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Mayor's Greeting

Dear Friends,

As the leaves begin to fall and students head back to school, we come together as a community to celebrate some of our favorite annual traditions.

One of our most anticipated annual traditions in Kettering is Holiday at Home. Celebrating more than 50 years, this treasured community tradition is sure to hit your Labor Day weekend plans "out of the park". This event offers games, arts and crafts, and specialty snacks. So grab your lawn chair and line up for the Kettering Holiday at Home parade on Monday, September 2 at 9:55 a.m. The parade will head north on Far Hills Avenue starting at Stroop Road and ending just before Dorothy Lane.

Take in the last days of summer appreciating the beauty and the distinctiveness of our Kettering neighborhoods. Celebrating its 31st year, the Neighborhood Pride Program honors residents who have made significant improvements to their homes or who have maintained their properties impeccably year after year. Properties are nominated by fellow Kettering residents and a team of dedicated volunteers visit each property and carefully deliberate to select the winners. Please plan to join us on September 10 as we recognize award winners at our City Council meeting. Neighborhood Pride winners embody the true meaning of hometown pride, and we appreciate their dedication preserving the scenic beauty of our beloved Kettering neighborhoods.

Thank you for making Kettering your community of choice to call home. I look forward to seeing you at these great events.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Patterson, Mayor

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Holiday at Home

Sunday, September 1 and
Monday, September 2



Shredding Day

Saturday, September 14 from 9 a.m. to Noon
Kettering Government Center parking lot
3600 Shroyer Road

Residential Leaf Collection Begins

Monday, October 21

Beggars Night

Thursday, October 31
6 to 8 p.m.



Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting

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



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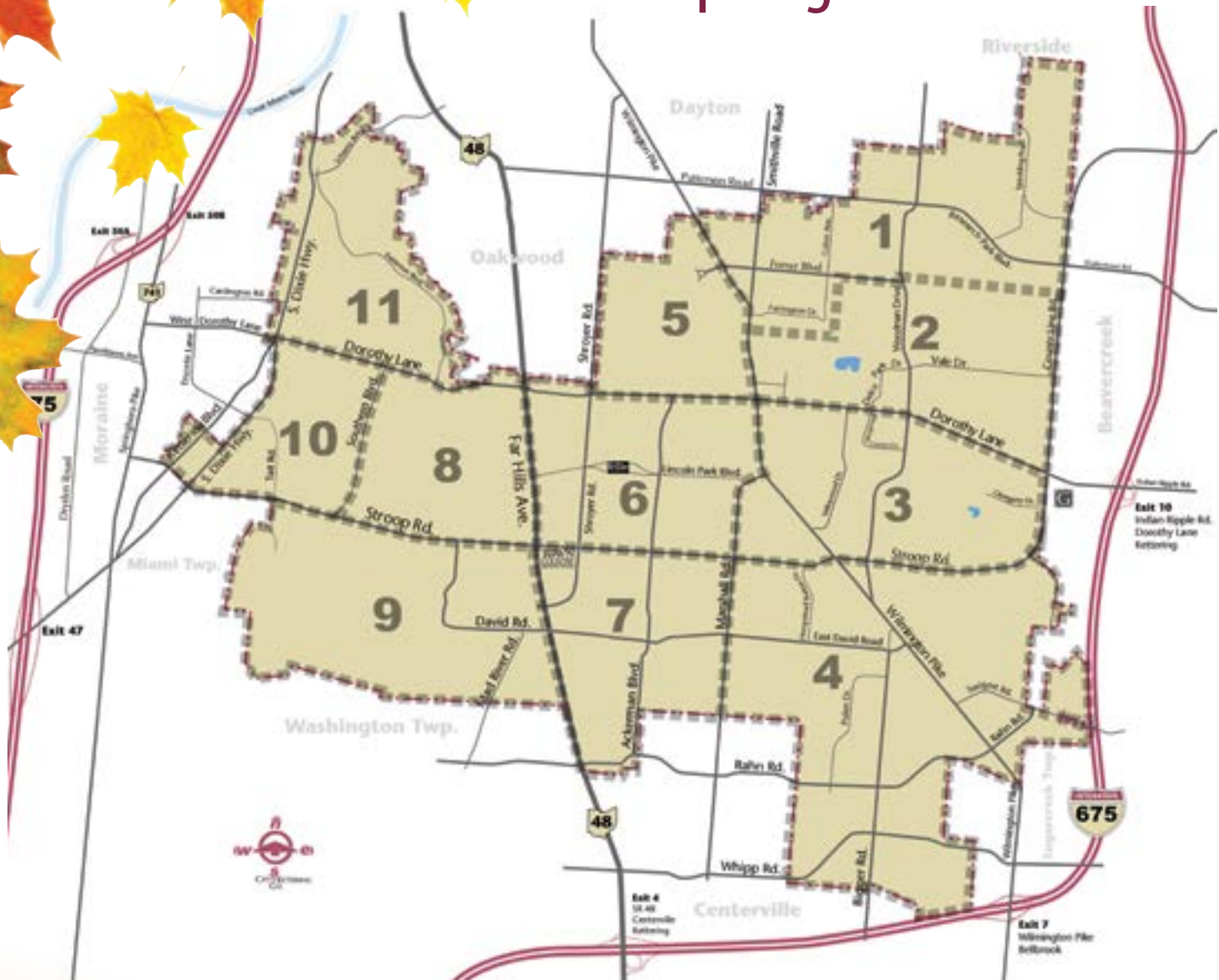
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City of Kettering, Ohio – Government

Leaf Pick Up Begins October 21



One of the most unique and highly valued services the City of Kettering offers to our residents is free curbside collection of your leaves each fall. Leaves are picked up by City crews and taken to the City's leaf composting center where leaves will be converted to mulch and compost, then offered free of charge to residents each spring. The City will begin in District 1 on Monday, October 21 and will continue leaf pick up until early December. Please note that all leaves should be raked to the curb by Monday, December 2 for fall collection.

