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Mayor's Greeting

Dear Friends,

This is the season to give thanks and count our many rich blessings here in Kettering, Ohio. We are fortunate to be surrounded by beautiful parks, excellent schools, thriving businesses and vibrant neighborhoods.

We are also blessed that Kettering is home to the everyday heroes in our Kettering Police and Kettering Fire Departments.

As we near the end of 2018, we are preparing for an important celebration. On Friday, December 14, 2018 at 10 a.m. we will host a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the brand new Fire Station 37 on Dorothy Lane.

This ceremony will mark the end of our multi-year fire station project. In all, the City of Kettering constructed four fire stations since 2014. With an average age of 42 years, Kettering's previous fire stations lacked the physical space or available land to properly allow for the improvements necessary to upgrade to current standards. Existing stations were undersized for modern apparatus, devoid of mixed gender facilities for 24/7 operations and did not meet current ADA specifications.

The new stations provide appropriate facilities for the storage and safety requirements of modern apparatus in addition to modern facilities to accommodate 24/7 operations. Each of these stations is staffed 24 hours a day with heroes who are trained to respond to the more than 9,000 calls for emergency service the Kettering Fire Department receives each year.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the administrators in our Public Service and Fire Departments for their leadership bringing the construction of these four beautiful new stations to completion. Most importantly, I want to thank the residents who served on our focus groups, public input and design committees. Their vision for the project ensured that the new stations are more than just buildings. They are community landmarks that add character and value to our neighborhoods.

Please plan to join us on December 14 as Kettering celebrates this great accomplishment together.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Patterson, Mayor

Visit www.ketteringoh.org and sign up to receive **The Starter**—Kettering e-newsletter.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday, November 30
Free event 6 to 8 p.m.
Tree lighting at 6:30 p.m.
Lincoln Park Civic Commons

Yard Debris Center

Closes and Residential Leaf Collection ends Monday, December 3



Christmas Day at Polen Farm

Tuesday, December 25

Flyin' to the Hoop
Basketball Tournament
January 18 – 21



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Winter Weather Preparedness

Winter weather is just around the corner! The safety of our citizens is a top priority and we strive to provide safe and passable road surfaces during winter storm events.

Here is some helpful information about City of Kettering snow and ice removal:

- The City of Kettering has established 16 primary snow routes that provide a connected, continuous system, enabling traffic flow throughout the City. Primary routes include major thoroughfares, hills, curves, emergency vehicle access, bus routes and school access. During winter weather, these routes will receive attention first because they are critical for citywide safe travel. While snow continues to fall, operations will focus on the primary snow routes only.
- Residential side streets will only be serviced:
 - once snow ends,
 - if total accumulation is greater than 2"
 - We do not always plow, but may use other treatments,
 - Even after we treat or plow roads pavement may not be completely clear and dry.

- Kettering has developed a plan with alternative roadway treatments and updated salt conservation standards to ensure our salt supplies last throughout the winter season.

The City may declare a snow emergency to assist with the snow removal during heavier snowfall accumulations. When a snow emergency has been declared by the City Manager, the following parking restrictions will apply:

- **On even numbered dates, parking is prohibited on the side of each street with even numbered street addresses.**
- **On odd numbered dates, parking is prohibited on the side of each street with odd numbered street addresses.**
- **No parking is allowed on any cul-de-sac on even numbered dates, regardless of street address number.**

Tips for residents:

- The City of Kettering does not clear sidewalks. Sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owner. Carefully clear your sidewalks as soon as practical.
- Stay informed about pending weather conditions. The best places for up-to-the-minute Kettering news are our website www.ketteringoh.org, our official Facebook page City of Kettering, Ohio – Government and @Kettering_OH, our Twitter account.
- Allow extra travel time, maintain a safe following distance and speed, and if possible, avoid peak traffic hours.
- Do not attempt to pass snowplow trucks, which may be plowing in teams.
- Remove parked vehicles from the street wherever possible.
- Snow plowed across driveways is unavoidable. When shoveling, you may consider placing the snow on the right side of your

driveway (as you face the street) to lessen the amount of shoveling due to snowplow deposits.

- Remove any remaining snow from around your mailbox for the mail carriers.
- Take breaks when shoveling to avoid exhaustion.

City of Kettering Snow and Ice Information Line: (937) 296-3255.



Winter Reminders

As the winter weather season approaches, the City of Kettering and Waste Management will do everything we can to maintain a regular collection schedule for all residents in Kettering. However, in the event that weather conditions make it unsafe to collect your garbage and recyclables, Waste Management may delay collection by one day.

If service is delayed, Waste Management will contact you by automated messages to your home via phone or email provided on your account.

If you have curb-side collection, please be sure to place your totes as close to the street as practical when snow is on the ground. However, DO NOT place your totes in the street, as this will impede snow and ice control operations by the City's Street Division.

Residents may opt for house-side collection on a month-by-month basis. If you wish to have your garbage and recycling collected house-side during the winter season, please contact Waste Management at 1-866-263-6445 to select this service level. The standard rates for house-side and curb-side collection are in effect year-round, regardless of the season.

Waste Management holidays include:

Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 22

Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25

New Year's Day – Tuesday, January 1

Since Christmas and New Year's fall on Tuesday this year, service will be delayed by one day both those weeks.

**Snow & Ice
info-line
296-3255**

Upcoming Bridge and Road Projects



Schantz Bridge illustration

Schantz Avenue Bridge *(2019 construction)*

The Schantz Avenue Bridge over South Dixie Highway is scheduled for full replacement in 2019. What makes this project unique is the design collaboration with the City of Kettering CitySites Public Art Program. The aesthetic enhancements include a decorative security fence,

