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Mayor's Greeting

Dear Friends,

It's been said that a hero is someone who does what must be done and needs no other reason. This year we've seen our entire Kettering community answer the call to do what must be done, showing that heroes are everywhere among us.

We saw the great women and men of Kettering's Streets Division, Vehicle Maintenance Center and Parks Maintenance answer the call and provide 2,145 labor hours and 3,049 equipment hours to assist the City of Dayton, the City of Beavercreek and Butler Township during the first two weeks after the Memorial Day tornadoes. In this case, and often many others that go unnoticed, these City of Kettering employees showed their dedication to public service and answered the call to help neighboring communities in need.

We saw our *Ohio's Finest* Police Department answer the call for mutual aid in the early morning hours on August 4, during one of the darkest days in Dayton history. As the Dayton Police Department worked to establish order and security at a chaotic mass shooting scene in the Oregon District, our officers were there assisting with calm and compassion.

We saw the Fire Department answer the call in different ways than responding to calls. In October's "National Fire Prevention Week," the Fire Department led several proactive and community-centered activities, including a video on fire prevention shown to nearly 5,000 Kettering students, a coloring contest, reminders to test smoke alarms and tips for planning a fire escape.

Last, but certainly not least, 1,124 of you answered the call this year by contributing 31,831 hours to our volunteer program. You've continued the 40-year history of Kettering's volunteer program, which has made countless positive impacts to our community, all just because you've chosen to do what must be done, for no other reason.

Kettering residents and our City employees have answered the call in many other ways this year. I extend a heartfelt thank you to all who continue to answer the call for our great city.

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

Yard Debris Center

Closes on Monday, December 2

Fall Leaf Collection

Please have leaves raked to the curb by
Monday, December 2



Christmas Day Gathering at Polen Farm

Wednesday, December 25

Flyin' to the Hoop Basketball Tournament

January 17 – 20



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City of Kettering, Ohio – Government

Winter Weather Preparedness

Did you know that our drivers clear an equivalent of 975 miles while plowing the City during a winter storm event? That's about the same distance as driving from here to Orlando!

The winter months are upon us, and it is time to prepare for the tricky weather that comes with it. The safety of our community is a top priority, and we strive to provide safe and passable road surfaces during winter storm events.

The City of Kettering Streets Division prepares for winter storms months ahead, even when the weather is warm! Organization and careful use of resources ensure safe driving routes.

The City of Kettering established 16 primary snow routes which 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. When a winter storm hits, our crews will work around the clock to keep these routes clear.

While snow continues to fall, operations will focus on these primary routes only.

After at least two inches of accumulation, and the complete end of snowfall, the side streets in the City will receive attention.

The length of time it takes to clear side streets will depend on the amount of snow, wind and air temperature.

**Snow & Ice
info-line
937-296-3255**

Tips for residents:

- Stay informed about pending weather conditions. Allow extra travel time. Maintain a safe following distance and slower speeds. Avoid peak traffic hours.
- Do not attempt to pass snowplow trucks that may be plowing in teams.
- Remove parked vehicles from the street wherever possible to make it easier for plows to make it through neighborhoods. Cars that are not moved may be plowed in.

- Snow plowed across driveways is unavoidable. When shoveling, consider placing the snow on the right side of the driveway (facing the street) to lessen the amount of shoveling due to snow plow deposits.
- Carefully clear sidewalks as soon as practical. Clearing of sidewalks is the responsibility of the property owner. It is inevitable that plows may toss snow back on to sidewalks as they clear the roads.
- Remove any remaining snow from around the mailbox for mail carriers. Be sure to shovel around fire hydrants, saving the Fire Department precious seconds in the event of an emergency.
- Take breaks when shoveling to avoid exhaustion. Make sure others know when someone outside working.