Please remember the following tips for leaf pickup:

- Know your leaf collection district. Reference the above map to find your district or visit www.ketteringoh.org and enter your address in the **My Services** tab on our home page.
- Don't wait until our crews are near your district to rake leaves. As leaves begin to fall, rake piles to the edge of your lawn. We will make several passes through each district for collection.

- Call **937-296-3255 (FALL)** or check the Kettering website to determine the current location of leaf pickup crews.
- Prior to collection, rake your leaves to the edge of your lawn, but not into the street where they will block traffic and cause a hazard to storm drains. Do not block storm drains or waterways.
- Do not bag your leaves.
- Make sure leaves are not under, between, or around parked cars.
- Don't rake anything except leaves to the curb for pick up. Branches, sticks, grass and other yard waste clog the machinery and throw the crews off schedule. Leaf piles containing branches, grass, etc. will not be collected. You may take your tree branches and brush to the City's Yard Debris Drop-Off Center located on Woodman Center Drive or put them in your Waste Management toter for pick up on your normal trash collection day.

Kettering Roadway Updates

East David Road Update

Construction is progressing on East David Road, from Wilmington Pike to Ackerman Boulevard. Significant repairs to concrete curbs and drive approaches are complete, and asphalt resurfacing will be complete by November 1.

Kettering was awarded nearly \$500,000 in federal funding for construction of this project.

Hilton Drive Improvements

Improvements to Hilton Drive, between Cardington Road and Patterson Boulevard, will continue through the end of 2019. The project includes the replacement of Vectren gas mains, Montgomery County Environmental Services water mains, new storm sewers, curbs, drive approaches, and roadway pavement.

College Drive Extension

The extension of College Drive in the Miami Valley Research Park will be completed by spring 2020. This project is being completed as part of the Community Tissue Services facility expansion, which is currently under construction. Once complete, College Drive will allow better access to the CTS facility, as well as open up additional acreage in the Miami Valley Research Park to new development.

Waving Willow Drive Improvements

Improvements to Waving Willow Drive will be ongoing through the end of 2019. This project includes the replacement of a Montgomery County Environmental Services water main and construction of a new 30" storm sewer. Vectren also completed a replacement of their existing gas mains. Once all of the utility work is complete, the road will be repaved with asphalt.

West Stroop Road Sidewalks

Construction of a new sidewalk connection along the north side of West Stroop Road, between Tait Road and Southern Boulevard, is currently underway. This project will complete one of the missing links of sidewalk along West Stroop Road. The City recently was awarded federal funds through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission to complete another missing link of sidewalk along the north side of West Stroop, between Overland Trail and Southmoor Circle NW. Construction of this project is scheduled to begin in 2024 when federal funds are available.



Schantz Avenue Bridge

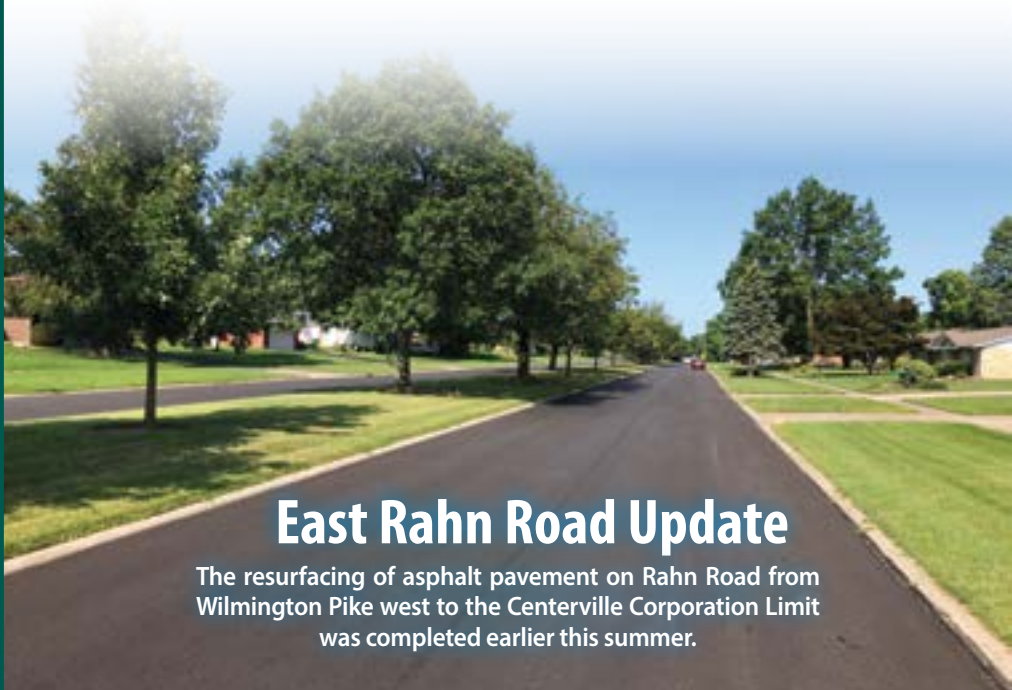
Construction of the Schantz Avenue Bridge over South Dixie Highway began in April, and is on track for opening in early November. The original bridge, constructed in 1943, was demolished, and work is progressing steadily to construct

- the concrete walls that will support the bridge. The project also includes repair and sealing of the adjacent 960 foot long concrete retaining wall.
- Kettering was awarded nearly \$1,300,000 in federal funding for construction.

LED Street Light Conversion

The City recently completed the replacement of approximately 1,000 City-owned street light fixtures from high pressure sodium lights to LED lights. The work primarily took place on several of the City's major thoroughfares, including Stroop Road, Shroyer Road, Research Boulevard, County Line Road and Lincoln Park Blvd, among others. Miami Valley Lighting, who owns

- the majority of street lights in Kettering, primarily in residential neighborhoods, has already completed an upgrade to LED technology within the past several years. Now that the City-owned street light conversion project is complete, nearly all of the street lights in Kettering are LED. These projects have improved the energy efficiency of our street lighting system and will provide better lighting to our major thoroughfares and residential streets.



