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Mayor's Greeting

Dear Friends,

As the weather begins to welcome summer, windows are opening, yards are in full bloom, residents are walking, running, bicycling and enjoying time with family and friends. We certainly need this breath of fresh air after months inside playing cards, board games, reading, video conferencing and dreaming of sunshine and green spaces.

This publication will look a bit different than past issues. We are dedicating this quarter's magazine to all of you. Your unwavering support and strength shined brighter than any cloud that hovered over our community during the past several weeks. You weathered a pandemic. Weathering a pandemic supersedes the old adage, walking five miles uphill to school both ways, for sure.

Parents scurried to ensure their children continued to learn remotely. Dining rooms turned into offices as people worked from home. First responders continued to protect as we walked an unfamiliar path. Sadly, for many, work hours were cut, jobs were lost and businesses struggled. The pomp and circumstance our 2020 graduates dreamed about for years was suddenly in jeopardy. Weddings were postponed. And, some endured the heartbreak of loved ones who fell prey to this horrible virus.

The tolerance, patience and overwhelming kindness that surrounded me in this community on some of the toughest days caused me to take pause, give thanks and replace some of my selfish thoughts with selfless actions. Witnessing acts of kindness among strangers and genuine concern for others truly stopped me in my tracks. Kettering proved to be all in—as one talented, tireless team.

So, here's to you, Team Kettering! I hope the pages that follow spotlight the exceptional people you are, celebrate your goodness, demonstrate the momentum compassion breeds and help make your summer brighter.

Take care,

Donald E. Patterson, Mayor

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Rumpke

Service begins Wednesday, July 1

City Taxes

are due Wednesday, July 15

2020 Census

October 31 – Last day for households to self-respond online, by phone or by mail.

Visit my2020census.gov

for details and to respond.



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Corona Victory Gardens in Kettering

By Jyl Hall Smith, PhD
Kettering Board of Community Relations

The economic downturn, more time on our hands to begin new hobbies and the potential food drought in the wake of COVID-19 make it an ideal time to start a 2020 Corona Victory Garden in Kettering.

Gardening is an outlet for creative energy, a gratifying food source, as well as a bountiful tool to stretch a household budget.

In response to food shortages in both World Wars, the government encouraged citizens to "sow the seeds of victory" by planting victory gardens. United States' citizens received pamphlets on how, when and where to garden, what crops would work best and how to prevent disease and insect infestations. The Victory Garden initiative was so successful the government followed up with canning and drying manuals to encourage people to preserve their harvest surplus. During these periods, it is estimated that victory gardeners produced close to 40 percent of the country's fresh vegetables from about 20 million gardens. It's possible to produce a significant quantity of vegetables for a



- family in a 10 x 10 foot garden space, or even in containers.
- Historically, victory gardens included beans, beets, cabbage, carrots, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, peas, tomatoes, turnips, squash and Swiss chard. Also possible are winter-hardy sweet potatoes, white potatoes and various beans that can be dried to last through the winter.

- It is time to plant beans, cabbage, corn, peppers, tomatoes and more. Please see the resources below for information on how to garden and what to plant in your area.

- There are multiple reasons to start planting backyard gardens right now: perhaps the most important being stretching your food budget and having a consistent supply of fresh fruits and vegetables given food stocks may potentially be lower in stores this year. Another great reason is that people who garden actually live longer!

- **Resources:**
 - "How to Grow a Victory Garden of any Size." New York Times, May 8, 2020.
 - The Farmer's Almanac: <https://www.almanac.com>

Feeding the Hungry in Our Community

by Jacque Fisher, Councilmember

One of the most important gifts we can offer our community is helping to ensure our most at-risk neighbors are fed. So many working people in our city need extra help to feed their families. Additionally, the impact of the pandemic left people unemployed and in a place they never thought they would be.

Kettering is home to many food pantries and organizations in place to help people in need. Churches, schools, friends and neighbors are part of, or know of, organizations that provide food sources.

Neighbor-to-Neighbor is one of many food pantries in Kettering. Neighbor-to Neighbor remains open and staffed by volunteers an additional day each week to meet the needs of our community. The outpouring of love from those serving and those receiving help is beyond compare.