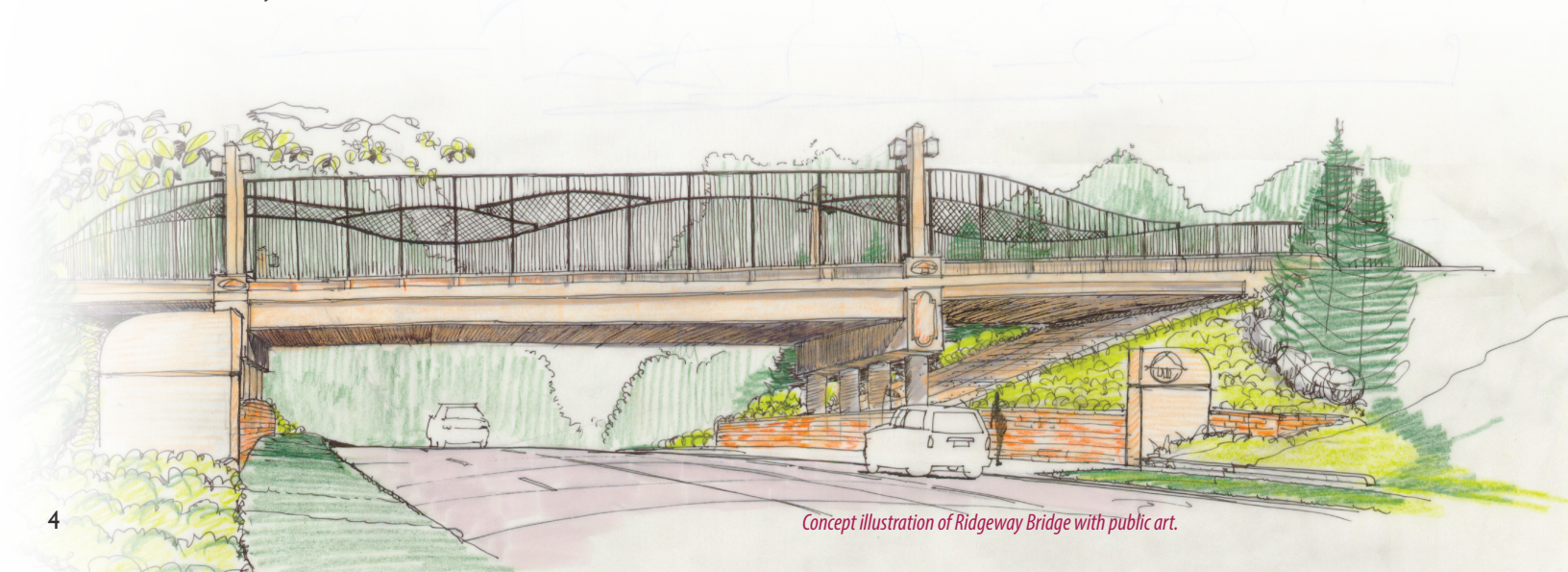
- lighting and sealing/painting of the 960 foot long retaining wall. The primary aesthetic component is the decorative security fence which otherwise would have been a very utilitarian, chain-linked fence. The design of the security fence satisfies the engineering requirements in a fashion that celebrates the artistry of trolley cars that ran along this corridor,

- as well as the intricate details in cash registers showcased at Carillon Park.

- The project duration is expected to take six months. Two-way traffic will be maintained during the project. However, both northbound and southbound directions will be reduced from two lanes each to one lane each.

• **Ridgeway Road Bridge** *(2021 construction)*

- With overwhelming public support, the City of Kettering submitted an application for federal funding to replace the Ridgeway Road Bridge over West Dorothy Lane and was awarded 95% of the construction costs, up to \$2,000,000. The total



Concept illustration of Ridgeway Bridge with public art.

project cost, which also includes engineering design and minimal right-of-way acquisition, is estimated at \$2,600,000. Similar to the Schantz Avenue Bridge Replacement, the Ridgeway Road Bridge Replacement will include a public art component through the CitySites Public Art Program. Staff is currently in the process of selecting an artist that will collaborate with the engineering design firm, Kettering staff, and community stakeholders. Construction is scheduled to begin in late 2020 or early 2021, and is expected to take 9-12 months. Look for upcoming articles on this exciting project.

College Drive (2019 construction)
 In concert with Community Tissue Services \$50 million dollar capital investment to construct an 132,000 square foot expansion, the City of Kettering is completing the full-length construction of College Drive between Research Boulevard and Spaulding Road in 2019. The roadway will consist of three lanes, plus a ten foot sidewalk for shared pedestrian/bicycle use. The newly constructed roadway will provide access for the 2019 expansion south of College Drive, as well as for future expansion north of College Drive. This collaborative effort

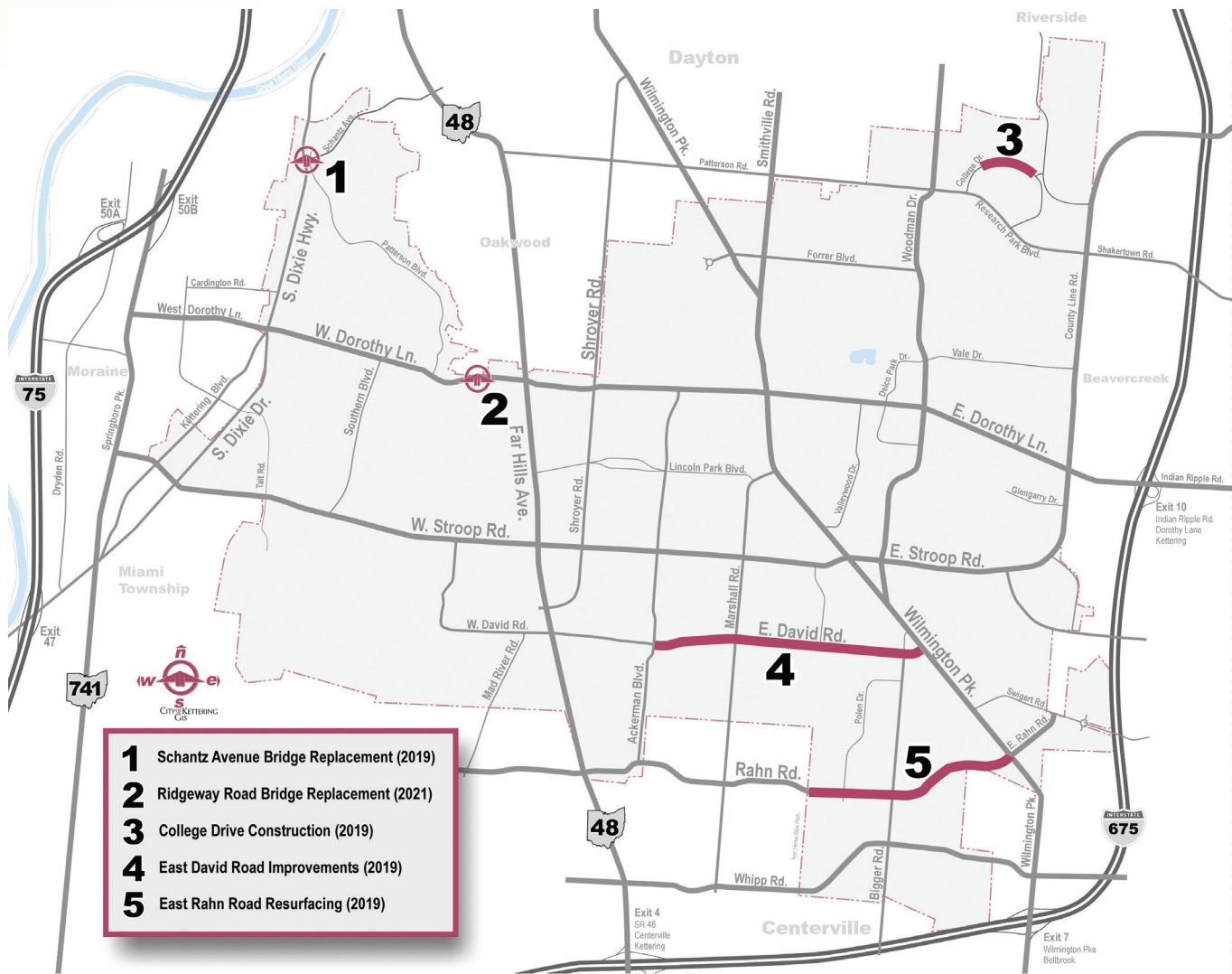
exemplifies the benefits when the City of Kettering partners with employers to build businesses and create local jobs.