East Rahn Road Update

The resurfacing of asphalt pavement on Rahn Road from Wilmington Pike west to the Centerville Corporation Limit was completed earlier this summer.

Ridgeway Road Bridge

Recently, the City completed the public input process for the Ridgeway Bridge project, and would like to thank everyone who provided comments, as well as those who responded to the survey that was conducted in 2017. After consideration of all the public input, which indicated strong support for the replacement of the existing bridge, the City has determined to move forward with a new bridge capable of carrying vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The project will also include a public art component installed as part of Kettering's "CitySites" public art program. City staff has been working with the engineering consultant and the public art component artist to finalize the design of the new bridge. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in late 2020 or early 2021, when federal funds are available.

Kettering Business Park Signage and Landscaping Update

The new signage for the Kettering Business Park at the Forrer Boulevard and Wilmington Pike entrance has been completed, new landscaping is also complete, and Forrer Boulevard will be resurfaced with new asphalt. This is great timing to welcome the new Amazon Distribution Center, which is now operational.

Roadway Project Updates Available:

www.ketteringoh.org/current-road-construction-project-updates/

Positive Impact of the Gas Tax

Earlier this year, the Ohio Legislature passed an increase to the state gas tax (10.5 cents per gallon for gasoline and 19 cents per gallon for diesel). We anticipate that Kettering will see a \$1,000,000 annual increase



in gas tax revenue, which will be earmarked for improvements to residential streets. The increase went into effect July 1, and the additional revenue Kettering will receive will be available for the 2021 construction season.

Cities of Service Neighborhood Celebration

Neighbors living in the area between E. Stroop Rd., Marshall Rd., Hempstead Station Dr. and David Rd. gathered at Ireland Park Saturday, June 8 to enjoy hot dogs, children's activities, music, giveaways and door prizes as we kicked off the seventh neighborhood in our Cities of Service (COS) initiative. In addition, neighbors received information on city programs such as senior services, public safety and housing.

Neighbors residing in the 2019 COS neighborhood will soon be receiving information regarding Make A Difference Day activities to take place Saturday, October 26. Volunteers will be available to help neighbors in need of assistance with outdoor maintenance such as debris removal, leaf raking and hedge trimming.



Holiday at Home is a treasured annual tradition here in Kettering. Join us on Sunday and Monday of Labor Day weekend for fun multi-generational activities including a 5k run and kids fun run, auto show, live entertainment, arts and crafts, children's zone, and concessions. Bring your lawn chair out on Far Hills for the parade on Monday beginning at 9:55 a.m. and celebrate all things Kettering. Visit www.holidayathome.org for complete schedule of events.

A Recycling Message from Waste Management



Due to global changes in the recycling industry and commodity markets, collecting quality recyclable materials is more important than ever. Waste Management needs your help to reduce recycling contamination. To launch this initiative, we are focusing on one of the biggest contaminants - bagged recyclables. We are asking customers to **"LOOSE LOAD"** their recycling.



Don't bag recyclables. Place items directly in the recycling toter.

What is the Problem and Why Does it Matter?

Plastic bags add another step to recycling:

Breaking open bags containing recyclable materials requires additional labor, slows down the recycling process and increases the cost of recycling.

Plastic bags interfere with machinery:

Plastic bags get wrapped around the equipment, requiring us to shut down the recycling process several times a day. Workers are then required to climb into the machinery and cut plastic bags out of gears and screens. This poses a safety threat to workers and increases the cost of recycling.

What Can You Do?

"Loose Load" your recycling! Here's how:

- 1) If needed, use only plastic liners for smaller recycling bins typically used inside your facility in offices or for breakroom recycling.
- 2) Check the liners for food or liquid contamination before you add the recyclable materials to the recycling dumpster. If the liners contain food or liquid, they are contaminated. Cinch these bags and place in the trash.
- 3) If recyclable materials in the liner are clean and dry, leave the bag untied and take it to the dumpster.
- 4) At the recycling dumpster, empty the recyclable materials directly into the container. Reuse, take back to accepting local retailers, or dispose of the liner in the trash.



Let's all get back to the basics of good recycling and remember these three rules each time you toss something into your recycling container:



Recycle empty bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.



Keep food and liquid out of the recycling.



Empty recyclables directly into your recycling container
NO bagged recyclables.

Thank you for being a Waste Management customer. We look forward to helping you recycle right.

For more information, tools, and resources to set you up for recycling success, visit www.RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com

Grand Opening of the New Wilmington-Stroop Branch Library



There is a bold new building at the intersection of Wilmington Pike and Stroop Road in Kettering. The Wilmington-Stroop Branch of the Dayton Metro Library celebrated its Grand Opening on Saturday, June 1, from 1 to 4 p.m., with a ribbon cutting and sneak preview for the public. Regular hours resumed Monday, June 3, at the Library located at 3980 Wilmington Pike.

The old Wilmington-Stroop building closed in December of 2017, and was subsequently demolished. The new facility, made possible by a bond issue passed by Montgomery County voters in 2012, is 50% larger than the previous building. It features state-of-the-art amenities in library service, including a Community Room accessible before and after hours, a Reflections-themed Children's Area and dedicated TeenEDGE space, a Quiet

Reading Room, a fireplace, outdoor patio, numerous public computers, industrial grade WiFi, laptop lending, a vending area, and four original art installations.

"This Branch has something new and exciting for everyone to enjoy, but one of the highlights that people will notice right from the start is the wonderful natural light filtering in through all directions," said Branch Manager Mike Hensel. "It truly is a welcoming beacon to the area."

After being closed for nearly a year and a half and working elsewhere in the Dayton Metro Library system, the Wilmington-Stroop Branch staff were eager to get back to their community.

"Staff is happy to be together under one



roof and reconnecting with our patrons," said Hensel.

For information, visit DaytonMetroLibrary.org or call 937-463-2665.

Emergency Power Needs

Fall is a great time to get out and enjoy family and friends. The weather is perfect for all sorts of outside activities but weather can provide us some really big challenges in the form of storms that knock out our power. Power outages are an inconvenience for most of us, but can be deadly for those with chronic medical conditions that require medical equipment.