Pantry volunteers respond to this vast need by giving their time, support and love. Their

- commitment to social responsibility is ever present and even more so during this crisis. Closing was never a question. The question was, "How do we do more to serve when our neighbors need it most?"

- Food pantries are blessed with both monetary and service contributions. One individual donated their stimulus check to ensure the Neighbor-to-Neighbor pantry had meat. Another donor made masks for the volunteer workers. The number of people who continue to give is amazing, and it exemplifies why, for me, my fellow volunteers and those we serve that Kettering is home.

- While we are seeing regrowth and positive light, it is going to take several months for our neighbors in need to rebound from the pandemic. Please continue to ensure your neighbors and those in our community are given the care and food they need. It is critical that, together, we consider the needs of others as we enter into summer and fall.



Walking With My UPwalker

by Bruce E. Duke, Kettering Councilmember

Since the COVID-19 virus began, like many of us, I have felt cooped up at home. Shopping is an option, but generally there are too many people around for me to feel totally virus safe. I have discovered walking. I confess, this has never been high on my fun list of things to do. Folks who know me are probably doubled over with laughter thinking, "Duke? Walking?"; but let me share my story.

Since I lost 50 pounds by working with a personal trainer and going to a fitness center, I feel great. Since COVID-19, both options are gone—no trainer, no gym. But, I intend to keep the weight off.

So, I decided to check out our Kettering walking trails. WOW! There are over 20 paved trails of varying lengths in different parts of town. I use a walker, so "paved" is my primary requirement. I bought an UPwalker so I can walk taller and farther. I download the park trail I want to walk from <https://www.playkettering.org/kettering-biking-walking-trails/>, park my car nearby, and off I go. My goal is to get to all of them, but we'll see. For now, it's 1.5 hours at a time—one park at a time.

If you see me (the older guy with the walker wearing a multicolored mask), please say "hi" or wave. We'll both look good from 10 feet apart. Enjoy our walking trails. I sure do!



Getting Back to a New Normal: Ensuring a Bright Future for Kettering Businesses

The City has been helping our community by offering business assistance loans to Kettering businesses that employ at least one low-income employee. One of the dozens of assisted businesses is EPIC Coffee Shoppe.

Owner Laura Gorham started EPIC Coffee Shoppe as a ministry of sorts. She wanted to provide a place in the neighborhood where people could gather over a great cup of coffee. Laura told the City, "EPIC was designed to be and quickly realized as a community gathering hub. EPIC is proud to be a place where people of all ages gather to celebrate life with an incredible cup of coffee and an environment that is comforting." Laura has poured her heart and soul into EPIC Coffee Shoppe and has significantly invested her personal funds into the business as well. Providing the loan, so she could bring back one key employee, pay rent, increase her cleaning and personal protection equipment and generally get back up and running was an easy win in our community. When you step into EPIC Coffee Shoppe, you feel like you are entering a different world.

Laura replied to the news that EPIC would be a loan recipient, "This is the only sign of any economic relief for EPIC during the pandemic. This is definitely uplifting news, and I'm grateful for the City's efforts giving EPIC hope in the midst of this trying time."

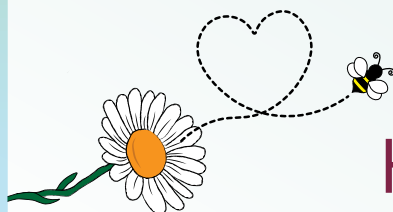


Caring for Older Residents During the COVID-19 Crisis

As we work together to meet the needs of our community during the COVID-19 crisis, Kettering staff and volunteers reach out to vulnerable seniors to ensure that they are doing well and have what they need to ride out this very difficult time. These callers reach out weekly to seniors and residents with disabilities who live alone and have no family to help them out during this time.

