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#### STROOP ROAD TO CLOSE FOR BRIDGE REPAIR



Complete closure of Stroop Road in both directions between Woodman Drive and Glenheath / Braddock to begin after Labor Day and remain closed through the end of the year. Detour will be in place. Please plan to use Dorothy Lane as the alternate route.

Stroop Road will be completely closed to allow for replacement of the Montgomery County bridge in this section of the roadway. Once the bridge is replaced Stroop Road will return to two lanes of traffic in each direction.

<u>Visit our website to learn more about this project and for weekly project status updates</u>.

CONTACT WITH KETTERING:
CITYWIDE ANNUAL REPORT



FREE Great American Eclipse Viewing Party at the Fraze Pavilion on Monday August 21, 2017 from Noon to 4:00 pm.

A Total Solar Eclipse will arc across the United States for the first time in decades. Join us for the viewing and stay for the food, music and fun. The first 1800 people to arrive at this FREE event will receive a pair of certified total solar eclipse viewing glasses.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

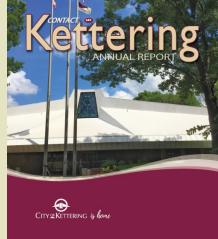


The City of Kettering annual residential shredding day will be held on Saturday September 9 from 9 AM - 12 Noon at the Kettering Government Center. Find more information on our website.



City of Kettering residential leaf collection program begins October 18, 2017. Find more information on our website.





clear, accurate details of how the city budgets for and delivers services to our residents, the City of Kettering produced our first citywide Annual Report.

This document, full of details on budget and city services was mailed to all Kettering residents and is now available online.

In recent years Kettering City Council placed a focus on transparency. We believe it is critically important that our residents and business stakeholders understand how tax dollars are used to sustain and improve the Kettering community.

Beyond the information provided in the *Annual Report*, please be aware that we offer easy access to detailed city information on our website - www.ketteringoh.org.

Whether you are looking for detailed information on city spending, a searchable database of city salaries or archived video of every City Council meeting, our website provides you this information and more. We know that our residents have a choice of where to live and we want to provide clear, accurate information that makes them proud to call Kettering home.

#### PRUGH WOODS DRIVE NOW OPEN



# IS YOUR 24/7 DIGITAL KETTERING CITY HALL. YOU CLICK. WE SERVE.



BOARD OF COMMUNITY
RELATIONS ENCOURAGES YOU
TO GET TO KNOW YOUR
NEIGHBORS!

Get to know your neighbors!

- Smile, wave, say hello, introduce yourself and share something about yourself.
- Look for common interests-Invite new neighbors to ask questions (trash day, local shopping, etc.)
- Surprise someone with a small gift (plant, cookies, produce from garden)
- Spend more time in your front yard
- Walk or bike your neighborhood
- Stop and take the time to talk and explore common interests
- Offer assistance to someone in need
- Organize charitable/social events
- Connect through technology

to share information

How do you connect with your neighbors? Share your story with us by sending an email to



Prugh Woods Drive off of Dorothy Lane is now open.

Prugh Woods Drive speed limit is 25 MPH in the residential area and will reduce to 15 MPH as you approach the Kettering Recreation Complex. There will not be a traffic signal installed at Prugh Woods Drive and Dorothy Lane at this time. Installation of a traffic signal must be warranted by traffic volume. The city will monitor traffic levels to determine need for a signal in the future.

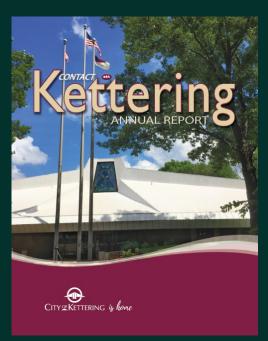
To learn more about this project and for weekly project status updates please visit the <u>Prugh Woods Development page on the City of Kettering website</u>.

#### PROTECTING SENIORS AGAINST FRAUD,

#### **IDENTITY THEFT AND SCAMS FORUM**

Older adults are often targets of fraud and scams. The Protecting Seniors educational event brings experts from several government agencies that will provide information

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Read the latest Contact with Kettering magazine online.

## PLAY2DAY IN YOUR KETTERING PARKS!



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!

Agencies participating include: Office of the Ohio Attorney General; Social Security Administration; Pro Seniors / Senior Medicare Patrol; Ohio Dept. of Insurance / OSHIIP; Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission; Area Agency on Aging; Elder Crime Division, City of Kettering and Legal Aid of Western Ohio. Seldom does the public has access to such expertise in one venue.

Trusted experts will help you spot the warning signs; teach you how to combat predators; and how to report an incident in case you are targeted. Also on the agenda is an update on the new Medicare card that Medicare beneficiaries will soon be issued and the scam tactics already being used.

The Event, sponsored by the Medigold, Kettering Health Network and the City of Kettering, will be held Tuesday September 19 from 3-6PM at the Lathrem Senior Center at 2900 Glengarry Dr. in Kettering.

The cost is free and light refreshments will be served. For reservations, call 1-800-888-8362.

This event is not sponsored by, nor affiliated with the Ohio Attorney General's Office or any not-for-profit organizations and/or government agencies participating at this event; neither do they endorse or recommend Medigold/Kettering Health Systems or any products or services affiliated with Medigold/Kettering Health Systems. Refreshments provided by MediGold.

#### KETTERING OVERDOSE DEATHS ON THE RISE



Did you know that as of this week there have been 25

overdose related deaths in Kettering so far this year? In 2016 there were 18 total overdose deaths in Kettering.

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 is impacting our region,

<u>Visit our website</u> for suggestions or <u>follow us on FB at</u>
<u>PlayKettering</u>.

SHOW YOUR "KETTERING IS HOME" PRIDE DURING THE HOLIDAY AT HOME PARADE!



Let's line Far Hills with "Kettering is home" pride during the Holiday at Home parade!

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

Join the entire Kettering community as we celebrate that "Kettering is home" during Holiday at Home!

The fun doesn't end there. 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 <a href="KetteringCityManager@ketteringoh.org">Ketteringoh.org</a> 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.

our city, our neighborhoods and our Kettering families.

Addiction knows no geographic or socio-economic 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.

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.

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 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.

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.

# 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.

Please no needles, liquids or aerosols.

### CDDERED

Did you know that in addition to our <u>City of Kettering Facebook</u> <u>page</u> and <u>Twitter posts</u> the City of 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 toopt 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

<u>Contact Kettering City Council</u>

Report a Property Maintenance Concern

<u>Learn More About Job</u>

<u>Opportunities at the City of Kettering</u>

<u>Visit City of Kettering Facebook</u> <u>Page</u>





#### STAY INFORMED ABOUT ROAD CONSTRUCTION



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.

#### ALL OF THE WAY FROM THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

#### **KETTERING IS HOME!**







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