The City of Kettering has established a list comprised of those individuals enrolled in our Safe Senior program who require power to maintain medical equipment in their home. The Safe Senior program identifies, locates and/or assists seniors and other at-risk residents in times of emergency. In case of a power outage, these individuals will be contacted by either Vickie Carraher, Senior Services Coordinator or one of her volunteers, by coming to their house, to determine if they are in need of any additional support, such as ordering additional oxygen tanks or for evacuation to a shelter that can meet their needs.

To enroll in this program contact Vickie Carraher, Kettering Senior Service Coordinator at 937-296-3356 or email vickie.carraher@ketteringoh.org.

Does Your Home Need a Repair?

The City of Kettering has provided assistance stabilizing households and improving neighborhoods by offering a single family owner-occupied rehab program that has been providing emergency repairs through comprehensive updates for over forty years. If you are having trouble financing needed home repairs, or want to update your whole home, we may be able to help!

Funding can cover minor repairs, needed updates, window replacements, system replacements or comprehensive rehabilitation of your home. The City of Kettering offers low cost loans of 0% or 1% with either low or no payments, depending upon demonstrated need. The City of Kettering offers loans so that repaid funds can be recycled in the future to assist more homeowners.

Funding is available through an allocation the City of Kettering receives from HUD, and is

- limited to residents who are
- low and moderate income
- as shown in the chart below.
- Homeowners will also need equity in their homes. You may request the program guidelines and application by **contacting Andria Perkins at 937-296-3308 or by email at andria.perkins@ketteringoh.org**.
- For more information, visit: <https://www.ketteringoh.org/rehabbing-a-home/>

Rehabbing-a-Home Income Limits

| Household Size | Household Income |
|----------------|------------------|
| 1 | \$39,550 |
| 2 | \$45,200 |
| 3 | \$50,850 |
| 4 | \$56,500 |
| 5 | \$61,050 |
| 6 | \$65,550 |
| 7 | \$70,100 |
| 8 | \$74,600 |

A Smart Approach to Smart-Cities—

Jay Weiskircher, Executive Director, Miami Valley Communications Council

Heidi Van Antwerp, Public Information Officer, City of West Carrollton

Drew Miller, Administrative Systems Director, City of Kettering

Jeff Gamrath, Independent Consultant, Public Broadband Initiatives, Ice Miller Whiteboard

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

How do you meet the needs and demands of your citizens and businesses for access to the ever-changing technological marketplace? The beginnings of the GATeway (Gigabyte Access for Technology and Education) Fiber Network project — connecting seven south Dayton suburban communities with a combined population exceeding 150,000 — was more than 20 years in the making. The Miami Valley Communications Council (MVCC) had a goal to create a fiber network that would provide businesses and residents of its member communities enhanced access to the technological highway. MVCC, formed in the mid-1970s when the first cable TV franchise was awarded in the south Dayton suburbs, is a municipal communications and technology organization representing eight member cities and 23 affiliate member communities throughout the Miami Valley region. MVCC is funded through cable franchise fees from the member cities and dues paid by affiliate members. Its primary mission is to develop and implement cost-

effective intergovernmental projects and cooperative programs.

The GATeway Fiber Network is one of the first multi-jurisdictional fiber networks

in the country. The 10-gigabit backbone covers nearly 44 miles and includes the suburban cities of

Centerville, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Springboro and West Carrollton. Germantown is also a member of MVCC and will be connected via wireless technology in the near future.

The concept of the GATeway Fiber Network had been discussed for years but only became a reality when the cities of Centerville, Kettering, and Oakwood, along with consultant IceMiller Whiteboard, applied for and received a \$100,000 Local Government Innovation Fund grant in 2014. From this study, the initial goal grew into a much larger project — connecting not only Centerville, Kettering, and Oakwood but

the remaining MVCC member cities of West Carrollton, Springboro, Moraine and Miamisburg. MVCC was assigned the duty to coordinate the project as a whole.

The GATeway Fiber Network is an example of how collaboration and partnership can help us all win victories for education, government, and the communities in which we live.

— Thor Sage, MVECA Executive Director

No construction grants or private monies were available to wholly or partially fund the

project so, the \$1.14 million construction cost was borne solely by the seven cities based on per capita contributions. The governing bodies from each of the jurisdictions approved the venture and funding mechanism in early 2018. The project was officially endorsed by the MVCC board, comprised of elected officials from each city, in October 2018.

WHAT IS A FIBER RING?

What exactly is this fiber optic “ring”? In its entirety, the GATeway Fiber Network ring spans 44 miles across, around and through seven cities in the south suburbs of Dayton. Since the late 1990s, many



City of Kettering officials and staff celebrate the lighting of the fiber ring on June 13, 2019

Tackling Technology Together

municipalities have been installing their own fiber optic networks for operating traffic signals or distributing voice and data services to city facilities. The GATEway Fiber Network used these existing fiber networks as a starting point and filled in gaps between the cities with newly constructed fiber and fiber purchased from private carriers. When viewed on a map, the path of the fiber network through each government center forms a ring shape. In addition to being cost effective, this ring design provides each city two routes to every other city on the network, thus preventing disruption or service outages in the event of fiber breaks or cuts anywhere along the ring. The entire network has been constructed via underground conduit and was completed in summer 2019.

CREATING PARTNERSHIPS

Throughout the initial findings phase, several strategic partners were identified in addition to the member cities already committed to the project. The collaboration efforts of all involved were the vital ingredients for the success of the GATEway Fiber Network.

MVCC determined early on that a partnership with the Miami Valley Education Computing Association (MVECA) would be essential to move the project forward. MVECA is a consortium of 31 school districts and service centers in multiple counties and is one of only 18 Information Technology Centers (ITC) licensed by the Ohio Department of Education. MVECA is directly connected to the Ohio Academic Research Network (OARnet) and offers some of the highest broadband speeds in the United States.

