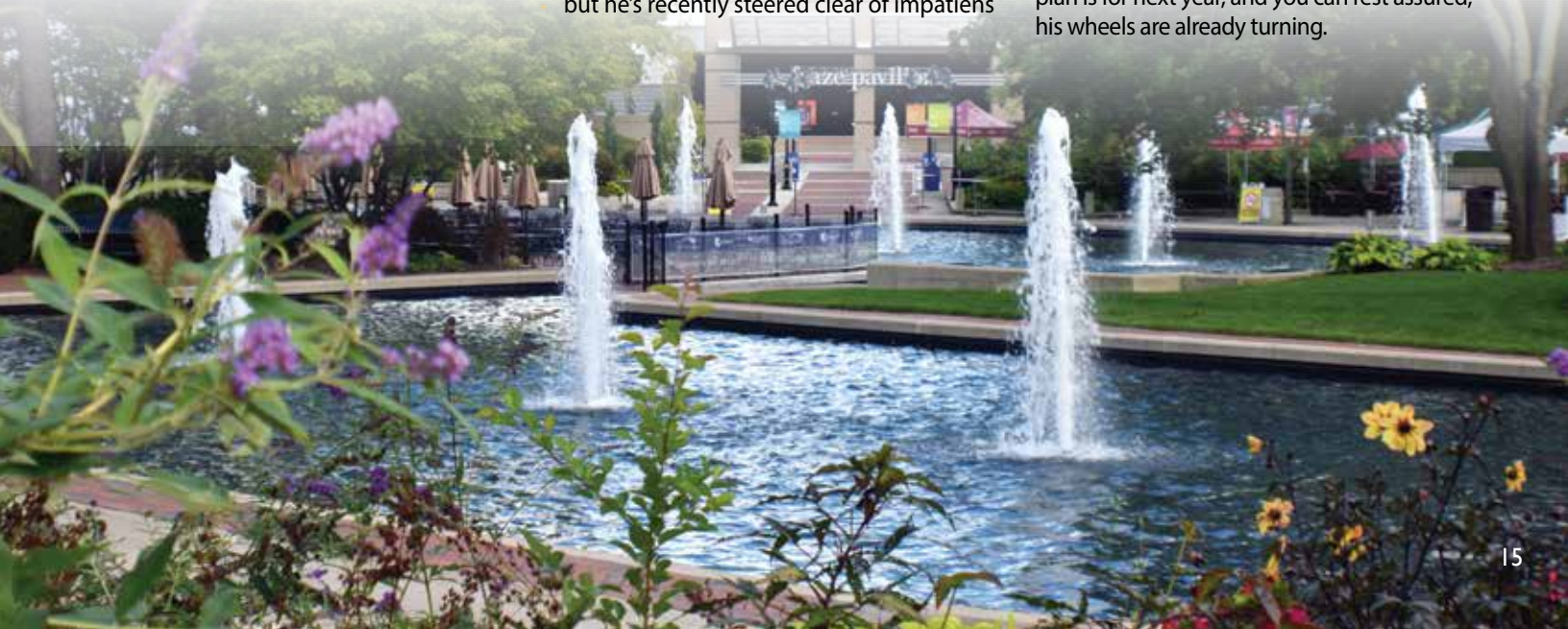
with that annual. He often picks Coleus plants for their versatility and striking foliage. He also likes to choose Dahlia flowers since they are taller and offer a very showy leaf and flower.

Aside from the flower beds, there are several large pots around the LPCC that boast impressive tropical plants. There are Banana Palms and Tropical Elephant Ears that Todd has been reusing for four years. During colder months, he carefully stores the plants in

a shed and takes them out when the threat of cold weather has passed. This repurposing of plants saves the City money and offers a nice variety of foliage. This is the first year the tropical plants have offspring, so Todd will be planting them in other facilities around the City to share the beauty. This year, Todd has chosen a color scheme of orange, blue and lime, so keep your eyes open as his design takes bloom. The next time you visit the LPCC, take a look around and know that every flower was placed with knowledge, talent and care. Feel free to ask Todd what his landscape design plan is for next year, and you can rest assured, his wheels are already turning.



Todd Raker



J.F. Kennedy Park Splash Pad Opens May 27!

This popular summer spot is FREE and open seven days a week, from sunrise to sunset! The splash pad is located in J.F. Kennedy Park, 5073 Bigger Road. Along with cooling off in the spray features, the park is jam-packed with opportunities for active play including the farm-themed playground, new pickleball courts, softball fields and acres of open green space.

"The splash pad has become an incredibly popular summer destination for Kettering families and visitors from other communities,"

said Mary Beth Thaman, director of the Kettering Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department. "It is located in a very popular park with every amenity geared towards family fun."

The shelters are available on a first come, first served basis only and cannot be reserved. **For more information about the splash pad, visit playkettering.org or call 296-2486.**



Contact Numbers

Emergency

Police/Fire/Paramedic Emergency 9-1-1

Non-Emergency

Police and Fire Dispatch 296-2555

Frequently Called Numbers

Animal Control 296-3266

Building Permits & Zoning 296-2441

City Income Tax 296-2502

Government Center 296-2400

Housing Rehabilitation 296-2441

Polen Farm 435-5787

Property Maintenance Hotline 296-3286

Recreation Complex/Water Park/Pool 296-2587

Rosewood Arts Centre 296-0294

Senior Adult Recreation 296-2480

Volunteer Office 296-2433

Yard Debris Hotline 296-3255

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