East David Road (2019 construction)
 East David Road is scheduled for road work in 2019 from Wilmington Pike to Ackerman Boulevard. Kettering taxpayer funds are being leveraged by federal funds with a 41% (federal) to 59% (Kettering) split. The project includes replacement of curb and drive approaches, as well as resurfacing of the asphalt pavement. Engineering staff is submitting an application for additional federal funding for

improvements to the section of East David Road from Ackerman Boulevard to Far Hills Avenue.

Visit our website: ketteringoh.org for weekly project status updates.

East Rahn Road (2019 construction)
 East Rahn Road is scheduled for asphalt resurfacing in 2019 from Wilmington Pike west to the Centerville Corporation limit.
 For project updates, please visit www.ketteringoh.org.



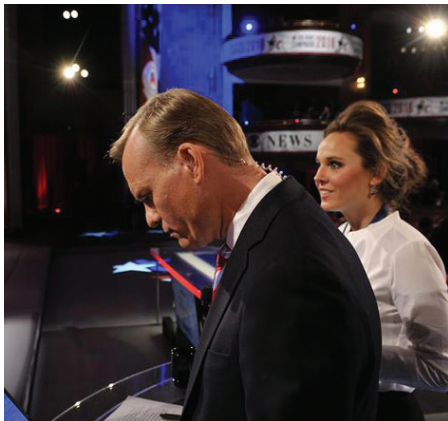
- 1** Schantz Avenue Bridge Replacement (2019)
- 2** Ridgeway Road Bridge Replacement (2021)
- 3** College Drive Construction (2019)
- 4** East David Road Improvements (2019)
- 5** East Rahn Road Resurfacing (2019)

Kettering Youth Council – Where Are They Now?

Nearly 20 years ago, the City of Kettering and Kettering Schools supported the creation of a youth leadership program. Originally known as Kettering S.T.A.N.D., the group of teen leaders evolved to form the first Kettering Youth Council. We reached out to several former members to see where life after high school has taken them and how their participation in the Kettering Youth Council shaped their journey.

Alicia (Budich) Amling

Eleven years after graduating from Fairmont, Alicia has been around the world — but local government dotted the path all along. At Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia she covered the City Council as a journalism student, getting to know the issues and her third favorite mayor (After Mayors Smith and Patterson). She graduated and worked for CBS News covering the 2012 campaign with Bob Schieffer, Capitol Hill, the 2016 campaign with John Dickerson, and the first eighteen months of the Trump administration.



Alicia told us “After five continents, dozens of Capitol Hill confrontations, Air Force One flights, countless White House briefings and occasional hurricane duty, I was en route to Afghanistan with Sec. Tillerson when I decided to look for a job outside of journalism.”

This Spring Alicia joined Temerity Capital Partners as the Chief of Staff, where she manages projects across the family's diversified portfolio. Most recently you can find her in the front row of City Council meetings in Kannapolis, North Carolina where Temerity Baseball, LLC seeks to buy the town's Minor League Baseball team.

Alicia lives in Washington, D.C. with her husband. They look forward to holidays in Kettering with the Budich family, including eight proud Firebird nieces and nephews.



Daniel Hoge

Dan first became involved with the Kettering Youth Council (KYC) in fall of 2003 as a first year student at Alter High School. Over the subsequent three years he served many roles within KYC including: being appointed to the City of Kettering Board of Community Relations, KYC Finance Chair, Parliamentarian, and Volunteer Coordinator for the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast.

“To say that these experiences were atypical for a high school student would be an understatement, therefore I attribute much of the success I have today to the KYC,” Dan told us. “Specifically, it developed my leadership and overall critical thinking skills, as well as taught me the importance of giving back to the community.”

– Daniel Hoge

Post KYC, Dan attended the University of Dayton where he received a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration and MBA. Directly out of college, he worked in Public Accounting as an Auditor with Deloitte in the Dayton office. He continued his service to the Kettering community serving on the most recent Charter Review Committee. In 2017, Dan joined AtriCure as Assistant Controller. AtriCure is a global manufacturer headquartered in Mason, Ohio that produces medical devices to treat AFIB and Left Atrial Appendage Management.

Dan currently lives in Mason with his wife of seven years (Meg Danis) and their two children (Evie 3, Josie 1).

Jack Minardi

A 2008 Carroll High School grad, Kettering native Jack Minardi went on to study Electrical Engineering at Vanderbilt before eventually being offered post-graduate research fellowship at Harvard. In 2014, Jack cofounded Voxel8 with fellow Carroll grad and Harvard colleague Travis Busbee.

Voxel8 produces 3D printers that are dramatically innovating industry. Their first model which enabled the embedding of custom electronics in to 3D printed models was a darling of tech media — attracting attention from sites such as *Wired* and *Popular Mechanics*. *Fast Company* named it one of The 9 Best Ideas from CES 2015.



It represents a giant leap in a technology that's already making giant leaps because it is the first to allow the integration of custom non-plastic components during printing.

“Beyond that — and what people need to wrap their mind around — is that we can do embedded electronics inside any form, which is not possible with any manufacturing technique today,” Minardi said.