ENABLING SMART CITIES

The fiber infrastructure investment affords member communities the opportunity to use different types of electronic data collection sensors to supply information which is used to manage assets and resources efficiently; to partner more effectively on smart city technology projects; and to gain economies of scale on multiple services and operations throughout the area. Enhancing public

safety and security measures for local and regional residents, improving access to e-services, and lowering internal and external costs are all key focuses and objectives within each municipality.

Accessing citizen-focused government services is a key basis for smart cities and has a direct relationship to a citizen's perception of livability. The GATEway Fiber Network presents a significant opportunity for the cities to achieve greater sustainability, reliability, resiliency, and accessibility through shared and cooperative investments in new technologies.

WHERE ARE WE NOW

MVCC hosted a ceremonial Fiber Lighting program June 13 to launch the GATEway Fiber Network and to recognize the outstanding efforts of those involved in establishing this initiative. MVCC board members and Executive Director, Jay Weiskircher, along with other community leaders spoke about the collaboration efforts of those involved. Thor Sage, MVECA Executive Director said, "The GATEway Fiber Network is an example of how collaboration and partnership can help us all win victories for education, government, and the communities in which we live." Sinclair Community College, which received a \$150,000 state grant, will be the first customer on the network, and is using those funds to connect a new branch campus in Centerville to OARnet. Sinclair President, Dr. Steven L. Johnson, commended and congratulated "MVCC and its member cities for their foresight and progressive approach to our common need for connectivity, cost control, scalable technology solutions, economic development, and modernization."

MVCC and its seven member cities have opened a portal for other government agencies, school districts, non-profits, businesses and citizens alike to utilize and capitalize on the GATEway Fiber Network. Their involvement will further spur innovation, encourage business growth, and establish a foundation for future technologies including 5G, autonomous vehicles and smart city infrastructure.

In addition to cost, there are a whole host of reasons this project could not have been accomplished by an individual city however, through the collaborative efforts, vision, strategic planning and execution of MVCC, and the cities of Centerville, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Springboro and West Carrollton, the future is now and the opportunities presented by the GATEway Fiber Network are limitless. For more information, contact MVCC at 937-438-8887 or www.vcc.net

New Veterans Service Facility Opens

Looking to provide services to improve the lives of Veterans and their families the Dayton Vet Center opened earlier this year at 3085 Woodman Drive in Suite 180. Vet Centers are community based and part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Services offered include:

- Individual and group counseling for Veterans, service members, and their families
- Family counseling for military related issues
- Bereavement (grief) counseling
- Military sexual trauma counseling and referral
- Community outreach and education
- Substance abuse assessment and referral
- Employment referral
- Referral of other VA services

Please call 937-296-0489 to schedule a visit.



Safety Village

This summer, Kettering Police Department officers were busy helping with Safety Village. Safety Village is a week-long transportation and life-safety program sponsored by the Dor-Wood Optimist Club. Safety Village instructors are joined by Kettering police, fire and school personnel to provide age-appropriate classroom instruction on a variety of safety topics to participants. RadKids is also taught during Safety Village. This is a program where younger children are taught how to recognize danger from people they don't know and some simple self-defense techniques.



Join Citizen Police Academy

September brings cooler weather and the start of our Fall Citizen's Police Academy. Our academy is a 10 week program that meets from 6:30 – 9 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Classes focus on patrol functions, drug awareness, K-9, traffic enforcement, criminal investigations, evidence collection, firearms safety and other topics. Each participant is encouraged to interact with the instructors. Our goal is to build relationships with our citizens, to answer questions about police work and to have as much fun as we can! Sign up by visiting the City of Kettering's webpage at ketteringoh.org/citizen-police-academy/.

CSI Camp

In June, Kettering Police Officers assisted with CSI (Crime Scene Investigation) Camp at our Habitat Environmental Center. Children between the ages of 7 and 10 years had a great time interacting with officers and learning to be good observers while solving mini mysteries by gathering evidence found in fibers, fingerprints and tracks.



Citizen Police Academy



2019 National Fire Prevention Week

Not every hero wears a cape. PLAN and PRACTICE your ESCAPE!

National Fire Prevention Week takes place October 6 – 12, 2019



More than 350,000 home fires are reported in the United States every year. These fires cause an average of 2,560 deaths annually and result in \$6.5 billion in property damage. With these kinds of statistics, it's easy to see why we continue to make fire prevention and preparedness education a priority. Home fire escape planning and drills are an essential part of our fire preparedness curriculum. A home fire escape plan needs to be developed and practiced before a fire strikes.

Home Fire Escape Planning Should Include the Following:

- Draw a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows.
- Go to each room and discuss two ways out.
- Make sure someone will help children, older adults, and people with disabilities wake up and get out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case an adult cannot help them.
- Establish a meeting place outside and away from the home where everyone can meet after exiting.
- Have properly installed and maintained smoke alarms.

Home Fire Escape Practice Should Include the Following:

- Press the smoke alarm test button to start the drill.
- Practice what to do in case there is smoke: get low and go. Get out fast.
- Practice using different ways out and closing doors behind you as you leave.
- Never go back for people, pets, or things.
- Go to your outdoor meeting place and call 9-1-1 from a cell phone or a neighbor's phone.

Recreational Fires

Fall is a popular time for recreational fires as the temperature begins to cool. Here is a list of rules that the State of Ohio has set for recreational fires or open burning.

- The only material that can be burned is clean dry wood as a fuel source. (No yard waste or rubbish material)
- If the fire is contained in an approved container such as an outdoor fireplace or barbecue pit the fire must be at least 15 feet from a structure or combustible materials.
- For an open fire not contained, the fire must be at least 25 feet from a structure, wood fence, neighboring structure or combustible materials. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of the fire must be eliminated prior to ignition of a fire.
- An outdoor fire, where the fuel being burned is not contained in an outdoor fireplace, must have a fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height.
- The fire must be constantly attended while burning and must be extinguished if it is not attended.
- A portable fire extinguisher with a minimum of a 4A rating or garden hose, bucket of sand or other suitable means for extinguishing the fire must be provided.
- The fire must not create an offensive or objectionable condition that interferes with the neighboring residents' use and enjoyment of their property. If this occurs, the Fire Department is required to order the person responsible for the fire to extinguish it.
- The Fire Department is required to extinguish fires that create hazardous conditions.