For more information, please call the City of Kettering Snow and Ice Information Line at 937-296-3255



Ridgeway Road Bridge Replacement

The City of Kettering CitySites Art in Public Places Committee is proud to announce the selection of Cliff Garten Studio (CGS) for the design of a permanent artwork on the Ridgeway Road Bridge, scheduled for replacement in 2021. Cliff Garten is an internationally recognized artist, whose practice integrates sculptural artwork into civic

- infrastructure, incorporating architecture, landscape architecture and engineering.
- From 2018 through 2019, the City and CGS collected feedback from residents adjacent to the bridge as well as in public forums, and conducted phone interviews with Kettering residents, the Kettering Arts Council, and the Art in Public Places

- Committee. CGS worked closely with the project engineers and Kettering staff to incorporate the values and ideas shared in this process and create a long-lasting, visually dynamic new bridge.
- With a focus on creating a place for the community, the new Ridgeway Road Bridge design "Foliage" reflects the surrounding landscape of

- Hills and Dales Metro Park and the flowing hills of Kettering, particularly the view west from the bridge. The fluid movement of the fence lines and the sculptures mimic leaves caught in a gentle breeze. With the addition of plazas on the north and south sides of the bridge, pedestrians and vehicles will experience a unique crossing and gathering place. Garten wrote: "Our infrastructure should both serve our needs and be visually engaging and memorable in a single breath."

Additional information can be found at: <https://www.playkettering.org/ridgeway-road-bridge-project/>



Schantz Avenue Bridge Replacement

Schantz Avenue will soon open to traffic! Substantial completion of the bridge construction work is scheduled for November, with the public artwork installation slated for spring 2020. The artwork will integrate seamlessly into the new bridge creating a signature entry feature for the City. The sculpture embodies the artistry of the trolley cars that once traveled the Dixie corridor and the designs on the historic cash registers showcased at nearby Carillon Park.



Phase 2 – Traffic Signal Replacement

Kettering was awarded nearly \$1,200,000 in federal funds to reconstruct traffic signals in 2020. Locations include:

- 1) East Dorothy Lane at Powhattan Place
- 2) East Dorothy Lane at Valleywood Drive
- 3) Woodman Drive at Adventure Drive
- 4) Woodman Drive at Aragon Avenue
- 5) Woodman Drive at Forrer Boulevard
- 6) Forrer Boulevard at Culver Avenue

Wilmington Pike Improvements

Kettering was awarded over \$900,000 in federal funds to resurface the asphalt pavement and construct a missing sidewalk link on Wilmington Pike. The limits of resurfacing are from Stroop Road south to the corporation boundary with Centerville at Brown Road. The sidewalk will be constructed on the west side of Wilmington Pike from David Road to Woodman Drive. Pedestrians are currently walking over grass to use this corridor. The concrete pavement will be a preferred improvement, especially during adverse weather.

Ackerman Blvd. Improvements

An improvement project on Ackerman Boulevard from Stroop Road to Dorothy Lane is scheduled for 2020. The work includes repair of concrete curb, sidewalk and drive approach, as well as resurfacing of the asphalt pavement.

Accessibility, Emergency and Minor/Major Repair Assistance Program



The City of Kettering has offered residents assistance with household repairs for 40 years. Residents in need of home repairs and accessibility updates may be eligible for help!

For Kettering Single-Family Homeowners

Accessibility Improvements:

Includes any improvement that allows people with disabilities to live more easily within their homes. Some of these improvements might include moving items to a more accessible level in the home, such as a washer and dryer, other improvements may include installing helpful equipment like a roll-in shower versus a bathtub, wall guards, lighted smoke detectors, ramps, grab bars, door handles, lowered light switches and handrails. Call 937-296-3308 to discuss your idea.

Emergency Improvements:

Includes unforeseen circumstances such as no heating or air, plumbing issues or electrical problems in the home. Residents may qualify for the emergency program if any essential service stops functioning. For more information, call 937-296-3308.

One person household income limit is \$39,550 – to receive a grant the income limit is \$24,750.

Two person household income limit is \$45,200 – to receive a grant the income limit is \$28,250.

Minor/Major Repair Assistance:

It is still possible that household income, home equity and the nature of the repair may qualify for this program. For repairs that do not apply to either the accessibility or emergency categories. Below are the income limits for all sources of income. Please contact the City of Kettering for assistance.

Household of one:	\$39,550
Household of two:	\$45,200
Household of three:	\$50,850
Household of four:	\$56,500
Household of five:	\$61,050
Household of six:	\$65,550

To Qualify for a Loan: The homeowner must be income eligible and must have equity for most rehab work. Eligible homeowners could qualify for loans with interest rates of 1% and 0% depending on their housing costs as compared to their gross income. No ability to make monthly payments or good credit is required.

