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KETTERING IS HOME

Time and time again, our citizen satisfaction surveys confirm Kettering is a community that our residents love to call home.

In 2017, the City of Kettering is launching a new campaign to celebrate this pride our residents share.

The ***Kettering is home*** campaign will highlight the unique attributes and award winning amenities of the Kettering community. In the coming weeks the snowflakes in our commercial center will be replaced with new street banners featuring this theme. We will release a brand new Kettering Resident Guide, both digitally and in print, which will serve as a valuable resource for current residents and informative guide for those considering a move to make Kettering home.

Keep an eye on this e-newsletter and our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) posts for some fun ways for you and your family to share why Kettering is home.



[Click here to read the latest Contact with Kettering magazine online.](#)



CITY LAUNCHING NEW WEBSITE

CITY FINANCIAL

INFORMATION

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.](#)

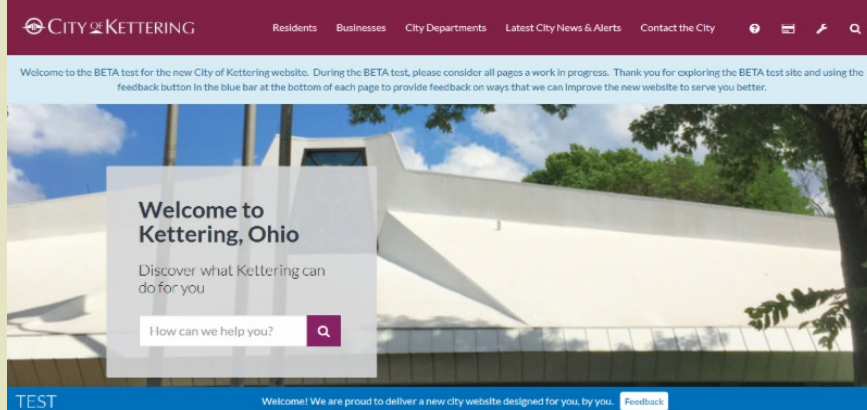
KETTERING SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE

The Kettering Sister Cities Committee is actively looking for host families for the 2017 Steyr Youth Exchange. Austrian high school students from our sister city of Steyr, Austria will spend 10 days in Kettering in July of this year. Interested Kettering families with high school age students should contact Emily Zimmer at emilyczimmer@gmail.com for more information.

SILVERLINK

SilverLink
Dial 2-1-1 to Connect to Reliable Resources

The City of Kettering is a proud partner in the new SilverLink service. SilverLink is a free and confidential information and referral service for seniors administered by the United Way of Greater Dayton. Just dial 2-1-1 or call 225-3000 to reach help 24 hours a day.



In order to improve our ability to serve you, we are launching a brand new city website.

With so many sources of information out there, we want to ensure that it is easy for you to get timely, accurate information directly from the City of Kettering.

Also, we want to make it as convenient and efficient as possible for you to request city services or report concerns.

The new site, focused on helping you better access services and information, includes:

- 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
- a simple search that makes it easier to find information and services
- an 'Answers' tool that lets users quickly access frequently asked questions and a 'Report an Issue' tool that allows you to submit concerns with one click
- integration with city social media accounts including being able to find answers to frequently asked questions and report issues directly from our city Facebook page

The new website will go live later this year, but first, we're starting with "BETA"—a testing and feedback phase before we make it our official site.

For a short period of time, the public BETA site will exist in tandem with our current city website.

This is where we are asking for your help to make the new website meet your needs.

From now through March 24, 2017 please visit the BETA site here:

United Way of Greater Dayton will be hosting a community meeting in Kettering to share information about the new SilverLink program with residents.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday March 1 at 11:00 AM in the Community Room at the Fire Department Headquarters located at 4745 Hempstead Station Drive.

Representatives from the United Way will share the features of the new SilverLink program as well as findings from a recent community needs survey focused on senior citizen services.

PRCA ACTIVITIES GUIDE



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

QUICK LINKS

[Contact Kettering Mayor Donald E. Patterson](#)

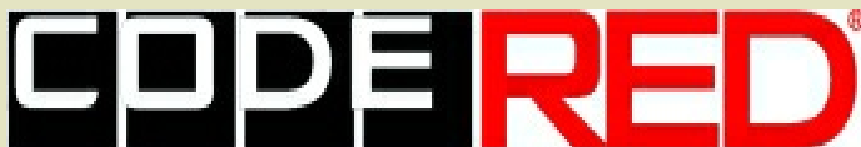
[Contact Kettering City Council](#)

Use the 'Feedback' button on the bottom of the website to share your ideas for how we can make the new website better. During the BETA test, please consider all pages a work in progress. We will incorporate your feedback and then finalize the new website for launch in April 2017.

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback that will allow us to serve you better.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: YARD DEBRIS CENTER RE-OPENS FOR THE SEASON ON MARCH 6, 2017

ENROLL TO RECEIVE CODE RED EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS AND COMMUNITY ALERTS



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?

[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.

HOLIDAY AT HOME SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR 2017 GRAND MARSHAL

[Report a Property Maintenance Concern](#)

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

[Visit City of Kettering Facebook Page](#)



Nominate an outstanding citizen! Holiday at Home is accepting nominations of persons from the south Dayton area to serve as the 2017 Grand Marshal of the Holiday at Home activities held over the Labor Day weekend.

If you know of a person who should be placed in nomination, submit a brief biography and list of accomplishments, highlighting community involvement and a history of volunteerism. Past nominees may be re-nominated.

Nominees must be residents of the cities of Beavercreek, Bellbrook, Centerville, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood or West Carrollton; or the townships of Beavercreek, Miami, Sugarcreek or Washington.

Address nomination letters to: Amy Wyant, Kettering Holiday at Home, PO Box 292564, Kettering, OH 45429, or email nominations to Amy_c_wyant@hotmail.com by March 13, 2017.

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