The most common complaint from neighbors is when recreational fires do not follow these rules and regulations, or when the environmental conditions cause the smoke to migrate into the residence of neighboring property. Persons with chronic breathing problems can be affected by these conditions.

Another issue that comes up associated with recreational fires is noise and disturbance when these events extend late into the evening. This is a police matter and will be dealt with by the Kettering Police Department.

If you have any questions concerning the Ohio Open Burning Regulations, please contact the Kettering Fire Department Bureau of Fire Prevention at 937-296-2489.



Kettering Volunteer Program Celebrates 40 Years of Service

Former Kettering Mayor Charles F. Horn recognized how important civic engagement is to the success of local government. That is why he worked so hard to implement a formalized volunteer program in the City of Kettering. Created in 1979, Kettering's ACTIVE Volunteer Program (Area Citizens Together In Volunteer

same, the program has grown exponentially. Currently 1,119 volunteers donate time and talent to the betterment of our city. Last year alone volunteers contributed 32,213 hours! Since the inception of the volunteer program, Kettering has saved over \$22,000,000! While these figures are impressive, they pale in comparison to the positive

transportation, nutrition and income tax preparation programs; welcoming guests at Frazee Pavilion; transporting auto parts for our Vehicle Maintenance Center; helping with programs and events such as Art on the Commons through our Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department; scanning and filing documents in our Clerk of Court Office and our Tax Office; helping with records retention projects; serving on city boards or commissions; running speed watch for our Police Department; reviewing properties for our Neighborhood Pride Program; coordinating our annual Christmas Day Open House at Polen Farm; assisting with neighborhood cleanups and projects in conjunction with our Cities of Service and Make A Difference Day initiatives; checking identification at our compost site; and greeting visitors at Kettering Connection. These are just

some of the ways in which volunteers enhance our city services.

Volunteers, staff members, and city officials will soon be receiving invitations to attend the annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon where we will join in celebration as we commemorate 40 years of volunteer service!

Volunteer Mission Statement:

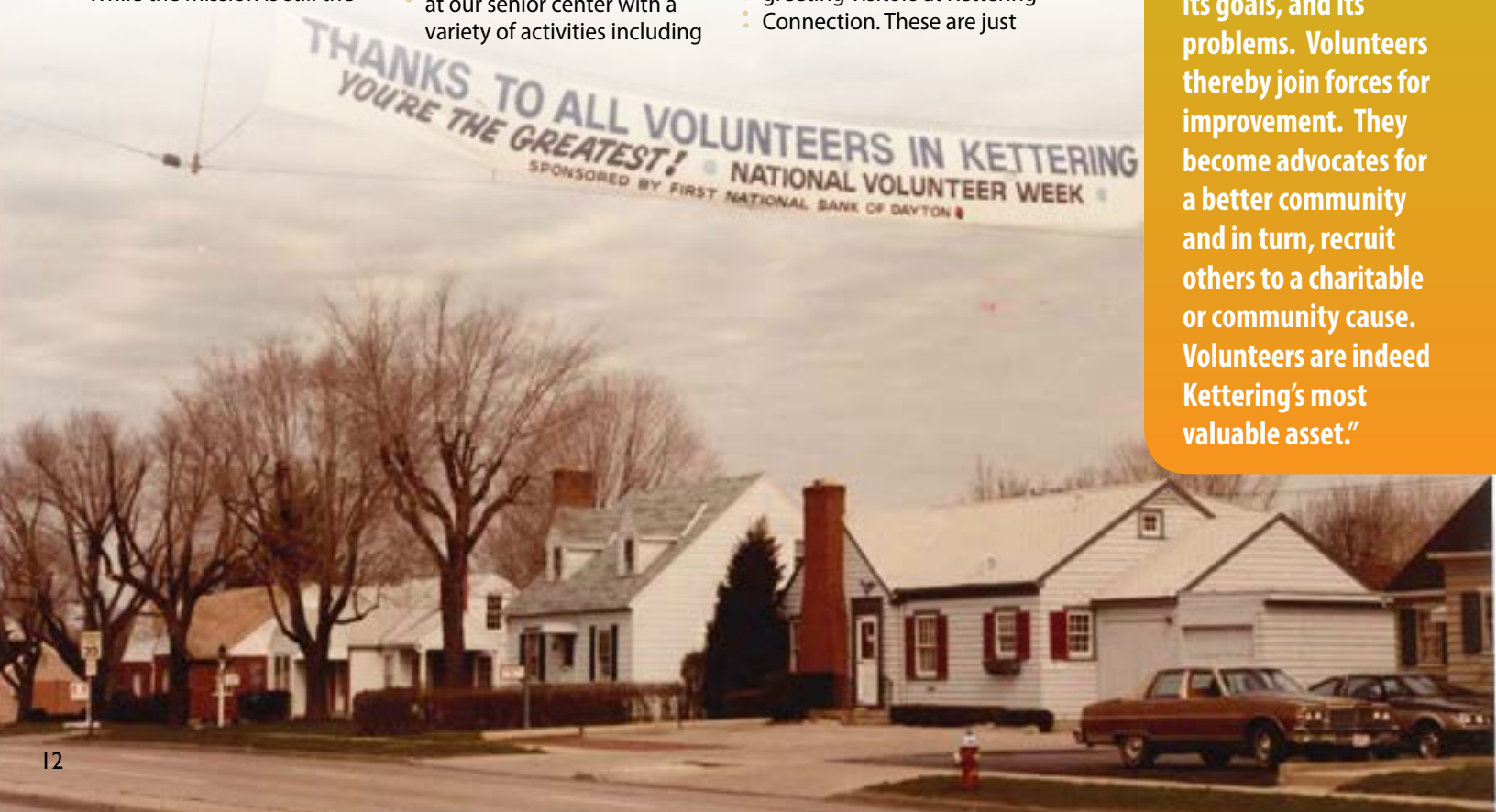
The mission of the Volunteer Kettering program is to offer citizens an opportunity to become involved in their city by assisting city staff in a variety of jobs and organizing activities that expand programs, enhance services, build an understanding of city government and encourage community pride.

