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SPRING RESIDENTIAL LEAF COLLECTION TAKES PLACE NEXT WEEK

The City of Kettering will conduct one final, quick round of residential leaf collection beginning Monday April 17, 2017.

Please rake any remaining leaves to the edge of your yard near the curb no later than 7 AM on Monday April 17 for collection.

The spring round of leaf collection is a one time pass through the entire city which is typically completed in a day or two.

County ordinance prohibits burning of leaves.

Please do not bag leaves or rake in to the street where leaves can block storm drains.

Please make sure that your leaves are not under, between or around parked cars.

Please do not rake anything except leaves out to the curb for pick up. Branches, sticks, grass and other yard waste clog city machinery and delay collection crews. You may take your tree branches and brush to the City's Yard Debris Drop-Off Center located on Woodman Center Drive or place them in your trash toter for pick-up by Waste Management on your normal trash collection day.

YOUR 2016 CITY OF KETTERING INCOME TAX RETURN IS DUE TUESDAY APRIL 18, 2017



Mark your calendars for the 2017 Kettering Community Block Party! Join us for family fun, food and entertainment on

Wednesday May 31 at 6PM

for this annual tradition hosted at our Lincoln Park Civic Commons & Frazee Pavilion.

Visit www.fraze.com to learn more.

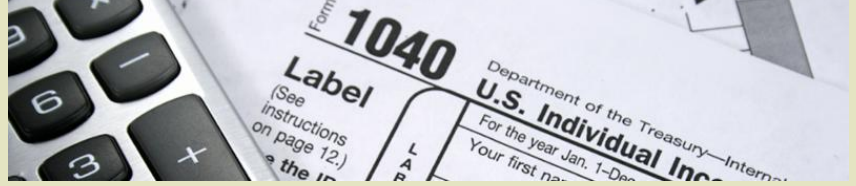


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THIS WEEKEND IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SAVE 10% ON SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION!

We have planned a fun-filled,



Visit the City of Kettering Tax Department and a member of our professional staff will answer your questions and prepare your city income tax return. Last year we provided one-on-one assistance to more than 3,000 Kettering residents. No appointment required.

Mandatory filing requirements are in effect. All residents of the City of Kettering (age 18 and older) are required to file a city income tax return with the Tax Division on an annual basis.

Permanently retired or permanently disabled persons with only non-reportable sources of income or loss (such as social security, pensions, interest, and dividends) may file for a permanent exemption from the mandatory filing requirements by submitting the Declaration of Exemption Form and all required attachments. Forms are available on our website or may be obtained by calling our office.

The City of Kettering Income Tax Division accepts credit and debit card payments. Online payments can be made on our website at www.ketteringoh.org via electronic check, credit card or debit card. A convenience fee will be added for credit and debit card payments.

YARD DEBRIS CENTER OPEN & FREE MULCH AND COMPOST NOW AVAILABLE



The City of Kettering Yard Debris Center located at 1840 Woodman Center Drive is now open for the season.

Hours are Monday through Friday: 3 PM - 8 PM and

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM. Please be prepared to present

action packed summer of adventure and new experiences for campers of all ages! Registration is now open and if you register before April 17, you will save 10% on camp registration fees!

[Use our online, interactive camps guide to learn more.](#)

DISPOSE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS SAFELY ON APRIL 29

On Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Kettering Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will offer the Kettering community its 13th opportunity in 7 years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring your pills or patches for disposal to the Lathrem Center at 2900 Glengarry Drive, here in Kettering. Please note that the DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

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

proof of Kettering residency status when dropping off debris.

Please adhere to the following specifications when dropping material at our yard debris site:

- Brush, limbs and trimmings should be cut to 6 ft. length and 4 in. diameter. Items exceeding these specifications may be refused.
- The Yard Debris Center can not accept the following: Grass Clippings, Thatch, Sod, Dirt, Rocks, Concrete or Building and Construction Materials. These items contaminate the composting process and cause equipment failure. However, Montgomery County Solid Waste District may accept some of these materials. Please call (937) 225-4999 for more information.