To Qualify for a Grant: The homeowner needs to meet the income levels listed above and provide third-party proof of accessibility need.

Call the City of Kettering Planning and Development Department at 937-296-3308 to request an application today!



Winter Heating Help for Those in Need

Winter weather heating costs can be a stress for all of us; but for millions of low-income Americans, the additional financial stress could result in their heat source being shut off in the middle of the coldest of winters. Fortunately, there are measures in place by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to prevent these individuals from shut-off notices when they most need this protection.

The first line of defense is the Home Energy Assistance Program. This federally-funded program is designed to help low-income Ohioans meet the cost of home heating. This program offers a one-time payment for consumers applied directly to their bill. To receive this benefit, an applicant must be at or below 175% of the federal poverty level. That is up to \$45,062.50 for a family of four.

- Another program that provides year-round assistance with both electric and heating fuel bills is the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus. This program allows those individuals at 150% of the poverty level to pay only \$10 per month or 6% of their gross monthly income, whichever is greater, to the utility company each month to maintain their service.

- Applications for both the Home Energy Assistance Program and Percentage of Income Payment Plan can be obtained at the Kettering Connection at Town & Country Shopping Center, the Kettering Government Center at 3600 Shroyer Road and at the Kettering Recreation Complex located at 2900 Glengarry Drive.

- The Winter Crisis Program offers assistance one time per heating season to low-income households that are disconnected, threatened with disconnection or have

- less than a 10 day-supply of bulk fuel. This program is administered locally by the Community Action Partnership. To receive this program, you must contact the Community Action Partnership directly at 937-341-5000.

- There is also assistance for active duty military personnel called the Patriot Plan. Under this plan, companies cannot disconnect the residential utility service of any military Reservist or National Guardsman deployed on active duty for nonpayment. For additional information about this program, contact the Public Utilities Commission at 1-800-686-7826.

- If you have any questions about these programs or need assistance in completing these applications, contact the **City of Kettering Senior Service Coordinator** at 937-296-3356 or email vickie.carraher@ketteringoh.org.

Income Tax Preparation Assistance

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program offers free tax preparation help to those 50 and older, who can't afford a tax preparation service. The preparers are IRS-certified volunteers who understand that retirement or other life changes may mean your taxes are a little more complicated.

Appointment Scheduling Begins: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 8 a.m. Call 937-296-2480 or 937-296-4357.

NOTE: Appointments fill quickly and no guarantee is made that all callers will be able to schedule an appointment at this location.

Appointments Available: February 3 – April 9, 2020. Appointments are held at the Charles I. Lathrem Senior Center, 2900 Glengarry Drive. Appointments are limited to one hour per client. No complicated returns will be completed.

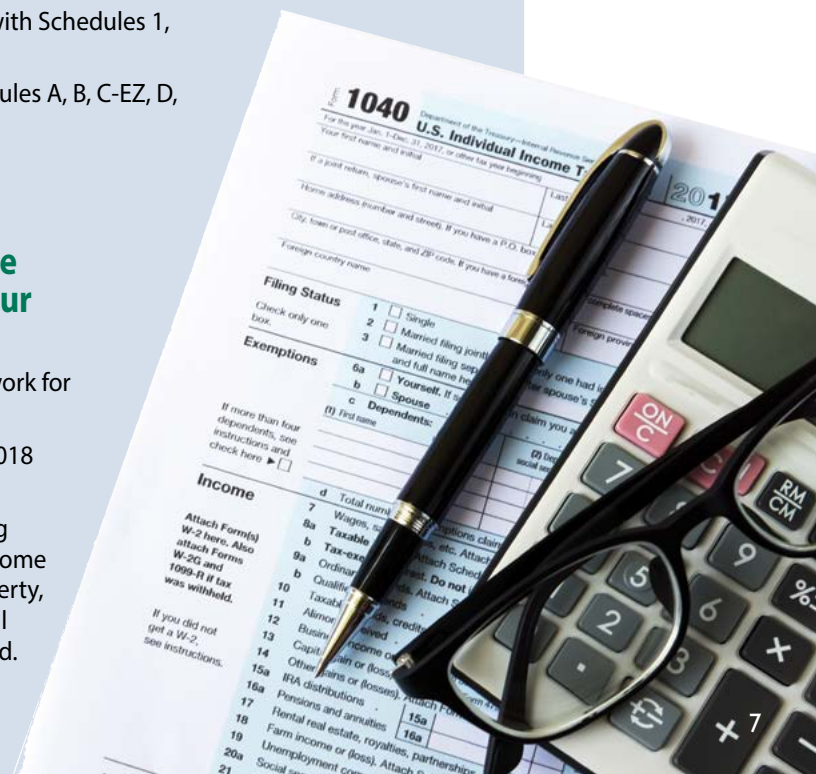
Important guidelines of the program:

Volunteers will prepare basic forms including the following:

- 1040EZ, 1040A with Schedules 1, 2, 3 and EIC
- 1040 with Schedules A, B, C-EZ, D, EIC, R and SE
- 1040-V
- 1040-ES

Please bring the following to your appointment:

- Relevant paperwork for your 2019 taxes
- A copy of your 2018 return
- Returns involving partnerships, income from rental property, or businesses will not be completed.





Kettering Police Department



Shop With Cops

The holiday season is right around the corner, and the Kettering Police Department (KPD) is already preparing. The annual Shop With Cops program will take place in December. This event provides officers and citizens an opportunity to shop and enjoy a meal provided by Chick-fil-A.

In September, Officer Matt Burian was named Kiwanis Officer of the Year.

ALICE Training

Kettering Police Department will be teaching ALICE at Indian Riffle Elementary School. This program, Alert / Lockdown / Inform / Counter / Evacuate, is designed to instruct school personnel to recognize danger, overcome the denial that it is happening and take action. Officer Matt Barnes does an excellent job managing this program, and the results are amazing as teachers feel more empowered after the training having an implementation plan, if needed.

KPD Building Renovations

Kettering Police Department is getting ready to move. Major building renovations are just around the corner causing some employees to move to temporary office space. KPD employees are excited to see the finished project. While this will take many months, it will be well worth the wait. The chance for officer input on building design has also been greatly appreciated.



Holiday at Home

The 2019 Holiday at Home event was a success with good weather and a great turnout. Many citizens stopped and visited police officers at the Kettering Police Department booth and enjoyed free giveaways making it a fun weekend.

Little Cadet Program

The Kettering Police Department is offering the Little Cadet Program in partnership with Town & Country Shopping Center November 16 from noon to 2 p.m. Kettering's little citizens are welcome to come out for an afternoon of fun with police work. Fingerprinting, making arrests and learning fitness tips are just a few of the topics offered at this annual event.



Spillman CAD/RMS Software

Officers are being trained to use a new CAD/RMS software package called Spillman. The software will greatly enhance KPD's ability to fight crime and handle calls.

Hiring & Promotional Update

Kettering Police Department continues to hire new officers to fill vacancies. Promotional processes are in the works for the ranks of sergeant and lieutenant.

SORAT Training

Single Officer Response to Active Threat (SORAT) training took place in September. This training was much needed and gives officers better options using tactics that are designed around a single officer making entry into a building during an active-shooter event.



Kettering Fire Department



Carbon Monoxide

In 2018, Kettering Fire Department (KFD) responded to 129 suspected carbon monoxide leaks. On many of these home responses, KFD crews discovered carbon monoxide leaking from faulty gas-fueled appliances. Carbon monoxide is a colorless and odorless gas commonly referred to as the "silent killer". Carbon monoxide can cause headache, dizziness, weakness, confusion and even death.

This gas is the result of incomplete combustion of fuels commonly used in homes. Common sources of carbon monoxide are gas appliances (furnaces, ovens and water heaters), wood-burning stoves and fireplaces. A carbon monoxide detector should be installed on every level of homes equipped with any gas-fueled appliance and/or an attached garage. Batteries in a carbon monoxide alarm should be tested monthly and replaced each year.

Space Heaters

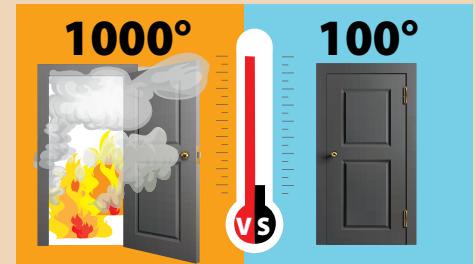


As winter approaches and the temperatures begin to drop, people begin heating their homes. For those who use space heaters to fight the cold, the following safety measures should be used.