Endeavors) was one of the first local government programs in the United States. Forty years later, the program is now known as **Volunteer Kettering**. While the mission is still the

impact volunteers make in our community! On any given day, you will find volunteers delivering mail to various departments; helping at our senior center with a variety of activities including

Former Mayor Charles F. Horn Quote –1979

"It is my belief that a community cannot remain strong without a tradition and spirit of volunteerism. Through activities, volunteers become knowledgeable about the community, its goals, and its problems. Volunteers thereby join forces for improvement. They become advocates for a better community and in turn, recruit others to a charitable or community cause. Volunteers are indeed Kettering's most valuable asset."



Kettering Leadership Academy Class of 2019

Congratulations to the 2019 Kettering Leadership Academy graduates! We wish you much success as you take on future leadership roles within our community!



Front Row (L – R): Lisa Duvall, Edict Systems Inc; Kerry Corthell, Community Volunteer; Josie Burns, Kettering College; Carrie Remhof, WilmerHale; Jonelle Carroll, Kettering City Schools/City of Kettering; Shannon Wright, Moraine Country Club; Maggie Burk, LBrands; David Bogle, St. Charles School

Back Row (L – R): Chris Wright, Christ Church; Richard Honneywell, ODOT (retired); Christopher Evans, Kettering Police Dept; Michael Nesbella, WilmerHale; Art Santoian, U.D. School of Business Adm. (retired); Mitch Robbins, Kettering Fire Dept; Nick Andrews, Heapy Engineering

The principal goal of the Kettering Leadership Academy (KLA) is to build a resource of community leaders on a continuing basis. The Academy is designed to identify, educate and develop potential community leaders; expand leadership potential; enhance the quality of life in our community; and provide access to leadership and personal growth opportunities.

In September, fourteen class members began their KLA experience with an overnight retreat comprised of classroom activities, outdoor learning experiences, leadership development, and teambuilding exercises. Participants met once a month to learn about local government, education, health care, volunteering, public safety, history and our business

- community. Participants were required to design and complete a project addressing a need in our community.
- The Academy was created in 2003 by Councilman Bruce Duke and administered by Volunteer Office staff. Now in its seventeenth year, over 75% of KLA graduates serve in some capacity in our community.
- The Kettering Leadership Academy was featured as a model program at the National Association of Volunteer Programs in Local Government at the annual Points of Light Conference held in June in St. Paul, Minnesota.
- For additional information about KLA, please contact Volunteer Administrator, Mary Lou Randolph at 937-296-2531.

Kettering Recognized for Cities of Service Efforts

Cities of Service is a non-profit organization that helps build stronger cities by tapping into the knowledge, creativity, and service of citizens to help identify and solve critical problems.

Mayor Patterson joined the coalition in 2011 with a focus on strengthening our neighborhoods. Out of 266 participating

cities, 11 cities were selected to participate in a conference held in Boston this summer. Kettering was the smallest city invited to participate. Other cities included: Lansing, MI; Seattle, WA; South Bend, IN; Baton Rouge, LA; Round Rock, TX; Scottsdale, AZ; Topeka, KS; Phoenix, AZ; New York, NY and Long Beach, CA. Kettering was selected as

a model city based on our demonstrated ability to secure local community partners to fund the initiative. Thanks to the many area businesses, service organizations, and community volunteers for your support in this effort and for making civic engagement a priority!

National Make A Difference Day

National **Make A Difference Day** was created in 1992 by **USA Weekend** magazine and is held each October on the fourth Saturday. The City of Kettering has been a participant since its inception with the Kettering Volunteer Advisory Council working closely with city staff to create projects suitable for individuals, families, and various organizations such as sports teams, school groups and service clubs. The day includes both an indoor and an outdoor project to create a variety of opportunities. Last year, projects included an outdoor cleanup in our Cities of Service neighborhood and an indoor project creating holiday placemats for area nursing homes and holiday greeting cards for our active duty military.

Plans are underway for **Make A Difference Day 2019!** The outdoor project will take place in this year's Cities of Service neighborhood which is bordered by E. Stroop Rd., Marshall Rd., David Rd. and Hempstead Station Dr. Volunteers will meet at Irelan Park and will be disbursed into the neighborhood to assist neighbors with outdoor property maintenance such as debris removal, leaf raking, and various landscaping needs. Tools will be provided.

The indoor project will consist of creating holiday placemats for area nursing homes and holiday greeting cards for our active duty military. Additional details will be posted to social media.

Make A Difference Day serves as another excellent opportunity for students, sports organizations, scout troops, families and service clubs to join together to make a positive impact in our community.

Both projects will take place from 9 a.m. – Noon on Saturday, October 26. We are grateful for the help provided by our volunteers and community partners! To become part of this volunteer effort, please contact Volunteer Administrator, Mary Lou Randolph at 937-296-2531 or email marylou.randolph@ketteringoh.org.

Tap into Creative Fun at Rosewood



If you are at Rosewood Arts Centre on a Wednesday morning, you'll hear the sound of tapping feet coming from the dance studio. Led by Sammie Sue Edmondson, this enthusiastic group of dancers taps to everything from 'Uptown Funk' to 'Singing in the Rain.' The atmosphere is always friendly with a mix of longtime and new students.

"We always have fun," said instructor, Sammie Sue Edmondson.

"These ladies are great."

Student Cherie says her long drive to class from Greenville is worth it. She's new to tap, although she's not new to dance. "I wanted to try something new, and this looked like fun," she said.

The environment is not competitive, Sammie Sue explained, and she keeps the classes low pressure and focused on enjoying creative movement with a welcoming group of people.

"The returning students help the new students learn the moves," Cherie said.

