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BREAKING NEWS:

MIAMI VALLEY RESEARCH PARK REINVESTMENT



The City of Kettering and the Miami Valley Research Foundation are pleased to announce a significant reinvestment in the Miami Valley Research Park. In the coming year, Miami Valley Research Park will see a surge of improvements to both existing facilities and available land.

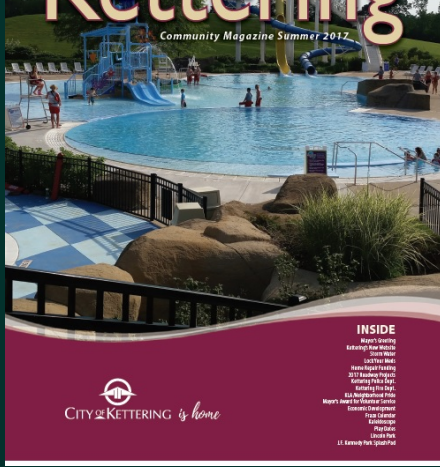
The City of Kettering announced today that Kettering City Council will consider authorization of a contract to purchase approximately 305 acres of unimproved land in the Kettering portion of the park.

Land Holding, LLC will assume ownership of the four existing buildings from the Miami Valley Research Foundation. The University of Dayton, Wright State University, and Sinclair Community College will continue to lead efforts, in collaboration with regional leaders, to attract innovative new organizations to the complex.

"Reinvestment in the Miami Valley Research Park is essential to the long term growth and stability of our region," says Kettering Mayor Don Patterson. "As a land-

locked community, the opportunity to acquire green

THE ALL NEW



Read the latest Contact with Kettering magazine online.

SPASS NACHT NIGHT OF FUN

Join the Kettering Sister Cities Association for "Spass 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.

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

Fraze event staff, cashiers, lifeguards, water park staff, camp counselors and seasonal parks crew positions.

Kettering Community Block Party.

Join us for this FREE, fun family community event on Wednesday May 31 at 6 PM at Kettering's Frazee Pavilion and Lincoln Park Civic Commons.



Learn more about City of Kettering departments and services, enjoy free entertainment on the Frazee stage and meet your friends and neighbors in Lincoln Park and find out why our residents are proud to say "Kettering Is Home".

Back again this year - bicycle helmet fitting. While supplies last, the Safety Section of the City of Kettering will be providing free bicycle helmet fittings for children ages 5 to 16. One of the most popular events at each year's block party!

Enjoy the annual performance by the talented musicians from the Kettering Civic Band on the Frazee stage at 7:00 PM. Join us as we say thank you to our community volunteers!

New this year we will offer a one stop shop for all of your Kettering spirit wear at the Block Party. For \$10 or less you can get the latest Kettering is home, Firebirds and Frazee apparel to show off your Kettering pride all summer long.

Celebrate our great Kettering Community!

For more information visit www.fraze.com or call (937) 296-2454.



SHOW YOUR "KETTERING IS HOME" PRIDE



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 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.



Visit the Kettering Spirit Wear booth at the Kettering Community Block Party on May 31 and be one of the first to own one of these limited quantity "Kettering is Home" t-shirts. Shirts will be on sale for \$10 and then after the Block Party you may purchase them while supplies last at Frazee Fan Fare.

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 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.

KETTERING NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE AWARDS



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.

CITIES OF SERVICE

Let the celebration begin!

We'll soon be kicking off our 2017 Cities of Service Neighborhood--Oak Park!

Neighbors in the area received invitations to the opening Block Party to be held Saturday, June 10 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

This free event will include hot dogs, children's activities, arts & crafts as well as 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.

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.

Please take a moment 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 emailing marylou.randolph@ketteringoh.org or by visiting www.ketteringoh.org.

The deadline for nominations is August 1.

SCHOOL OF ADVERTISING ART ANNOUNCES FACILITY AND PROGRAM EXPANSION



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

By 2025, SAA projects enrollment will increase by 106 percent, with a projected 87 percent increase in faculty and staff positions. Currently, SAA offers a two-year associate degree of applied business in advertising art. As part of the expansion, the college plans to introduce a Bachelor's degree completion program.

"The School of Advertising Art has been a fixture and asset in the Kettering community for 34 years. They not only made the wise decision to locate here in Kettering, they have grown here. They thrive here. They are part of the fabric of our Kettering community." said Kettering Mayor Don Patterson at the SAA 'Transform' press event

this week. "Kettering is home not only to this facility, but to the talented students and faculty from School of Advertising Art who enliven our local businesses and non-profits with their creativity and professionalism."

LAST CHANCE FOR ADVENTURE REEF PASS SALE!

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.

SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Have a little extra time this summer? If so, why not consider joining our wonderful team of volunteers that help greet guests at Fraze 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 for additional details.

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



Adventure Reef Outdoor Water Park opens for the summer season on May 27! Adventure Reef season passes are on sale now and you can save if you purchase before opening day.

This 3-acre outdoor aquatic facility, built in 1990 and renovated in 2011, is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Adventure Reef features the highest and fastest slides in Montgomery County. Additionally, a splash pad, large water playground and plenty of deck seating and chairs greet water park guests. Pass holders enjoy special benefits at Adventure Reef including early entry, exclusive use of the park on Sundays and specials at the concession stand.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP STORM DRAINS CLEAN

Please keep grass clippings, chemicals and yard debris out of the street to protect storm drains.

To learn more about ways you can help us keep storm drains free from debris and pollutants please [visit our website](#).



MAYOR'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

In celebration of National Volunteer Week two volunteers were presented with the Mayor's Award for Volunteer Service at the April 25 city council meeting.

Theodore Hale (Youth Volunteer Award Recipient)



Theodore Hale is a junior at

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.

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](#)



Kettering Fairmont High School. He is the son of Joe and Jennifer Hale. He has one older brother, Samuel. He volunteers at Fairmont in many different capacities, donating at least 150 hours

annually by assisting with clerical duties, helping with Fairmont's Unity Garden and organizing the "Hallway Harvest" where 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 also spent nearly 120 hours making phone calls, canvassing and registering voters for our 2016 presidential election.

Damian Foster (Adult Volunteer Recipient)

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



While attending school at Fairmont, Damian served as an office assistant for three years. During that time, he began helping one of the Fairmont Industries students who suffers from a progressive neurological disease. As this disease progressed, Damian stayed by the student's side every step of the way. While playing football, going to school, and working part-time, Damian still found time to assist Patrick.

After graduation in 2016, Damian came back to Fairmont nearly every school day to assist the student first thing in the morning.

Congratulations to Theodore and Damian. Your 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!



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