- Keep combustible items, such as blankets, furniture and clothing, at least three feet away from a space heater. People and pets should also follow the three feet from heater rule.
- Plug heater directly into wall outlet. Do not use an extension cord or power strip.
- Only use a heater with an automatic shut off to ensure it will turn off if it is tipped over.
- Turn heater off before leaving the room or going to sleep.

Close Before You Doze

When a home fire starts, it creates toxic, deadly smoke. Air flow inside the home is a significant contributor to where and how rapidly fire and smoke will spread. Direct smoke and fire away from bedrooms by closing the doors while sleeping. This will significantly increase the amount of time to respond to the fire and escape. Please remember to close bedroom doors before sleeping.



Make a 900 degree difference

During a fire, a closed door can mean the difference between 1,000 degrees and 100 degrees. Close the door before you doze.

Fire Department Welcomes New Hires

The Kettering Fire Department recently hired six new members and promoted three others. On October 1, 2019, a swearing-in ceremony was held for these nine individuals.

Sworn in were Christopher Caudill, Dane Jobe, Michael Martin, Kyle Lupton, Jonathan Kaney and Thomas Crawford. These six come to our city with a combined total of

more than 60 years of fire and EMS experience. The three KFD firefighter paramedics who were promoted to the rank of captain are Kyle Denlinger, Michael Holbert

and Glenn Schlub. These nine employees have been vetted through extensive hiring and promotional processes. Congratulations to these members for their accomplishments.



Promoted to Captain are Michael Holbert, Glenn Schlub and Kyle Denlinger

A Brewer, a Clothier, a Manufacturer, and a Grocer all Decide *Kettering is Home*

The past 18 months have seen several small businesses make Kettering their home, or decide to stay home, in Kettering. Here are just a few examples.

In January 2019, Eudora Brewing Company moved into its new facility at 3022 Wilmington Pike. As Dayton's very first and only tap room, brewery and kitchen with an onsite customer brewing facility, Eudora has become a popular stop for visitors from across the Miami Valley.

Eudora was destined for Kettering as its owner, Neil Chabut, is a 2007 Fairmont graduate. "We love Kettering, and we're happy to be a part of such a wonderful community," Chabut offered.

Since moving in January, Mr. Chabut and his staff have appreciated seeing so many different types of people come and enjoy the new space. "We see all kinds of different folks at the brewery— young people, older people, families, people visiting from out of town, college students, craft beer "newbies", as well as "aficionados"... And, even some familiar faces from when I was attending school in Kettering," Chabut said.

"We love Kettering, and we're happy to be a part of such a wonderful community."

—Neil Chabut, Eudora Owner

Eudora is becoming the diverse and friendly community gathering place that its owner hoped it would be.

The staff is always brainstorming to improve Eudora and extend their brand presence. They are working on a strategy for distributing to bars and restaurants around town and starting to discuss packaging options (bottles and cans) to

allow people to purchase beer to go in something other than growlers. Chabut stated, "We are cautious to jump

into anything new without making sure we're able to keep up with tap room demand, which has been more than twice as much as we expected."

Eudora just celebrated its sixth anniversary and is becoming a Kettering classic.

In May 2019, Clayton-based Lily & Lace Boutique opened its second Dayton-area location at 4001 Far Hills Avenue. Owner Amanda Pendleton told the *Dayton Business Journal* that the Kettering location, on the cusp of Centerville, Oakwood, and Kettering, gives Lily & Lace high hopes to grow their business and clientele.

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KETTERING is HOME



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In January 2019, when Kettering-based Hearth Products Controls (HPC) Company, which designs custom fire features and their control systems of any shape or size for residential or commercial applications, was sold to a local investment group, the new owners decided to keep the company's headquarters at its Research Park location

on 3050 Plainfield Road. This was great news for the firm's 40 employees.

The company's new Operating Partner, Sean Steimle, told the *Dayton Business Journal* that HPC, "has built a strong reputation as a quality employer in the Dayton area, and as an innovative manufacturer and market leader in several product categories.

We see significant growth opportunities for HPC's employees and customers."

