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**KETTERING: FACING THE EPIDEMIC**



Recently, at a joint meeting of Kettering City Council & Kettering Board of Education, we launched a community education effort called **Kettering: Facing the Epidemic**.

The opioid and heroin epidemic isn't just something we hear about happening around the country. It is here. It is real. It is impacting our region, our city, our neighborhoods and our Kettering families.

The key to addressing this crisis is educating the Kettering community about both the realities and the impact of this epidemic. Addiction knows no geographic or socioeconomic boundaries. The rapid escalation of overdoses and related incidents has changed the way our first responders, schools, healthcare and service providers operate day to day. This epidemic is devastating our community and we must all work together to help those in need.

We want you to know that the City of Kettering & the Kettering City Schools are committed to leading the way. Together we created a series of educational videos that share the facts about the widespread and tragic nature of the

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epidemic, updates on what the city & schools are doing to address the crisis, and advice from experts about what you can do to protect yourself and your loved ones. The videos and a directory of resources are available [on our website](#) .

Do you know the facts about the opiate and heroin epidemic in Kettering? The statistics are frightening. We can no longer ignore the crisis happening in our own community.

[Watch the full length Kettering: Facing the Epidemic video](#)

[Watch Kettering: Facing the Epidemic Part I - The Facts About the Epidemic in Kettering](#)

[Watch Kettering: Facing the Epidemic Part II - How the City & Schools are Working Together to Face the Epidemic](#)

[Watch Kettering: Facing the Epidemic Part III - How You Can Help Kettering Face the Epidemic](#)

We have members of our City & School leadership available to come visit your business, service club, parent organization or church to give a presentation on this critical topic. You can call our City Manager's Office at 937-296-2412 to schedule a presentation.

Take time to visit our website, watch the education videos and explore the resources available for those in need.

Please do your part to help Kettering face this epidemic.

We are all in this together.



Don Patterson, Mayor  
City of Kettering, Ohio

**PRESCRIPTION PILL/PATCH DROP BOX INSTALLED IN  
KETTERING POLICE DEPARTMENT LOBBY**

In an effort to continue to combat the opioid crisis in our community, we have installed a prescription pill/patch drop box in our lobby.

The safe disposal of prescription medication, especially the powerful opioids, keeps these drugs from getting into the wrong hands.

We are protecting both our citizens as well as the environment, two goals we believe everybody supports.

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**NO NEEDLES, LIQUIDS or AEROSOLS**



Join the Kettering Sister Cities Association for "Spas Nacht - An Austrian Festival" on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 from 5:30 - 9:30 PM at Lincoln Park Civic Commons.

This FREE EVENT is open to the public and features live polka music by "The Chardon Polka Band", authentic food, beverages, polka music and a celebration of all things Austrian. Strap on your lederhosen bring your family and friends out for a night of fun!

For more information please visit [www.fraze.com](http://www.fraze.com).

### GO 4th! 2017



Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for Go 4th! 2017 on Tuesday July 4th from 6 - 10 PM at Kettering's Delco Park.

Enjoy live entertainment, delicious festival food and a family fun zone all leading up to the biggest and best fireworks show in the region.

To learn more visit [www.playkettering.org](http://www.playkettering.org).

### PLAY2DAY IN YOUR KETTERING PARKS!



### STAY INFORMED ABOUT ROAD CONSTRUCTION

#### Wilmington Pike Improvements

Looking north from Cloverfield Ave



Reinvestment toward improvements in our infrastructure remains an area of emphasis for Kettering City Council. The 2017 Kettering capital improvement fund budget is \$17.5 million, \$2.2 million of which is covered through outside funding. The City of Kettering Engineering Department will be very active in 2017 with construction projects throughout Kettering.

Details on the major projects taking place on Shroyer Road, Stroop Road and Wilmington Pike are provided [on our website](#) and will be updated weekly.

### ANNUAL KETTERING FIRE HYDRANT INSPECTIONS



We are proud that parks help our neighborhoods thrive and Kettering flourish as a community. They are Kettering's inclusive "backyard", providing life-long recreational opportunities for everyone.

Each week during the months of June, July and August we will offer five suggestions on how to learn, grow, play, engage and connect in our parks. Plus you will hear directly from community leaders, city staff and passionate park users on why Kettering parks are the best places to play.

We hope you take a moment to visit this page for fun, unique ways you can play in our parks! Visit our website for suggestions or follow us on FB at PlayKettering.

## APPLY NOW FOR KETTERING LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Kettering Leadership Academy (KLA) is currently accepting applications for the 2017-18 class. This class will be the fifteenth class of KLA!

This program, created by Councilman Bruce Duke and city staff, is designed for folks 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 history, local government, community organizations, education, health care, businesses, service clubs and volunteering.



The Kettering Fire Department will be inspecting fire hydrants throughout the city beginning 6/1/2017 and will continue until 8/31/2017.