Callers started with over 1,000 individual calls. They narrowed that down to those

- who have no local support system and wished to be called on a regular basis.
- Each week they are calling to check on them, offer support services or in some cases just to provide someone to talk with.
- These local callers are just another example of why Kettering is home no matter what your age or circumstance.
- For more information about services for seniors, **contact the Senior Service Coordinator at 937-296-3356 or by email at Vickie.Carraher@ketteringoh.org.**



Learning New Ways to Help Kettering Residents

The City of Kettering has a long term owner occupied housing rehabilitation program for low and moderate income Kettering residents. The COVID-19 pandemic interrupted progress on many of the programs, projects. One such project, a planned renovation, quickly became an emergency that needed to be addressed. The community development team brainstormed about how to get paperwork signed to allow the contractor to work while keeping everyone safe. Donning PPE and standing six feet

- apart outside the resident's home, the document signing was held by passing the paperwork through the front door and a window so that the project could begin with the contractor doing only exterior work to repair the emergency leak directly over a young child's bedroom. Until we can get back to some sort of normal, you can count on City staff to think creatively about how to serve our citizens in need. **For more information about the program and to find out if you qualify, call 937-296-3308.**

City of Kettering 2019 Income Tax is due July 15

Filing Methods

There are several convenient options for filing your city income tax return. Electronic filing and fill-in forms are available on the City of Kettering website at www.ketteringoh.org

Individuals with only wage income reported on Form W-2 are eligible to file electronically. All other individuals may utilize the fill-in forms.

We encourage taxpayers to continue to utilize phone, email, online and drop

- box for tax needs. To respect COVID-19 guidelines, taxpayers visiting in person will be served in order of check in and may be asked to wait in their vehicles while staff prepares their returns.

Contact the Tax Division office by calling 937-296-2502 or visit at 3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering, OH 45429.

City of Kettering Income Tax Return preparation is a free service.



Let's Get Ready to **RUMPKE**

Rumpke will be Kettering's new service provider beginning July 1, 2020. Subscribers will receive weekly trash and recycling services. There is no need to sign up! Rumpke will continue providing the same service subscribers currently receive! Service days will remain the same; however, service times may vary. Subscribers should place carts out the night before service day.

Starting June 24, Waste Management will begin removing current trash and recyclable carts. Rumpke will replace them with brand new receptacles. Please remember to leave current Waste Management carts by the street to be removed. If Waste Management carts are not removed the same day as last pickup, they will make another pass through routes to collect them quickly. Rumpke will begin delivering new containers June 15 in preparation for the July 1 transition.

Rumpke Service Guidelines

- All trash must be placed at the curb inside a Rumpke issued trash cart.
- Please do not place household hazardous waste such as batteries, paint, tires, pool chemicals, propane tanks, syringes and electronics in your trash or recycling. These items pose an immediate fire and safety hazard and potential long-term environmental hazards.
- Place refuse and recycling out the evening before your service day.
- Place your recycling loose inside the cart—DO NOT bag recyclables

Bulk / Large Items

- Rumpke will collect bulk items such as appliances, mattresses, box springs, sofas, large furniture items, etc. weekly on your service day. Upholstered items including sofas and mattresses must be wrapped in a sealable plastic.
- Residents are permitted to place three bulk items each week at the curb.
- Appliances containing Freon require special handling. Freon removal is required prior to pickup.

- Residents do not need to call ahead to schedule bulk pickup.

Overage Options

- Additional carts may be rented for \$4 each month to ensure all items are contained for pickup.
- Approved overage bags may be purchased for \$4 each.
- Specially marked Rumpke overage bags are available for purchase at the following locations:

Grapes Wine and Beer Drive Thru
5884 Bigger Rd.
Kettering, OH 45429

Dot's Market
2274 Patterson Rd.
Kettering, OH 45429

More locations will become available to purchase overage bags.

For updates and additional information, visit rumpke.com, email northwest.market@rumpke.com or call 1-800-828-8171. You may also call the City of Kettering trash hotline at 937-298-7274.