In August 2018, Marc's Stores came to Kettering in the old Kroger's site at 2100 East Whipp Road. The Ohio-based chain, which operates nearly 60 stores throughout the Cleveland, Akron, Canton, Youngstown and Columbus regions, targets the value conscious family shopper.

One of Marc's most popular sections is the closeouts department, which features the best buys their buyers can find worldwide. This could be everything and anything from automotive products to toys, giftware, servingware and pet supplies. Go see what you can find!



Shop. Dine. Buy Kettering.

Small Business
Saturday!

Show your support for Kettering
small businesses!

Saturday, Nov. 30

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.

Cities of Service and Make A Difference Day Efforts

The intent of the Cities of Service (COS) initiative is to celebrate and strengthen the City of Kettering one neighborhood at a time. The 2019 COS neighborhood encompasses the area bordered by East Stroop Road, Marshall Road, Hempstead Station Drive and David Road.

The kickoff took place in June at Irelan Park with a neighborhood block party filled with children's activities and entertainment, hot dogs, giveaways, door prizes and information on City programs such as senior services and public safety. Neighbors spent the afternoon getting to know one another, members of city council and city staff representing nearly all City departments.

October 26 was **Make A Difference Day**, and volunteers joined forces to assist with outdoor yard maintenance, such as leaf raking, hedge trimming and yard debris removal throughout the 2019 COS neighborhood. Thanks to community partners such as Serve Ohio (the Ohio Commission of Service and Volunteerism); Kettering Health Network; Christ Church United Methodist, Day Air Credit Union and Town & Country Shopping Center, volunteers also distributed emergency preparedness starter kits to homes located in the 2019 COS neighborhood.

In addition, the City of Kettering was pleased to be awarded the 2019 **Keep Montgomery County Beautiful**

Beautification Grant. This grant funded the purchase of trees planted by volunteers in Irelan Park on **Make A Difference Day**.

Make A Difference Day volunteers



also gathered at Christ Church United Methodist to create holiday cards and placemats for active-duty military and area nursing homes.



Christmas Day Gathering at Polen Farm

Plans are underway for another wonderful Christmas Day Gathering at Polen Farm. Located at 5099 Bigger Road, the beautifully decorated Polen Farm serves as the perfect setting to make magical memories of a holiday filled with the spirit of the season.

The annual Polen Farm gathering, a tradition in the City of Kettering, includes Christmas caroling, delicious food, holiday cookies, a train display, free children's books, activities for the kids and a visit from Santa.

Please plan to stop by Polen Farm on Christmas Day between 1 and 4 p.m. Thanks to the generosity of our many volunteers and community partners, this event continues to be free and open to the community. Reservations are not necessary.

Please contact the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433 with any questions.

Annual Volunteer Recognition

Volunteers will join Mayor Donald E. Patterson, members of City Council and staff members at the annual volunteer recognition luncheon on November 21 at Presidential Banquet Center. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the City of Kettering volunteer program! Volunteers will enjoy a wonderful lunch, and Mayor Patterson will present awards based on the number of hours contributed by volunteers. Thanks to the generosity of several Kettering businesses, door prizes will also be part of the celebration!



In the last year, 1124 volunteers contributed 31,831 hours valued at nearly \$800,000. Since the inception of the program, volunteers have saved the city over \$23,000,000!

While it's wonderful to publicize the statistics surrounding the volunteer program, these numbers pale in comparison to the positive impact volunteers have made in Kettering, the "City of Volunteers". Many thanks to all volunteers for the gifts of time and talent. For additional information, contact the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433.

Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? Have a friend or family member who might be interested in volunteering? The City of Kettering offers many opportunities including:

- Data entry
- Receptionists
- Senior Transportation Schedulers
- Senior Transportation Drivers
- Nutrition Program Assistants (at Charles I. Lathrem Senior Center)
- Scanning

- Assisting Children with Special Needs
- Mail Couriers
- Assisting with many holiday events and programs

Please consider joining the City of Kettering's team of volunteers. Position schedules vary from weekly to on call as needed. Please contact the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433 for additional information or visit www.ketteringoh.org.

Neighborhood Pride Awards

Congratulations 2019 Neighborhood Pride Award Winners!

June Winners

District 1

Raymond Meyers
1232 Alta Vista Dr.

District 2

Sally Stone
2484 N. Aragon Ave.

District 3

Judy Jones
4532 Timberwilde Dr.