In addition to the services provided at the Yard Debris Center, Kettering residents may also dispose of yard waste through Waste Management residential service along with your regular household trash.

Simply place your yard debris in your trash toter for collection on your regular service day. Yard waste must fit inside your toter and need not be bagged. Waste Management will not collect separate bags or bundles of yard debris left next to your toters.

For further information on Waste Management's program, you may call 1-866-263-6445.

Leaf compost and mulch is now available to Kettering residents at Indian Riffle Park 2801 E. Stroop Road.

You may pick up compost and mulch in your truck, trailer or other container during daylight hours, seven days a week. Please remember to bring proof of Kettering residency with you for verification.

The Street Division hauls material from the "Leaf Farm" to Indian Riffle Park location on Thursdays and Fridays.

If you have any questions, please call 296-2472, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., and you may speak with one of our staff.



you think is deserving of the Neighborhood Pride Award.

Nominations will also be accepted online at www.ketteringoh.org or by email to marylou.randolph@ketteringoh.org. The deadline for nominations is August 1.

NOW HIRING FOR SUMMER

Don't be stuck inside all summer!

The City of Kettering Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department and Frazee Pavilion have a wide range of well-paid positions that have the added benefit of plenty of time outdoors. We are recruiting Frazee event staff, cashiers, lifeguards, water park staff, camp counselors and seasonal parks crew positions.

Please visit www.ketteringoh.org to learn more.

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

TreeFest

Saturday, April 15
9 a.m. to Noon
Southdale Woods &
Habitat Environmental Center
3036 Bellflower Street

Plant trees and clean up the park, talk with Firefighters, Meet City Officials and Seemore the Eagle! Bring gloves, shovel, and a watering container if you have them! Open to all ages. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For information, call Habitat Environmental Center at 296-2477 or email habitatcenter@ketteringoh.org.

Remember to keep an Eagle Eye on your Parks!



KETTERING TO CELEBRATE VOLUNTEERS



The City of Kettering will be joining communities across the country in observing National Volunteer Week, April 23 - 29. This week was established in 1974 and has grown exponentially each year. It is designated as a time to recognize and celebrate the impact of volunteer service at local, state and national levels. Each year, the President of the United States issues a proclamation saluting volunteers.

Kettering City Council will issue a proclamation for City of Kettering volunteers at the council meeting on April 25.

The City of Kettering is so fortunate to have such a resource of over 1,000 talented volunteers engaging in efforts to improve and strengthen our community.

graduation in May. Sessions include information on history, local government, community organizations, education, health care, businesses, service clubs and volunteering.

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 to submit your application. Applications must be received by July 7.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

In recent weeks there have been many inquiries about the construction taking place in the neighborhood north of Fairmont High School on streets near Shroyer Road, Far Hills and Dorothy Lane.

Please note that these are not city roadwork projects.

This construction involves gas line work being completed by Vectren and water line work being completed by Montgomery County. Any questions or concerns about the projects should be communicated directly to Vectren and Montgomery County.

CITY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

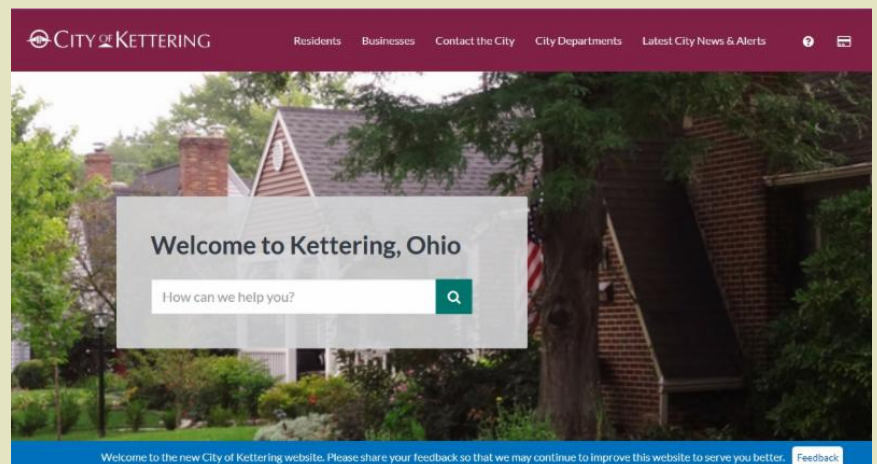
Because of your dedication and commitment to service, our volunteer program remains a model for other communities.