Voxel8's latest endeavor is developing digital manufacturing systems that revolutionize how footwear and athletic apparel are designed, manufactured, and delivered to consumers. Their process will dramatically reduce both the amount of time it takes to produce near custom items and the excess inventory companies often find themselves with as a result of the way orders are currently manufactured.

Internet Options for Families in Need

Having access to the Internet, on more than just a mobile device, is essential for students to complete homework and for adults to apply for jobs. For families without home internet, the City of Kettering offers several locations with free Wi-Fi. In addition to the local Dayton Metro Libraries, the Kettering WiFirebird Community lists neighborhood businesses where families can connect to the Internet for free.

There are also several low-cost internet options available for families wanting to have internet at home. One is **Access** by AT&T. Families who participate in SNAP (also known

as food stamps) may qualify to receive 10 Mbps home internet service at \$10/month. There's no commitment, no deposit and no installation fee. In-home Wi-Fi gateway and Hot Spot Network are included at no extra cost.

Another low-cost internet option is **Spectrum Internet Assist**. To qualify for Spectrum Internet Assist, a member of the household must be a recipient of one of the following programs:

- The National School Lunch Program (NSLP); free or reduced-cost lunch

- The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the NSLP
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) (must be at least 65 years of age)

If eligible, the household will receive 30 Mbps home internet service with no data caps for \$14.99/month with the option of adding in-home Wi-Fi for \$5 more per month. The Internet modem is included and there are no contracts.

A third options for low-cost internet is **PCs for People**. In order to qualify, families must be below the 200% federal poverty level or currently



enrolled in an income-based government assistance program. The cost for internet service is \$12.50/month for 6 months but must be paid in advance. There is a one-time charge of \$79.95 to purchase the router. **To learn more about all of these options contact the Kettering Youth and Family Resource Coordinator, Jonelle Carroll at jonelle.carroll@ketteringschools.org**

LOCAL BUSINESSES WITH FREE WI-FI

NAME	ADDRESS
Barry Bagels	4313 Far Hills Ave., Kettering, OH 45429
Big Sky Bread Company	3070 Far Hills Ave., Dayton, OH 45429
Buffalo Wild Wings	262 E Stroop Rd., Kettering, OH 45429
Chick-fil-A	480 E Stroop Rd., Kettering, OH 45429
Chief Screen Printing	4025 Marshall Rd., Dayton, OH 45429
Firehouse Subs	4301 Far Hills Ave., Kettering, OH 45429
Gerhardt Civic Center	3050 Kreitzer Rd., Moraine, OH 45439
Hot Head Burritos	1615 W. Dorothy Ln., Moraine, OH 45459
Kettering Fitness & Wellness Center	3351 Shroyer Rd., Kettering, OH 45429
Kettering Government Center	3600 Shroyer Rd., Kettering, OH 45429
Kettering Recreation Complex	2900 Glengarry Dr., Kettering, OH 45420
LaRosa's	2801 Wilmington Pk., Kettering, OH 45419
Noodles & Company <i>The Greene</i>	11 Greene Blvd., Beavercreek, OH 45432
Orange Leaf	424 E. Stroop Rd., Kettering, Oh 45429
Panera Bread <i>The Greene</i>	49 Chestnut St., Beavercreek, OH 45430
Panera Bread <i>Town & Country</i>	4110 Far Hills Rd., Kettering, OH 45429
Panera Bread <i>Wilmington Pike</i>	6130 Wilmington Pk., Dayton, OH 45459
Potbelly Sandwich Shop	48 Plum St., Beavercreek, OH 45440
Skyline Chili	2724 Wilmington Pk., Dayton, OH 45419
Starbucks	2424 Far Hills Ave., Dayton, OH 45419
Tropical Smoothie Cafe	2307 Far Hills Ave., Dayton, OH 45419
Winans Chocolates + Coffees	45 Plum St., Beavercreek, OH 45440

Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare offers older adults and disabled persons medical insurance at retirement or when they can no longer work due to disability.

Medicare is a very complex program and there are many rules and regulations governing the system that can make it confusing. Having a professional who understands the system can help you get the most out of your Medicare benefits.

Individuals approaching 65 need to start considering Medicare. The initial enrollment period is 3 months before your birth month, until 3 months after you turn 65. If you do not enroll during that time you will pay penalties for the months that you do not sign up unless you have coverage from your employer or your spouse's employer.

Even after you are initially enrolled in Medicare, the choices do not end. Each year Medicare Plans can change so you will need to know what those changes are and how they affect you.

During the annual open enrollment period, **October 15 through December 7**, beneficiaries can change their Medicare for the coming year to keep up with changes. From year to year your health care needs change so what was a good fit this year may not be the best for you the following year.

You can schedule your individual consultation with a Medicare trained professional at the Kettering Connection during open enrollment. These appointments are free and open to Kettering residents and volunteers, and Charles I. Lathrem Senior Center members only and are on a first-come first-served basis. **You can contact the Kettering Connection at 296-3330 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**



Holiday Safety Tips

With winter and the holidays fast approaching here are just a few holiday safety tips from the Kettering Police Department

1. Be aware of your surroundings.
2. Be alert to suspicious people and vehicles in your neighborhood or when out shopping.

3. If you arrive home and find your house broken into; do not go inside; call 911 immediately.
4. Do not display gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway.
5. When going on vacation have a friend/family check on your home, and collect your mail. Call Kettering

Police to request a Vacation Home Check for your residence.

6. Only participate in holiday charities that you've dealt with in the past and know to be legitimate.

The holiday season is a time to be happy and safe. Your safety starts with you. Happy Holidays from Kettering Police Department!

Avoid a Crash When Driving in Ice and Snow

- Avoid driving while you are fatigued.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated.
- Always look and steer where you want to go.
- Use your seat belt every time you get into your vehicle.
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Don't try to get moving in a hurry and allow more time to slow down on icy roads.
- Drive slowly. Everything takes longer on snow-covered roads.
- The normal dry pavement following distance of three to four seconds should be increased to eight to ten seconds.
- Stay home. If you really don't have to go out, don't.



Vacation House Checks

As a crime prevention and community relations service, we provide checks of houses when residents are temporarily out of town on vacation, business trips, etc. No long term vacant house checks will be made under this program, and home checks will be made as time permits.

- Checks will be made during daylight hours.
- Checks will be made for vacations lasting between three and thirty days.
- Residents are asked to notify the police department if they return early.