District 4

Wade & Teresa Rupper
2396 Westlawn Dr.

District 5

Donald Parrish
2544 Hazelwood Ave.

District 6

Rodney & Sharon Starr
224 Lewiston Rd.

District 7

John & Vicky Kiefaber
5084 Far Hills Ave.

District 8

Richard & Carol Mchargue
216 Canterbury Dr.

District 9

Eric & Susan Weber
4340 Schrubbs Dr.

District 10

Sharon Lahm
1613 W. Stroop Rd.

District 11

Katherine Parcels
1273 Brooklands Rd.

District 12

Linda Jeffries
4352 Wehner Rd.

Business

Orchard Park Elementary School
600 E. Dorothy Lane

July Winners

District 1

Sharon Edmondson
47 E. Wren Cr.

District 2

Art & Tammy Blumenfeld
2320 Culver Ave.

District 3

Beth Willis and Bob Castle
3045 Meadow Park Dr.

District 4

Doug & Jackie Perseghetti
5201 Sugar Maple Dr.

District 5

Jonah Elkins & Debra Taylor
651 East Dr.

District 6

Mila Serve
628 Cushing Ave.

District 7

Alexander & Shirley Shamis
4329 Maxlin Rd.

District 8

Marjorie Mahle
2913 Hillview Ave.

District 9

Jeffrey Tatom
4100 Elmridge Rd.

District 10

Bruce & Tara Chan
3703 Elmira Dr.

District 11

Rhonda Long & Adam Anderson
1448 Old Lane

District 12

John & Robin Harshe
4926 Marshall Rd.

Business

Christ Church United Methodist
3440 Shroyer Rd.

August Winners

District 1

Michael & Sandy Donovan
1805 Hazel Ave.

District 2

Joseph & Sharon Mangan
1413 Dutchess Ave.

District 3

Thomas and Jane Revilock
4941 Arrowhead Dr.

District 4

Richard & Lisa Rusak
2227 Springmill Rd.

District 5

Thomas & Elizabeth Smith
700 Broad Blvd.

District 6

James Hill Jr.
1128 Devon Ave.

District 7

Thomas Liberio
832 Stoneybrook Dr.

District 8

Adam & Andrea Ooten
936 Hawn Cr.

District 9

Mary Ann Howe
4640 Silverwood Dr.

District 10

Donald Homan
3101 Regent St.

District 11

George & Paula Sideras
1572 Stockton Ave.

District 12

Jeffrey Coffey
1841 E. David Rd.

Business

McAfee Heating & Air Conditioning
4750 Hempstead Station Dr.

In May, all Kettering property owners received information asking for nominations for the Neighborhood Pride Award. In response, 448 properties were nominated and reviewed by our dedicated committee of volunteers.

This program divides the City into 12 districts. In June, July and August, a property was selected from each district, as well as one commercial property, to be recognized as Neighborhood Pride Award winners. Properties were chosen based on significant improvements made or impeccable maintenance year after year. Mayor Donald E. Patterson presented a certificate to the property owners at the September 10 City Council meeting.

Please visit www.ketteringoh.org to view photos and a video of the 2019 award-winning properties.

Congratulations to our 2019 Neighborhood Pride Award winners!



Habitat's New Archery Program Targets Learning Through Fun

Archery has arrived at the Habitat Environmental Center. This is the first time that Kettering has offered archery. This program was made possible by a grant through Cabela's Outdoor Fun, and we're excited to bring you its many benefits. There's a reason archery is a longtime staple of outdoor adventuring. It's a fun, challenging activity that strengthens the body and mind, especially for youth participants. Archery provides growth in four key areas: focus, self-esteem, strength and coordination. A successful archer learns to tune out distractions, and this

concentration carries over into everyday life. Like any other sport, it gives participants a sense of accomplishment – hitting that first (or fiftieth!) bullseye is a satisfying feeling. Archery also strengthens and coordinates arm, core, hand, chest and shoulder muscles.

The Habitat is lucky enough to have a naturalist who is also a practicing archer, as well as enthusiastic archery-trained volunteers, who are eager to share their love of the sport. Archery will be included in the Outdoor Adventures summer camp coming this 2020 camp season.