We thank all of our wonderful volunteers for choosing to give the gift of your time and talent to the City of Kettering. The impact you make in our community is astounding! We have many activities planned to honor our amazing volunteers including:

- National Volunteer Week Displays at both Town & Country Shopping Center and the Lathrem Senior Center.
- City Council will honor youth volunteer, Theodore Hale and adult volunteer, Damian Foster with the Mayor's Award for Volunteer Service at the April 25 city council meeting.
- All volunteers are invited to bring family and friends to the Kettering Block Party at Frazee Pavilion, May 31 from 6 - 8 p.m. Visit displays from various city departments, enjoy a concert by the Kettering Civic Band, and enjoy free hot dogs and chips complements of the Volunteer Office!
- Official City of Kettering volunteers may redeem the coupon they received in the mail, at the volunteer booth, for a free gift as a token of our appreciation for all you do for our community!

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

CITY OF KETTERING LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITES



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

In the past, our websites primarily served to act as online encyclopedias of information and archives of

We want you to have information about how your tax dollars are spent to maintain & improve the Kettering community. We believe in financial transparency and making city information accessible for our residents is a priority for City Council and administration.

[Our website features searchable databases for city expenditures and city salaries.](#)

FRAZE SEASON AROUND THE CORNER!



Warm up with thoughts of "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.

ENROLL NOW IN CODE RED

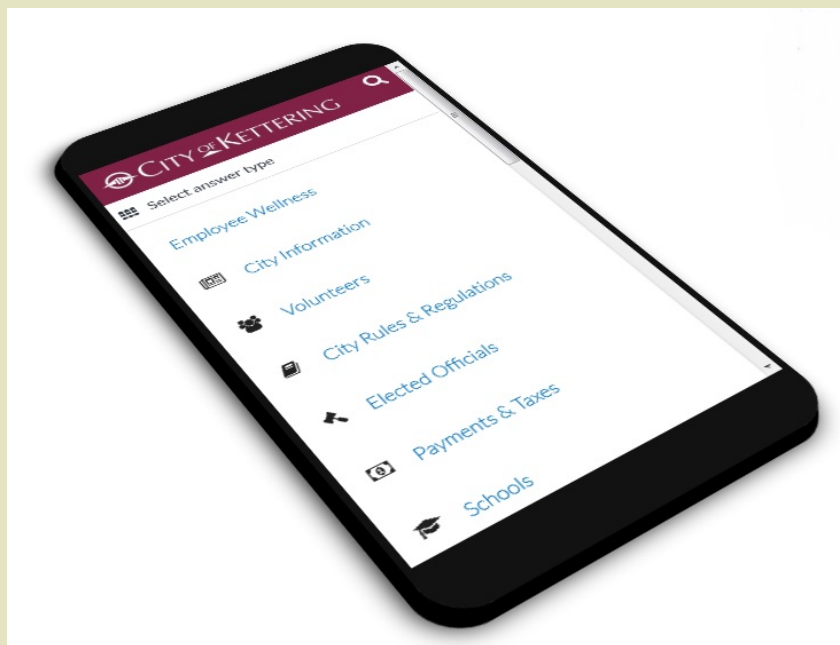


Did you know that in addition to our [City of Kettering Facebook page](#) and [Twitter posts](#) the City of

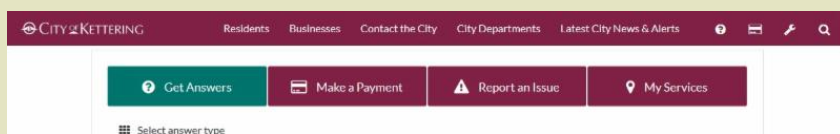
online encyclopedias of information and archives of meetings and events. The new [City of Kettering website](#) and the new [Play Kettering website](#) are so much more. Now highly interactive and responsive, you should consider the new websites to be your 24/7 digital customer service center.