Fire hydrants will be inspected Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM.

During these inspections water may appear brown from the disturbance of mineral deposits which can accumulate in the water distribution system.

These mineral deposits pose no threat to health or safety, although these deposits could discolor clothing. The fire department suggests residents check to ensure water is clear prior to washing clothing. If brown water is observed simply run cold water until it clears.

Kettering Fire Department will be utilizing the Code Red Community Alert system to inform residents when hydrants will be inspected in their area. Residents will be given 24 hours of notice prior to inspections.

Residents are being asked to wash clothing after 5:30 PM Monday thru Friday or anytime Saturday or Sunday to avoid the risk of discoloration caused by brown water. If clothing becomes discolored it is suggested to wash clothing again using a rust removing detergent prior to drying.

Kettering residents can sign up to receive these notifications by visiting the [City of Kettering website](#) .

More detailed information about this program can be found [on our website](#).

You can also contact Kettering Fire Department Headquarters at 937-296-2489 with any questions concerning the inspection process.

**KETTERING IS HOME TO THRIVING BUSINESSES**

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

The fee for the Academy is \$600. Many employers will sponsor participants. If you would like additional information about the Kettering Leadership Academy, call 296-2433 or visit

[www.ketteringoh.org](http://www.ketteringoh.org) to submit your application. Applications must be received by July 7.



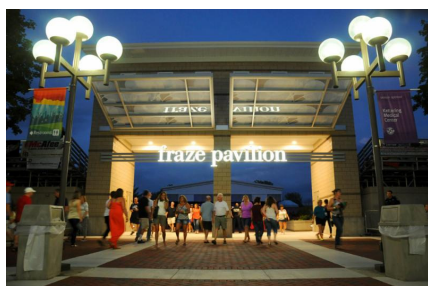
Kettering is a wonderful place to start a new business.

Our Economic Development team is here to provide specialized, personal assistance and walk you through each step of the process to open a new business in Kettering.

Contact our Economic Development Manager to learn more about available properties to suit your business needs.

Once a potential location for a new business is selected, our Planning & Development Department can verify that the zoning of the property is correct for the type of business you wish to open. They will also help obtain a Certificate of Occupancy and assist you with the sign permit process.

### FRAZE SEASON IS HERE!



Don't miss "Summer's Best Music" at Kettering's Fraze Pavilion!

Stop in to Fraze Fan Fare, the year round home of Fraze Pavilion tickets and retail, located inside Town & Country Shopping Center.

Fan Fare is open Monday - Friday from 11 am - 6 pm, Saturday 10am - 6 pm and Sunday Noon - 5 pm. Tickets for great summer shows on sale now! Learn more at [www.fraze.com](http://www.fraze.com) .

### SHOW YOUR "KETTERING IS HOME" PRIDE



### ENROLL NOW IN CODE RED



Did you know that in addition to our City of Kettering Facebook page and Twitter posts the City of Kettering uses a system called Code Red to notify our residents of emergency incidents and critical community alerts?

Stop by Fraze Fan Fare at Town & Country Shopping Center and be one of the first to own one of these limited quantity "Kettering is Home" t-shirts.

No matter where you travel, show off your pride that "Kettering is Home". Snap a picture of yourself wearing a "Kettering is Home" t-shirt at locations near and far. Send it to [KetteringCityManager@ketteringoh.org](mailto:KetteringCityManager@ketteringoh.org) or use our Facebook page to message the pic to us and we will feature them on our social media pages, website and future newsletters.

Please take a moment to enroll. When you enroll in Code Red, you may opt to receive alerts on your home or cell phone, by email and by text. Please note that because of the emergency nature of some alerts, notices may be received at all hours. Should you wish, you can easily decide later to opt out from receiving future alerts.

Please be aware that if you opt out, you will not receive any future notifications including communication about interruptions in service or news that is relevant to you.

### QUICK LINKS

Contact Kettering Mayor Donald E. Patterson

Contact Kettering City Council

Report a Property Maintenance Concern

Learn More About Job Opportunities at the City of Kettering

Visit City of Kettering Facebook Page

Thanks to Mary for sending us our first "Kettering is home" near & far picture from Texas!

### NOMINATE A PROPERTY FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE AWARDS

Kettering is home to welcoming neighborhoods.

Attractive and healthy neighborhoods improve property values and maintain a strong demand for housing in Kettering.

A well-kept neighborhood says that residents take pride in their community. With pride comes value, beauty and a great image for our City.



This year marks the 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

All Neighborhood Pride Award winners are publicly recognized at a City Council meeting, and an attractive sign is placed in their front yard for three weeks, to let everyone know of their honor.

Last summer, more than 500 properties were nominated for the award and 38 awards were presented. Please nominate your neighbor, yourself, or any Kettering resident you think is deserving of the award. To nominate a property, [visit our website to complete a nomination form](#) by August 1.



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