The *Archery for Beginners* program will be offered this winter for kids ages 9 – 14, as well as adults 15 and up. Participants will receive a thorough introduction to equipment, techniques and safety.

Keeping the program safe as well as rewarding is our staff's main goal. "Safety will be our number-one priority for both the inflatable archery range as well as our classes," said Environmental Education Supervisor, Kerri Miles. "It was the biggest part of our training." The inflatable archery set, which will be traveling to PlayKettering

events, features Velcro-tipped arrows and will be carefully supervised. The naturalist overseeing the archery program has been thoroughly trained by the Division of Wildlife through its National Archery in Schools Program (NASP).

Please note that for safety reasons, archery of any type is not permitted in Kettering parks. Program staff will give new archers guidelines on where to practice, and everyone is welcome to come try for a bullseye during PlayKettering future events.

For details about winter archery classes, visit playkettering.org



Management Plan Offers New Approach to Parks Upkeep

With 21 parks and numerous facilities, medians and other green spaces, keeping Kettering beautiful is a big job. Parks leadership has developed a parks maintenance management plan to bring a more nuanced approach to upkeep.

“We wanted to provide parks staff with an idea of the expectations of the management team and to bring consistency to maintenance,” explained Parks Superintendent, Gary Schussler. “We didn’t want to have disparities in the way we maintain facilities in the community.”

In a nutshell, creating the detailed plan involved classifying all of the different spaces maintained by Parks into different areas – medians, neighborhood parks, community parks, etc. The plan covers much more than just the 21 park spaces. Parks also maintains the landscaping at Kettering facilities, the medians in the roadways and many other areas. As Schussler said, “If it’s green, we maintain it.”

So, what goes into keeping Kettering beautiful? Everyone knows that the Parks team mows grass, takes care of watering and plants new trees, annuals and perennials each year. But that’s just a small portion of the tasks that fall to Parks Maintenance. The division also takes care of weed/pest control, ball field maintenance, snow and ice removal, maintains the Beavertown Cemetery on Valleywood Drive, inspects playgrounds for safety and much more. With a task list that size and such a large number of areas, having

- a plan is essential to keeping staff on task and the budget under control.
- Classifying Kettering’s green spaces helped leadership outline the expectations for each area. They were able to identify the unique maintenance needs of each space based on frequency of use and the park’s visibility. Parks staff input also played a role in the shaping of new standards. “We aligned all the maintenance standards to how the staff identified what they do,” Schussler said.



- Twelve crews currently maintain the parks, and the division overall is made up of close to 60 full-time, part-time and seasonal staff. With so many staff members, communication is key. A primary goal of the management plan is to give crews a better understanding of when to perform tasks, the frequency with which to perform them and to what degree they should be done. “The plan helps everyone work together,” Schussler explained, adding that the internal culture has improved as a result of the management plan.
- Overall, Parks leadership hopes the outline of standards helps to better communicate what they and the community expect to see in Kettering’s parks. This tool has been developed to maintain and improve the high quality that Kettering residents have come to expect from our parks.
- To learn more about Kettering’s parks, visit playkettering.org.



Play Dates

Healthy Classic Comfort Food*
Wednesday, November 20, 6 – 8 p.m.

Kettering Recreation Complex



Mayor’s Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday, December 6, 6 – 8 p.m.

Lincoln Park Civic Commons

Santa Paws



Saturday, December 7, 9 – 11 a.m.

Kettering Recreation Complex

Breakfast with Santa*

Saturday, December 7, 9 – 10 a.m.

Saturday, December 7, 11 a.m. – Noon

Kettering Recreation Complex

A Rosewood Holiday

Saturday, December 7,
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.



Rosewood Arts Centre

Shibori Fabric Dyeing*

Sunday, December 8, 1 – 3 p.m.

Rosewood Arts Centre

Holiday Camp-In*

Friday, December 13, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Habitat Environmental Center

Family Introduction to Skating Lesson



Saturday, December 14, Noon – 12:30 p.m.

Kettering Recreation Complex

Holiday Fun 4 Little Ones*

Saturday, December 21, 10 a.m. – Noon

Kettering Recreation Complex

New Year’s Eve Family Bash*

Tuesday, December 31, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Kettering Recreation Complex

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

Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday, December 6 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 amazing 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 December 6!

For more information, call the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department at 937-296-2454.



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- 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
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