Schantz Avenue Bridge Completion

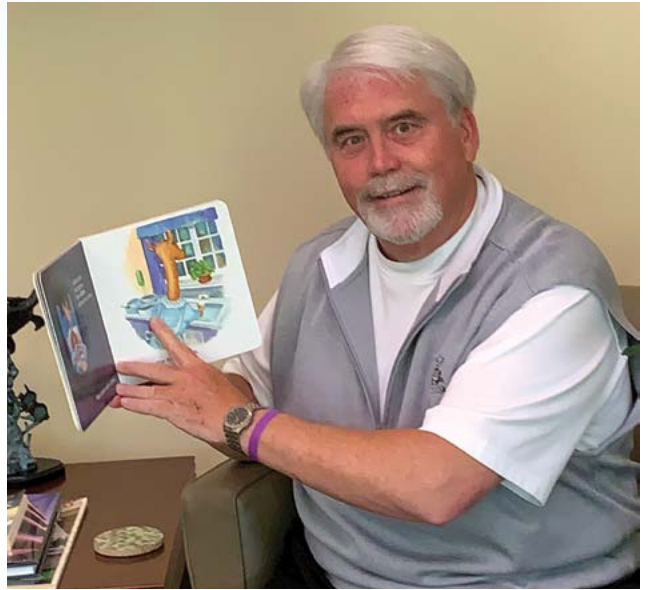


The City of Kettering replaced the Schantz Avenue Bridge and commissioned Vicki Scuri SiteWorks (Lake Forest Park, WA) to integrate artwork into the project site. Scuri designed the steel fencing and adjacent tower to be a visible gateway for those entering and leaving the City. The steel's decorative patterning was inspired by the historic trolleys that originally ran north to south along present-day Dixie Drive and the ornamentation of the historic cash registers manufactured nearby. Of the design, Scuri wrote: "The artwork... promote[s] a more livable environment and celebrate[s] Kettering and its residents."

Summertime Storytime with Mayor Patterson

Bring the kids over to the computer for *Summertime Storytime with Mayor Patterson!* Throughout the summer beginning June 15, Mayor Patterson will read a different children's book each week. We will announce the Mayor's book selection prior to each week's reading on Facebook and Twitter to give kids who want to follow along time to pick up a copy from the library. The library will be available for curbside pickup in early June. Just go online at www.daytonmetrolibrary.org to reserve your book (you will need your library card and pin number). The library will call you to arrange a pickup time when your book is ready. Books can also be reserved by calling 937-463-2665.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/mayorsummerstorytime> to watch beginning June 15.



Congratulations to the Class of 2020 Graduates!

We wish you the best of luck, the greatest of friendships, the satisfaction of kindness, the joy of moments and the pride of accomplishments. We can't wait to watch you change the world.



We are proud and wish you all the best!



Thank You Kettering Residents

The Kettering Fire Department expresses its deepest gratitude for your understanding and patience in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Following the procedures outlined by the state of Ohio will continue to protect you and your family, your community and our team of first responders at the

Kettering Fire Department. Since the beginning of this pandemic, we have made significant alterations to our response procedures. These changes included wearing additional personal protective equipment, enhanced cleaning and disinfecting procedures and modifications to our response

protocols. These adjustments have helped to prevent the spread of COVID-19 while maintaining an exceptional level of emergency service. Keep up the great work, Kettering. We are all in this together.



Recreational Fires

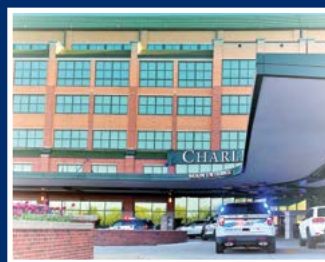
As we spend more time at home this summer, please take a moment to review the guidelines for recreational fires.

- 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, barbecue pit, etc., 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. Any conditions within 25 feet of the fire that could cause it to spread must be eliminated prior to ignition of an open fire.
 - An outdoor fire, where the fuel being burned is not contained in an outdoor fireplace, must have a fuel area of three feet or less in diameter and two 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 Division is required to extinguish fires that create hazardous conditions.
- The most common complaint from neighbors is when recreational fires are not conducted in accordance with these rules and regulations, or when the environmental conditions cause the smoke to migrate off of the property and into the residence of a neighboring property. Persons with chronic breathing problems can often be affected by these conditions.



Wilmington Pike Improvement Project Continues

Roadway maintenance and enhancement activities continue on Wilmington Pike from Brown Road to Stroop Road. Under the proposed project, the City of Kettering will remove 2.5 inches of existing roadway surface, and provide a new asphalt surface course with new thermoplastic pavement markings. As part of the project, the City will also address a gap in the existing sidewalk system. A new 5 foot sidewalk will be installed on the west side of the roadway from Woodman Drive to south of Bigger Road.