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

- a simple search that makes it easier to find exactly what you need
- a brand 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



- an '[Answers](#)' tool that lets users quickly find responses to more than 200 of the City of Kettering's most frequently asked questions



Kettering uses a system called Code Red to notify our residents of emergency incidents and critical community alerts?

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.

PRCA ACTIVITIES GUIDE

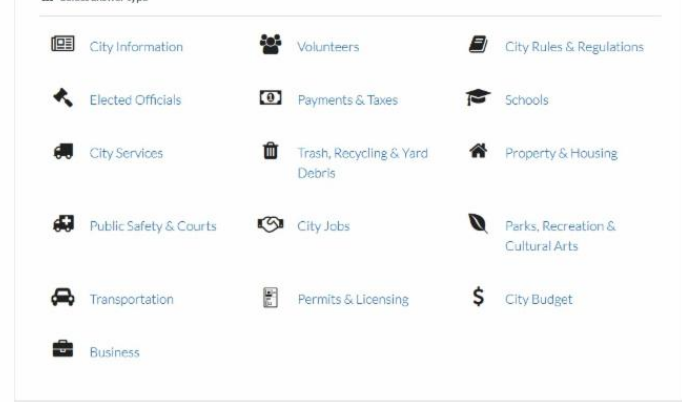


[Click here to view the new Play Kettering Activities Guide.](#)

QUICK LINKS

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[Contact Kettering City Council](#)

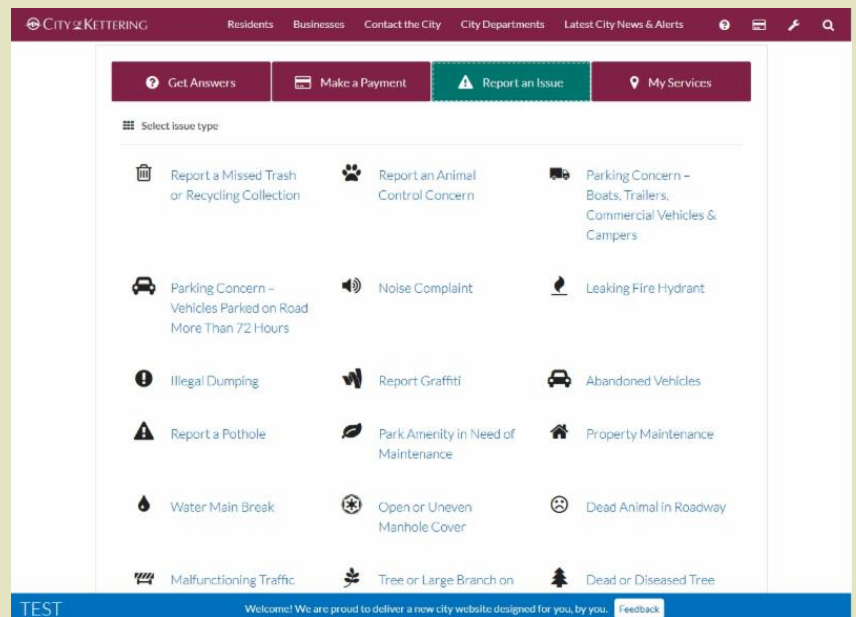


Frequently Requested Information

TEST

Welcome! We are proud to deliver a new city website designed for you, by you. [Feedback](#)

- 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



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- 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

[Report a Property Maintenance Concern](#)

[Learn More About Job Opportunities at the City of Kettering](#)

[Visit City of Kettering Facebook Page](#)

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.

SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Have a little extra time this summer? If so, why not consider joining our wonderful team of volunteers who help greet guests at Frazee Pavilion? It only requires a few hours before show time. You're guaranteed to meet many wonderful folks while enjoying the great outdoors!

As always, our Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts dept. offers many wonderful camps every summer. These camps are run by our fabulous staff members but can always use some helping hands. Volunteer all summer or just 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 just have a desire to have fun this summer!

Contact the Volunteer Office at 296-2433 or visit www.ketteringoh.org for additional details.



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