Three ways to register:

1. In person between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Kettering Police Department
2. By phone at (937) 296-2584
3. By submitting your information online at <https://www.ketteringoh.org/vacation-house-checks/>



Security Camera Registration

Citizens and businesses with security cameras are encouraged to register those cameras with Kettering Police Department. Officers may use the information to help solve crimes. Registration is free through the Kettering website. <https://www.ketteringoh.org/home-security-camera-registration/>

Stay Warm and Safe this Winter



Carbon Monoxide

In 2017, Kettering Fire Department responded to 118 suspected carbon monoxide leaks. On many of these responses, Kettering Fire Department crews discovered carbon monoxide leaking from faulty gas fueled appliances in resident's homes. Carbon monoxide is a colorless and odorless gas commonly referred to as the "Silent Killer". The effects of this gas on the human body include headache, weakness, lightheadedness, dizziness, confusion and even death. This gas is the result of incomplete combustion of fuels that are commonly used in households. Common sources of carbon monoxide are gas appliances (furnaces, ovens and water heaters), wood burning stoves, and fire places. It is recommended to have a carbon monoxide detector on every level of your home if the home is equipped with any gas fueled appliances or has an attached garage. Batteries in a carbon monoxide alarm need to be replaced annually and should be tested monthly.



Candles

December is the peak time of year for home candle fires. Nearly one-third of home candle fires started in the bedroom. Follow these tips to reduce the risk of a candle fire in your home.

- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people sleep.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.
- Use candle holders that are sturdy, and won't tip over.

- Place candle holders on sturdy, uncluttered surfaces.
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- Put out candles before they burn down too close to the holder or container.
- Never use a candle when oxygen is being used in the home.
- Never use candles in the event of a power outage.
- Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle. Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's reach, in a locked cabinet.

Space Heaters

As winter approaches and temperatures begin to drop we begin heating our homes. Here are just a few tips to keep in mind if you choose to use a space heater in your home.

- Keep items that burn at least 3 feet away from a space heater like blankets, furniture, clothes, pets, and people.
- Plug the space heater directly into a wall outlet. Do not use an extension cord.
- Only use a space heater with an automatic shut-off to ensure that the heater will turn off if it is tipped over.
- Turn the space heater off when you leave the room or go to sleep.



Station Modernization Project Update

RIBBON CUTTING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 10 A.M. FOR STATION 37

Each of the four new Kettering Fire Stations were built as part of the **Station Modernization Project**. Each of these stations are staffed 24 hours a day with personnel trained and equipped to the respond to nearly 9,000 fire, rescue, and medical emergencies each year. These new fire stations bring our facilities up to current codes and standards, keeping our members safer and healthier

- while providing the best lifesaving services to our residents.
- **Station 32:** 3484 Far Hills Avenue
- **Station 34:** 2575 Woodman Drive
- **Station 36:** 4745 Hempstead Station Drive
- **Station 37:** 1300 West Dorothy Lane





Community Tissue Services Breaks Ground for Expansion of the Center for Tissue, Innovation and Research

Community Tissue Services hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, September 25 for its expansion of the Center for Tissue, Innovation and Research in Kettering's Miami Valley Research Park. The 132,000 square-foot expansion will more than double the current footprint allowing for additional processing capabilities, marketing, distribution and supply chain management.

"It is my distinct pleasure on behalf Kettering City Council and Kettering administrators to officially congratulate Community Tissue Services on their expansion," said Kettering Mayor Don Patterson. "We are proud that you call Kettering's Miami Valley Research Park home and that you are leading the way in what will be an exciting next phase of this campus."

Community Tissue Services is one of the largest providers of tissue allografts, distributing over 600,000 tissue allografts

in 2017, and the nation's largest nonprofit provider of skin grafts for burn patients. The expansion of this facility will position Community Tissue Services to be on the leading edge of new graft development and biotechnology; and will further the

"The addition of this new facility will further our mission of providing lifesaving and life-enhancing tissue grafts for transplantation to patients and medical professionals across the country and around the world."

—Dr. David Smith, CEO

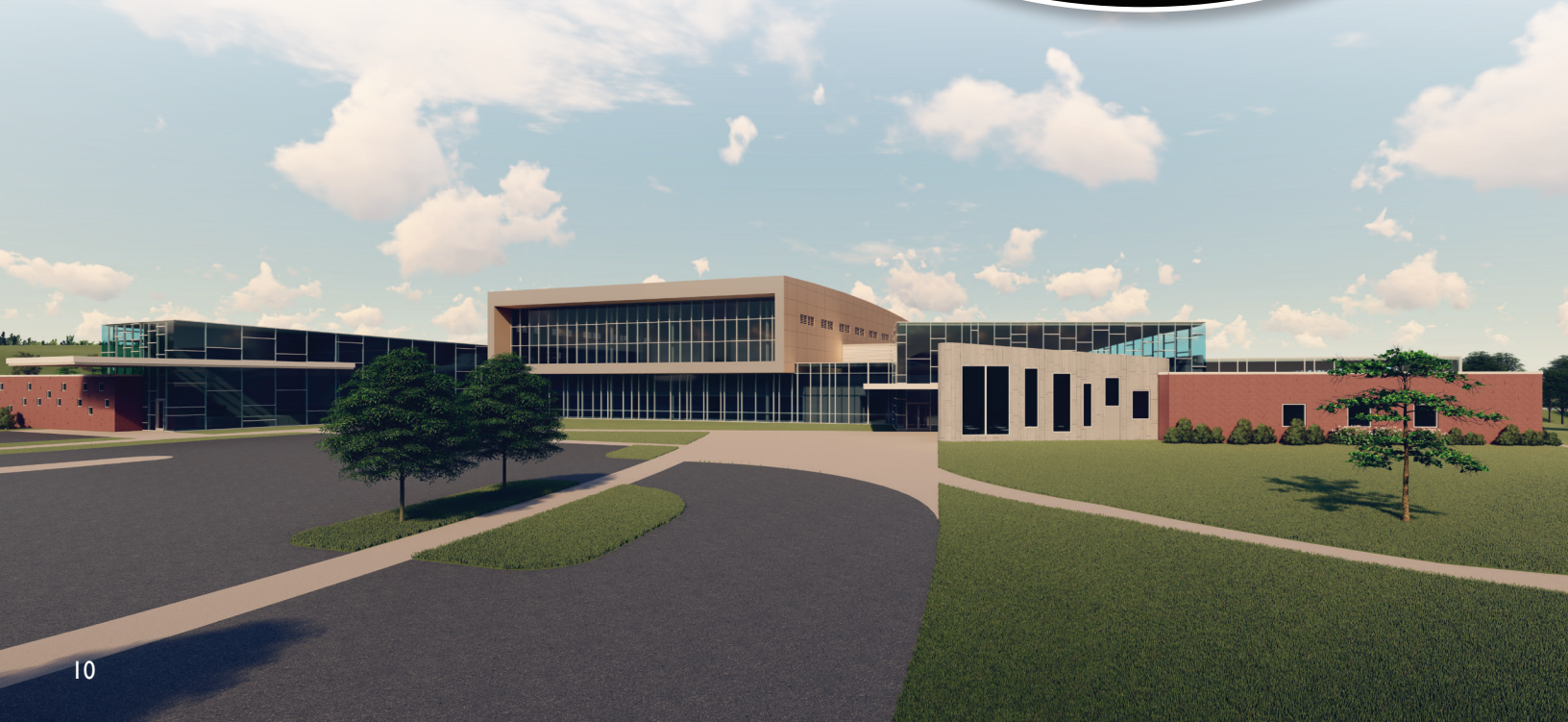
organization's commitment to meeting the growing worldwide demand for quality tissue grafts.