March and April were trying months for everyone. Our officers did their best to let everyone know that we were all in this together. We participated in birthday parades to show that they were not alone on their special day. We led teacher parades that allowed students to get to see and wave hi to their favorite teacher. We honored staff at the Kettering Medical Center, for all their hard work with displays of encouragement and thanks. We are thankful for all the help, encouragement and cooperation we received from our citizens during this time. Bring on summer!

Mayor's Award for Volunteer Service

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, April 19 – 25, the City of Kettering recognized volunteers throughout our community who give of time, talent and treasure to make our community a better place. Through times of strength and times of adversity, volunteers demonstrate the compassion and kindness necessary to build strong, vibrant and resilient communities.

In keeping with tradition, nominations for the Mayor's Award for Volunteer Service were accepted by the Kettering Volunteer Advisory Council. This award was created in 1983 as a way to honor outstanding volunteers who make valuable contributions to the community through volunteer service in a wide variety of categories. Recipients of this award must either be a resident of Kettering or the majority of their volunteer service must be performed in Kettering. One adult volunteer and one youth volunteer are selected to receive the annual award.



Bob Montavon

This year, the adult recipient of the 2020 Mayor's Award for Volunteer Service is Bob Montavon. Bob resides in Kettering with his wife Christy where they raised their family. He is President of Resolute Wealth Management, LLC and is a graduate of the Kettering Leadership Academy Class of 2012.

Bob's service includes a variety of volunteer roles with a host of organizations spanning over twenty years. It includes coaching baseball for

the First Kettering Athletic League; scout leader and scout master with Boy Scouts of America; Oak Creek Swim Team volunteer; Fairmont High School Marching Band volunteer and St. Charles Youth Group volunteer, including summer mission trips. Bob also served on the Kettering Parks Foundation.

Bob is an active member of the Kettering Dor-Wood Optimist Club where he's held multiple officer roles, committee roles, and most recently, Lt. Governor for Zone 13 of Optimist International. He also directs Kettering Tri-Star Basketball and is a lead volunteer for Kids' Day in the Park.

Bob's nominator stated, "Bob is outstanding on various levels. The most notable quality is his unwavering dedication to the Kettering community. Although Bob's children are grown, he continues to work with activities that his children used to attend and takes great pride in knowing he is still there for future generations. He is one of the great pillars of community action."



Bobbi Carnes

The youth recipient of the Mayor's Award for Volunteer Service is Bobbi Carnes. Bobbi lives in Kettering with her father, Robert. Her family includes her grandmother Kathy, her brother Christian and two sisters, Taylor and Lizbeth. She is a senior at Fairmont High School where she is involved in the National Honor Society and Class Council.

Bobbi's volunteer service includes mentoring a freshman to ensure a smooth transition into high school; assisting with the MS 5K walk as well as the Alzheimer's 5K walk; visits to retirement centers doing crafts and spending time with residents; tutoring fellow classmates and fifth graders; helping with after school care for younger students and helping with food drives. Most recently, Bobbi took it upon herself and went to our local food pantry to make care packages to distribute to tornado victims. She also made cards for children to help motivate them to stay positive during such a hard time.

Bobbi believes volunteering is very important. When asked why she volunteers, Bobbi stated, "This is the community that I grew up in and it is my hometown. It has given so much to me, an amazing education and so much opportunity. For this, I feel that I owe it to myself and to people to help them as much as they have helped me. I would not be where I am today without the strength of my community."

Mayor Patterson will present these awards at a future city council meeting.

The City of Kettering congratulates and thanks Bob Montavon, Bobbi Carnes and all volunteers in our community for the gift of your service and your compassion for others!

City Council meetings are held on second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.