Aside from fun and friends, the main reason participants said they love to tap dance? The workout!

"Tell everyone that 89-year-old ladies can still dance," said participant Audrey, who has taken classes with Sammie Sue for many years and calls herself 'the grandmother of the group.' "I love it. It's a lot of fun and a lot of exercise while we laugh

The returning students help the new students learn the moves.
— student Cherie

together."

"I'm dancing to improve my health as I get older," Cherie said. She uses ballet classes to increase her strength and enjoys the cardio benefits of Adult Tap Dance.

The class is definitely energetic – students practice several dances within the 45-minute class period and work up quite a sweat. Some participants dance with minor

modifications or sit out for a dance when needed.

Of course, there's plenty of encouragement, chatting and comradery between dances.

"I really enjoy the friendships," said student, Michelle. "We've gone out together for ice cream, had tea, celebrate Christmas at the end of the year, and meet up over the summer [when class is not in session]."

If you're looking for a fun way to get moving, enjoy music and make friends, check out Adult Tap Dance at Rosewood! The class is open to both men and women ages 16+ and meets Wednesday mornings from 11 – 11:45 a.m.

Visit Rosewood's homepage at www.playkettering.org/ to learn more about adult dance classes!

HoneyFest

Saturday, Sept. 21
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us at Delco Park for our fourth annual HoneyFest! This Ohio Parks and Recreation Association award-winning event is all about saving our pollinators. Visit with local Ohio beekeepers, honey vendors, educators and more at this FREE event.

Bee the Change!



Sportsmanship Quiz

The power of playing nice.



Pop quiz time! Our youth sports programs are designed to teach kids not only how to play the game, but how to play it fairly. Learning cooperation and practicing good sportsmanship are some of the biggest benefits of being on a youth sports team. The behavior parents model from the sidelines is just as important as the skills and behavior the coaches and officials display.

Take our True-or-False quiz to find out if your family has the sportsmanship thing down.

1. Winning is the most important part of playing the game – kids who can't win for the team need to sit on the bench.
2. Bending the rules a little is okay, and everyone does it.
3. It's important to be gracious, win or lose. Gloating and pouting are not sportsmanlike behaviors.
4. If the coach or referee makes a call you disagree with, you need to let them know from the sidelines.
5. Don't treat a kids' game like the NBA finals — applaud players on both teams if they make a great play.
6. If you don't like the way the game is coached or refereed, the best option is to pull your child out of the program.
7. Good sportsmanship is important for kids who don't play sports.

ANSWERS:

1. **False** – Winning in youth sports is not as important as having fun, building skills, and giving every child a chance to participate.
2. **False** – Cheating is not acceptable, whether on a test at school or in a basketball game.
3. **True** – Our players shake hands or high-five after the game. It's important to congratulate each other on a game well played.
4. **False** – We encourage parents and spectators to cheer on the children with positive messages and to remember that our coaches are volunteers and the players are kids. If you disagree with a play call or penalty, keep in mind what we said earlier — skill-building is the main goal. If you feel you must discuss a situation with coaches or staff, do so privately and calmly after the game.
5. **True** – Everyone on the court is getting better and learning new skills every week! Let them know how well they're doing with some friendly applause.
6. **False** – Kids need to learn to adapt to different personality types and leadership styles, as well as develop the skills to stick out imperfect situations. If your child is truly unhappy, model good problem-solving skills by having a chat with the coach to find a solution.
7. **True** – Good sportsmanship is for everybody! Maybe team sports aren't your child's thing, but all kids need to learn how to win or lose gracefully, cooperate with others, and keep a positive attitude.

SCORE:

7 correct: Great job! You really know your sportsmanlike conduct!

3 to 5 correct: You're well on your way, some practice will make perfect.

0 to 2 correct: Your sportsmanship skills could use an assist – remember, it's all about PLAY!

Play Dates

HoneyFest



Saturday, Sept. 21

Delco Park

Local Eats & Treats Fair



Saturday, Sept. 28

Kettering Recreation Complex

Autumn Star Gaze



Saturday, Oct. 19

Pondview Park



Wag-O-Ween

Saturday, Oct. 26

Kettering Recreation Complex

Holiday Arts & Crafts Show

Saturday, Nov. 9



Charles I. Lathrem Senior Center

Princess Party*

Sunday, Nov. 17

Charles I. Lathrem Senior Center

Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting



Friday, Dec. 6

Lincoln Park Civic Commons



Santa Paws

Saturday, Dec. 7

Kettering Recreation Complex

A Rosewood Holiday Arts Festival

Saturday, Dec. 7



Rosewood Arts Centre

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

Apply Today and Join the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Team!

2020 is going to be an exciting year and we need fun, innovative, and dedicated employees—like you!—to make it happen.

We know that it's passionate and innovative team members that make our customers and residents love our parks, facilities and programs. Numerous job opportunities are available, with each of them offering you the chance to work with talented people who are dedicated to the community and want to be part of something bigger. Are you ready to make a positive impact on the community and have fun doing it?



Job Opportunities:

- Lifeguards
- Groundskeepers
- Summer Camps
- Frazee Pavilion
- Fitness
- Sports
- Programmers
- Facility Operations

With so many opportunities to join our award-winning team, what are you waiting for?



Visit playkettering.org/join-our-team to learn more about pay rates, job qualifications, and our online application!

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Non-Emergency

Police and Fire Dispatch..... 937-296-2555

Frequently Called Numbers

Animal Control..... 937-296-3266
 Building Permits & Zoning 937-296-2441
 City Income Tax 937-296-2502
 Government Center..... 937-296-2400
 Housing Rehabilitation 937-296-2441
 Polen Farm 937-435-5787
 Property Maintenance Hotline 937-296-3286
 Recreation Complex/Water Park/Pool. 937-296-2587
 Rosewood Arts Centre..... 937-296-0294
 Senior Adult Recreation..... 937-296-2480
 Trash Information 937-29-TRASH
 Volunteer Office 937-296-2433
 Yard Debris Hotline..... 937-296-3255

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