"The addition of this new facility will further our mission of providing lifesaving and life-enhancing tissue grafts for transplantation to patients and medical professionals across the country and

around the world," said Dr. David Smith, CEO.

The estimated time for completion of the expansion project is the second quarter of 2020. The expansion will create 200+ jobs at the Center for Tissue, Innovation and Research in Kettering. Most of new jobs will be in manufacturing and support fields.

"With the expansion of the facility, Community Tissue Services will continue to engage in programs that advance research and development operations and focus on providing the next generation of tissue products and graft for surgeons and patients," said Smith.



Resonetics Adds Process Development Center of Excellence in Kettering



This summer Resonetics added a second Lightspeed ADL™ Application Development Lab in its Kettering facility in the Miami Valley Research Park. The new 1,100 sq. ft. Lightspeed lab operation is staffed with 11 engineers and technicians, and has dedicated systems for laser ablation, cutting and welding.

Resonetics offers a vast array of dedicated laser technology and experienced scientists and engineers to solve manufacturing challenges efficiently, allowing life-saving devices to quickly advance to commercialization. The teams are experienced with feasibility studies, iterative prototyping, design verification, process validations and pilot production.

Resonetics is the leader in laser micro manufacturing solutions for life sciences whose expertise started in polymer processing and has expanded to metals and glass. The company makes millions of life-changing device components a year.



Shop. Dine. Buy Kettering.

As the holidays approach, please remember to support our local Kettering small businesses, restaurants and service providers. We are fortunate in Kettering to have a wide variety of exceptional small businesses. Whether you need a last minute gift or a place to share a special holiday meal, Kettering offers so many unique options.

You have a choice each time you buy groceries, go out to eat, shop, use a service technician or craftsman for your home, and even when you buy gas for your car. Why not make a commitment that in addition to the giving of gifts this season; you will also give back to the Kettering community by supporting our local retailers? By doing so, you are contributing to the wellbeing of the Kettering community and the livelihood of your neighbors.

Small Business

Saturday!

Show your support for Kettering
small businesses!

Saturday, Nov. 24



Christmas at Polen Farm – A Kettering Tradition

Picture this—a 19th century farmhouse and barn located on 15 acres of land, beautifully decorated for the holidays.

Imagine a place where you are surrounded by the sweet sounds of the season including caroling, laughter and joyful music.

Envision a place where children enjoy making crafts, selecting a book or two to take home, while watching a toy train display.

Imagine the look on the faces of the children as they enjoy that magical visit with Santa! This vision can become a reality by visiting Polen Farm, 5099 Bigger Rd. on Christmas Day between 1 and 4 p.m.

The Christmas Day Open House at Polen Farm is offered at no cost and is open to anyone

looking to join with others to celebrate the holiday.

It is a true labor of love as over 50 volunteers, under the direction of Bill and Marynel



Bradley, offer their time and talent to ensure guests of all ages leave with a treasured Christmas memory.

This event captures the essence of the holiday as community partners come together in this season of giving. Thanks to a very generous donation from

Kohler Catering, guests will also enjoy delicious food and snacks fit for the holiday season.

We are also grateful for the organizations and businesses providing support through the years. These include the Dor-Wood Optimist Club, 2nd & Charles, Gordon Food Service, Town & Country Shopping Center, SYSCO, Kettering Medical Center, Mike-Sell's Potato Chips, Kettering Noon Optimist Club, Kettering Rotary Club, Holiday at Home Foundation, Christ Church and Day-Air Credit Union. Additional partners are always welcome.

If you have questions about the Christmas Day Open House at Polen Farm, or you would like additional information about supporting this event, please contact [Mary Lou Randolph, Volunteer Administrator](#) at 296-2531.



November is the perfect time of year to give thanks for the 1,030 volunteers who contributed 32,213 hours of service in the City of Kettering during this past year. It's a nice time to reflect on the ways our

volunteers provide a positive impact in our community throughout the year.

During summer, guests at Frazee Pavilion were warmly welcomed by volunteers at 31 shows. Volunteers helped children learn new skills and enjoy the outdoors as they assisted with summer camps at Habitat Environmental Center and Rosewood Arts Centre. In September, 39 Kettering property owners received Neighborhood Pride Awards thanks to the hard work and dedication of our Neighborhood Pride Committee. In addition, volunteers helped with *Art on the Commons* as well as a host of other special events and programs.

Volunteers Touch the Lives of So Many

Every fall on *Make A Difference Day*, volunteers from a host of organizations come together to provide assistance with yard maintenance in our *Cities of Service* neighborhood. In addition, they create holiday greeting cards for members of our military serving throughout the world.

Volunteers on our Christmas Day committee devote many hours planning the annual Open House at Polen Farm to create an atmosphere filled with activities that become warm memories for guests.

As winter fades and signs of spring arise, volunteers work diligently to assist with income tax preparation at the Charles I. Lathrem Senior Center and they provide support to our tax office. Volunteers check identification at our mulch pile to ensure only those who are eligible take advantage of the free mulch. Springtime also brings groups of volunteers from various businesses and organizations to help with parks maintenance projects.

Throughout the year, volunteers provide support in nearly every department of the City. For example, volunteers help with senior transportation and our nutrition

program at our senior center. They also provide entertainment by singing in the Senior Show Choir. Volunteers in our Police Department help with speed watch, cruiser maintenance and in our property room. Volunteers help with data entry and scanning in the Clerk of Courts office. Volunteer couriers assist in our Vehicle Maintenance Center, our Administrative Systems Office and our Fire Department. Our youth sports programs rely heavily on the help from volunteer coaches.