Volunteer Sews Masks for Seniors

Kettering volunteers have a reputation for stepping up to meet needs in our community. The recent COVID-19 pandemic came with a variety of needs, one of which is face coverings, especially for our seniors. A face covering can be the difference between a senior leaving their home and continuing to stay at home. Thankfully, volunteers stepped up to the challenge and put their sewing

skills to good use. Pictured are over 140 handmade masks donated by volunteer, Marynel Bradley. These masks will be distributed by the city's Senior Services Coordinator to help maintain the health and well-being of our seniors. **For more information about this effort, please contact Volunteer Administrator, Mary Lou Randolph at 937-296-2531.**

Neighborhood Pride

This summer, with property owners spending more time at home, many are making outdoor improvements that enhance overall appearance and property curb appeal. The Neighborhood Pride Program as a way to reward these efforts, will be in full force again this summer. Now in its thirty-

- second year, this program serves as a way to recognize property owners who have made significant improvements to their property or have maintained their property impeccably year after year.

- This program is possible due to the dedication of our committee of twenty volunteers. Led by Rob Jahn, Gail Carone, and Mark and Carol Messer, this team reviews each nomination to assist in the selection process.

The program divides the City into 12 districts. Each month, the committee selects one residential and one commercial property

- from each district to receive the award. As an award winner, a congratulatory sign is placed on the property, owners receive an award from Mayor Patterson, and the property is featured in a video created by Miami Valley Communications Council. To view the 2019 video visit www.ketteringoh.org.

- If you or your neighbors have made note-worthy improvements to a property, please submit a nomination. Commercial property nominations are also encouraged.

- Please don't hesitate to nominate! One last request, don't forget to reach out to your neighbor. An offer to mow the

- lawn, pull some weeds or share the bounty of your garden may mean the world to someone who's feeling isolated. Now more than ever, we need small acts of kindness.

Three Ways to Nominate:

Online: www.ketteringoh.org/kettering-neighborhood-pride

Email: marylou.randolph@ketteringoh.org

Call the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433

Nominations will be accepted until August 1.



Nominate yourself or a neighbor today for the

NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE AWARD

Residential and commercial nominations are being accepted until August 1.

- Complete an online nomination by visiting www.ketteringoh.org
- Email the information to marylou.randolph@ketteringoh.org
- Call the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433 with your nomination



KETTERING
is home
to Neighborhood Pride



In This Together

Although summer for the Kettering Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department will look very different than it has from past summers, we remain hard at work during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are open and ready to serve you! Our facilities are re-opening and we are planning on introducing programs and services gradually over the coming months, remaining focused on the health and safety of our customers, community and staff. As always, visit playkettering.org for the most up to date and accurate information about facility and program status.

Helping Where We Can

While the pandemic brought challenges to the community, fifteen Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts staff members have spent about three hundred hours volunteering with the Kettering Backpack Program, demonstrating how we are **In This Together**. This program has ramped up its efforts to distribute food to Kettering students in need during the pandemic. PRCA staff have been working at distribution sites to help give food to students. We're so grateful for our awesome PRCA staff and everything they have done to help the community this spring!



Refresh Your Mind & Body with Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts

We're grateful to the staff of the Parks Division who continue to keep Kettering's parks and medians green throughout this difficult time. Parks remain a top priority and an ideal place for citizens to refresh after days spent at home. Because of the need for continued safe social distance, our playgrounds remain closed and access to

restrooms and water fountains remains limited. In March, PRCA introduced the Refresh campaign on the PlayKettering website and social media channels to help



citizens discover the benefits of parks, recreation and cultural arts based activities at home. The PRCA Recreation team also created a very popular community scavenger hunt for the month of April, which brought

smiles to many as they strolled Kettering's sidewalks. As the spring turns to summer, we will continue to find creative ways to engage the community. We plan to introduce limited programs which will be focused on keeping participants and staff safe while still providing a fun experience for all.



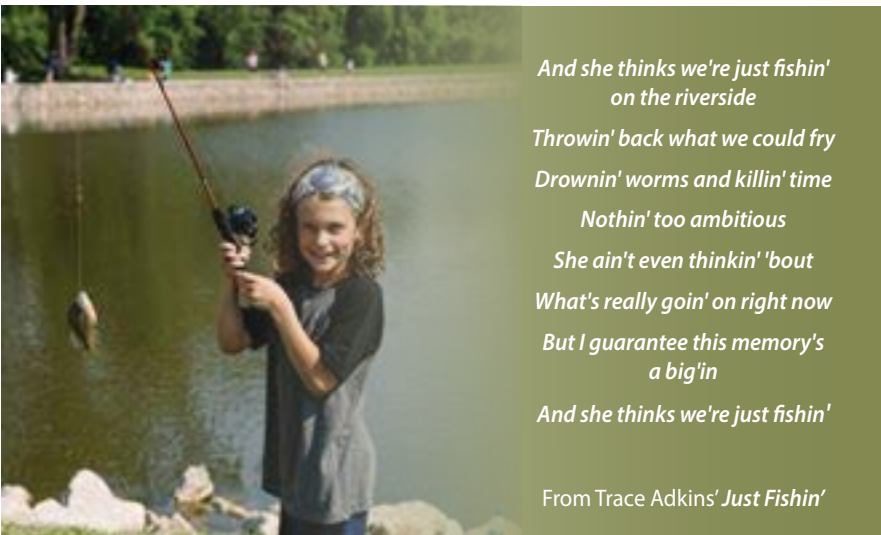
Art on the Commons Goes Virtual for 2020

Virtual activities continue this summer with Rosewood Arts Centre! Tour an art exhibition of landscapes featuring artists from around the state of Ohio in The View, and vote for your favorite! Find the exhibition at www.playkettering.org/gallery. Art on the Commons returns this August for a special four-day event, exclusively online! One of the region's most popular fine arts festivals,

this year includes 100 of the best artists creating work in ceramics, wood, jewelry, leather, painting, mixed media, photography and more. Live demonstrations and special activities for families will also be streaming during the festival. **You can find the Art on the Commons schedule and more details at www.playkettering.org/aotc.**



On display in the virtual The View exhibit.
Sharon Stolzenberger, *Carolina Wren Environment*, 2019
Acrylic and watercolor 16 x 20 inches



*And she thinks we're just fishin'
on the riverside*

Throwin' back what we could fry

Drownin' worms and killin' time

Nothin' too ambitious

She ain't even thinkin' 'bout

What's really goin' on right now

*But I guarantee this memory's
a big'in*

And she thinks we're just fishin'

From Trace Adkins' *Just Fishin'*

Been Fishing

Have you taken your kids fishing in one of Kettering's ponds yet this summer? Let them practice their casting with that satisfying kerplunk as the nightcrawler hits the water. Watch the glee cross their face when they feel the tug as the fish latches on and witness the pride of accomplishment as they reel them in. They think you're fishing, but you know you're making memories.

Kettering residents don't need a fishing license to fish in our ponds and it's free, so if you haven't been in a while it seems like a good time to try your luck.

Fishing ponds are located in Delco Park, Indian Riffle Park, Lincoln Park Civic Commons and Pondview Park. We ask that you catch and release.

The Yard Debris Center & Mulch Pile are Open

Leaf compost and mulch are available to Kettering residents at Indian Riffle Park, located at 2801 E. Stroop Rd. (behind Tannenberg Kennels).

You may pick up compost and mulch in your truck, trailer or other container during daylight hours, seven days a week. Please practice social distancing when getting mulch.

The Street Division hauls material from the leaf farm to Indian Riffle Park location on Monday, Thursday and Friday.

If you have questions, please call 937-296-2472, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The yard debris center is open Monday – Friday 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. now through the first week of December. Please practice social distancing when dropping off debris.

The Kettering yard debris center is located at 1840 Woodman Center Drive, off of East Dorothy Lane.





Let's Ride

With fewer cars on the streets and so many youth activities on hold, now is a great time to get the family off the couch and go for a family bike ride. Be sure to check the air in the tires before you head out. For good measure, have your child sit on the seat and check the seat and handle bar height to make sure they can ride comfortably. Review the rules of the road and hand signals, put on your helmets and head out for an adventure.

Kettering offers more than four miles of separated, shared-use paths, four miles of shared-use paths along roadways and ten miles of signed, on-street routes. Many of these routes connect to the largest



network of paved, shared use paths in the country. The Miami Valley area offers an outstanding network of trails and bikeways for its residents and visitors. Visit <https://www.ketteringoh.org/kettering-bike-route-map> to plot your ride.

Hand Signals



Stop



Left turn



2 Right turn options



Contact Numbers

Emergency

Police/Fire/Paramedic Emergency 9-1-1

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

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