Volunteers on our City's boards and commissions work diligently throughout the year to ensure Kettering continues to thrive. The Kettering Leadership Academy sessions run throughout the year to foster future volunteers for our boards and commissions.

On November 15, volunteers will join Mayor Patterson, City Council and City staff, at the annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon where we will show our appreciation for all of the amazing ways City of Kettering volunteers enrich the lives of others!

For additional information about the City of Kettering's volunteer program, call the Volunteer Office at 296-2433.

Neighborhood Pride Award Winners

The Neighborhood Pride Program was designed to recognize property owners who have made significant improvements to their homes, or who have maintained their properties impeccably year after year.

This program divides the City into 12 districts. In June, July and August, one property is selected from each of the 12 districts, as well as one commercial property, to be recognized as a Neighborhood Pride award winner.

As we celebrate thirty years of the Neighborhood Pride Program, we thank all of the volunteers who have contributed to the success of the program over the years. We simply could not run this program without your support.

In addition, we congratulate the 2018 Neighborhood Pride Award winners!

Congratulations to the 2018 Neighborhood Pride Award Winners!

June Winners

- District 1**
Dave & Mindy Kennedy
1 Delano Pl.
- District 2**
Sylvia Myers
2414 Aragon Ave.
- District 3**
Ruth & John Neely
3017 Meadowcrest Lane
- District 4**
Kevin & Jill Deibel
5624 Overbrooke Rd.
- District 5**
Billie & Eunia Jackson
2833 Gaylord Ave.
- District 6**
Lisa Tapia
108 Carrlands Dr.
- District 7**
John & Julia Brill
749 Stoneybrook Dr.
- District 8**
Chuck & Emily Diane Havener
3425 Lenox Dr.
- District 9**
Bernard & Lucinda Wheeler
200 Snow Hill Ave.
- District 10**
Stephanie Schond
1228 Belvoir Ave.
- District 11**
Stephen & Dana Datz
1516 Stockton Ave.
- District 12**
Douglas & Jane Wiggins
3504 Kingswood Dr.
- Business**
St. Charles Borromeo School
4600 Ackerman Blvd.

July Winners

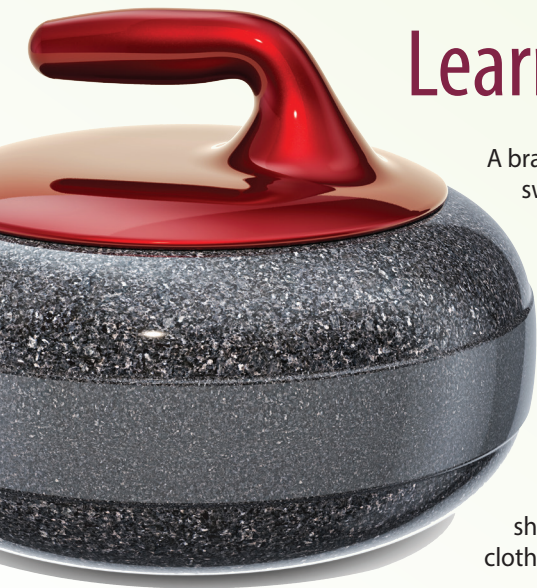
- District 1**
Joshua & Jessica Whitaker
1931 Malcom Dr.
- District 2**
Robert Seifert
2708 Blackhawk Rd.
- District 3**
Carole Wiltsee
3832 Robertann Dr.
- District 4**
Louis & Donna Gabbard
2308 Wrenside Lane
- District 5**
Judith Lambricht
646 Wiltshire Blvd.
- District 6**
Elisabeth Soifer
502 Cottingwood Ct.
- District 7**
Mark & Cynthia Platt
5048 James Hill Rd.
- District 8**
Richard & Patricia Benz
3231 Blossom Heath Rd.
- District 9**
Carol Louise & Val Gene Blaugh
4208 Murrell Dr.
- District 10**
Bernard & Patricia Ferguson
3320 Governors Trail
- District 11**
Fredricka Schaefer
2237 S. Patterson Blvd.
- District 12**
Richard & Barbara Botschner
4377 Jonathan Dr.
- Business**
Ritter's Frozen Custard
Stephen Koehler
2226 Wilmington Pike

August Winners

- District 1**
Thomas Mensinga
1937 Courtland Ave.
- District 2**
Angela Homan
2212 Culver Ave.
- District 3**
Ernest & Margene Robinson
4981 Field Point Ct.
- District 4**
Martin & Christina Lance
2373 Westlawn Dr.
- District 5**
Terry & Brittany Webb
1117 Ansel Dr.
- District 6**
Michael & Sue Frangipane
1223 Sharon Ave.
- District 7**
Beth Conway
4700 Ackerman Blvd.
- District 8**
Linda Berutti/Jeff Fitzgerald
3440 Indian Hill Dr.
- District 9**
Sara Woodhull
4220 Trails End Dr.
- District 10**
Alois Seidl
1348 Ridgeview Ave.
- District 11**
Edward & Karen Isham
2262 Avalon Ave.
- District 12**
Keith Fisher & Rose Rammel
4017 Meadowcroft Rd.
- Business**
Michael Harker
Wilmington Pike Chiropractic
4770 Wilmington Pike



Neighborhood Pride Award Recipients attended the September 25 City Council Meeting



Learn to Curl at the Kettering Ice Arena

A brand-new program is sweeping the Kettering Ice Arena – curling! We're excited to present a series of *Learn to Curl* clinics happening throughout the fall and winter. All equipment is provided; just wear a clean pair of tennis shoes and comfortable clothing. No experience is

needed. Our expert curling instructors will give you all the basics you need to start throwing and sweeping stones like a pro!

A fan favorite in Canada, curling has soared in popularity in the US since becoming an Olympic sport. The underdog US Men's Team, a "scrappy group of guys from the Midwest," started off in local rinks, which took them

straight to 2018 Olympic gold. Will you be next? Anything's possible in curling!

Fees for Learn to Curl classes are \$30 per person for Kettering residents and \$37.50 for nonresidents. Both afternoon and evening classes are offered. Each class is 90 minutes long. **Contact the Kettering Recreation Complex at 296-2587 or visit www.playkettering.org to enroll.**

Ready To Begin Your Fitness Journey?

We Can Help!

We have the fitness facilities, classes and staff to help you reach your goals! Between the Kettering Recreation Complex and the Kettering Fitness & Wellness Center, we offer four exercise studios with the best equipment available and knowledgeable, encouraging and friendly staff – all designed to assist you in discovering your wellness potential. Plus, our certified trainers are available if you are looking for a guided, personalized training program. Stop by either facility today for a tour or to get answers to your questions!

For a comprehensive list of fitness classes, dates, time and locations, visit playkettering.org.

Fitness Journey: Ruth McTaggart

Ruth McTaggart and her daughter Intissar are familiar faces at the Kettering Recreation Complex. Ruth has been attending group exercise classes there since 2005, and Intissar, now 21, joined her from age 13. The mother-daughter duo attends classes and swims in the main pool six to seven days per week!

"My daughter is 21 now and out of school," Ruth said. "She has special needs and I'm very thankful to the Kettering Recreation Complex because they make the facility really accessible to the special needs population. The instructors are very accepting and understanding, and it's been great."

Ruth is originally from Kettering, but lived overseas for 20 years. Her daughter was born overseas and Ruth later returned to Kettering. When Ruth left the area, the KRC had not been built yet, so she was happy to discover the facility upon her return. "I started to



look into something to get me out of the house, and the KRC was there – it's a natural choice for Kettering residents," she said.

Ruth and Intissar take a wide variety of classes and especially enjoy TRX, cycling, kickboxing, Zumba and yoga. "My daughter has a great rapport with Stephanie, the instructor for TRX and cycling. She also has a great kickboxing class. We feel very welcome in her classes, and I hope she's there forever," Ruth said. "Kickboxing especially has been very helpful for my daughter. She also enjoys Kimmie's Zumba class – she has made friends in there, the music is great and Kimmie makes Intissar feel very welcome."

The KRC's welcoming, family-like atmosphere and Kettering's commitment to inclusion are what have kept Ruth and Intissar going back year after year. "We go for a lot of support, emotional and physical, and we get it all there," Ruth said. "People

don't realize that exercise is a lot more than just physical. It helps us mentally and emotionally. The great variety of classes makes a huge impact. Cycling in particular – talk about an endorphin rush! I can go in a bad mood and come out not remembering what it was about."

Ruth has continued her daily schedule at the KRC because she's able to bring her daughter along with her. "What keeps me going is the fact that my daughter can come and she's welcomed, accepted and included in the classes," Ruth said. "It has helped my daughter a lot that she feels so welcome. Stephanie outdoes herself with us; we feel so comfortable there. We're very happy to have the KRC."

Group exercise classes can be intimidating if you are new to fitness or have concerns about your ability level. Our staff is committed to inclusion and providing a welcoming atmosphere. **For information about accessibility, please call 296-2439. To learn more about group exercise, visit www.playkettering.org.**

Please consult your doctor before beginning any fitness program.

Planning an Event in 2019?

Everybody loves a party and everybody loves parks – so why not combine the two? Let Kettering parks be a beautiful backdrop for your celebration in 2019! Birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, graduation parties or baby showers – our park shelters are clean, accessible and FREE!

Shelters may be reserved between April 1 and October 31. There are several picnic shelter options:

Reservable picnic shelters:

- Delco Park
- Indian Riffle Park
- Ernst Park
- Irelan Park

Non-reservable shelters:

(first-come, first-served basis)

- Kennedy Park
- Oak Park
- State Farm Park
- Tait Park
- Van Buren Park
- Wenzler Park

Kettering residents may reserve the shelters beginning January 2, 2019. Non-residents may reserve beginning March 1, 2019. There is no rental or reservation fee to use a picnic shelter. Shelters are reserved in one time slot only—from dawn to dusk. When shelters are not reserved, they may be used on a first-come, first-served basis.

How to Reserve a Shelter:

- Go to www.playkettering.org to the Parks tab
- Go to Park Shelter Reservations and scroll down to choose Delco Park, Ernst Park, Indian Riffle Park or Irelan Park from the Shelter Reservations box to check for shelter availability and to reserve a shelter.
- You will need your User Name and Password to reserve a shelter online. If this is the first time you have logged in, your User Name is your "Household I.D." number and your Password is your home phone number, minus the dashes and spaces.
- If you have an account with us, but you have forgotten your password, you may click the Forgot Password button.
- If you are a brand new patron with us, you may click the Create an Account button to register for a new account. If you need help, please contact our Parks Maintenance Office at 937-296-2486 or stop by at 3170 Valleywood Drive.

For a list of park amenities including visit www.playkettering.org/departments/parks



Play Dates

Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting



Friday, Nov. 30

Lincoln Park Civic Commons

A Rosewood Holiday



Saturday, Dec. 1

Rosewood Arts Centre

Breakfast with Santa* Brunch with Santa*

Saturday, Dec. 8

Polen Farm Barn

Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt*

Saturday, Dec. 8

Sunday, Dec. 9

Polen Farm Barn

New Year's Eve Family Bash*

Monday, Dec. 31

Kettering Recreation Complex

Grandma & Me Snowflake Tea*

Sunday, Jan. 6

Charles I. Lathrem Senior Center

*Denotes events that require preregistration and/or a fee. For details about these events, visit playkettering.org.





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Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday, November 30 in Lincoln Park Civic Commons

Kettering is home to one of the most festive traditions in the Miami Valley – the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting! Our Parks Maintenance Team is hard at work planning another spectacular holiday lights display through Lincoln Park Civic Commons, including a spectacular Christmas tree.

The event begins at 6 p.m. with the tree lighting at 6:30 p.m. There will be live holiday music, refreshments, and horse drawn carriage rides until 8 p.m. So gather up your holiday spirit and dress warm — we can't wait to see you on November 30!

For more information, call 296-2454.



CITY OF KETTERING

Contact Numbers

Emergency

Police/Fire/Paramedic Emergency 9-1-1

Non-Emergency

Police and Fire Dispatch 296-2555

Frequently Called Numbers

Animal Control 296-3266

Building Permits & Zoning 296-2441

City Income Tax 296-2502

Government Center 296-2400

Housing Rehabilitation 296-2441

Polen Farm 435-5787

Property Maintenance Hotline 296-3286

Recreation Complex/Water Park/Pool 296-2587

Rosewood Arts Centre 296-0294

Senior Adult Recreation 296-2480

Trash Information 29-TRASH

Volunteer Office 296-2433

Yard Debris Hotline 296-3255

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