

CONTACT with Kettering

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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YOU!



CITY OF KETTERING *is home*



Mayor's Greeting

Dear Friends,

In an effort to communicate clear, accurate details of how the City budgets for and delivers our services to you, the City of Kettering produces a citywide **Annual Report**. In recent years, Kettering City Council placed a focus on open government. We've made our expenditures, salary database and contracts available 24/7 on our website www.ketteringoh.org. We believe it is critically important

that our residents and business stakeholders understand how tax dollars are used to sustain and improve the Kettering community.

Kettering is your community. Please take the time to review this year's **City of Kettering Annual Report** to become informed about how your local government invested in infrastructure, neighborhoods, city services, public safety and economic development.

The adoption of the annual budget is the most important policy statement that City Council makes each year. The budget process requires establishing and setting priorities. Individual City departments evaluate current services and programs, forecast for the year ahead and prioritize needs for the upcoming year's budget. Throughout the year, residents share their suggestions, issues, challenges and priorities with City Council. After discussions and feasibility measurement, many of these items are reflected in the annual budget.

Our Strategic Plan is the first step in the development of the following year's budget. Its importance cannot be over emphasized as it provides City Council's vision and strategic priorities for our city's future.

The City of Kettering's Strategic Priorities are:

- Have active leadership in regional initiatives that improve City services, save the City resources, and boost the City's regional prominence.
- Engage in economic development ventures that attract and expand investment in the City.
- Improve and maintain housing options and neighborhood environments.
- Maintain fiscal responsibility while making strategic capital investments.
- Provide public safety via police, fire and other services that excel at customer service and resource allocation.
- Provide quality City services to both internal and external customers, optimizing levels of service while preserving the unique character of Kettering and meeting standards and budget.
- Develop and maintain a communication plan that educates our community as well as produces an image of our City.

On behalf of my colleagues serving on your City Council, thank you for taking the time to review this **Annual Report**. We welcome your feedback on how we can improve our service to you.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Patterson, Mayor

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Shred Day

Saturday, October 2 from 9 a.m. to Noon
Kettering Government Center
Parking Lot

Fall Leaf

Pickup Begins

Monday, October 18



Beggar's Night

Sunday, October 31



Daylight Saving time Ends

Sunday, November 7



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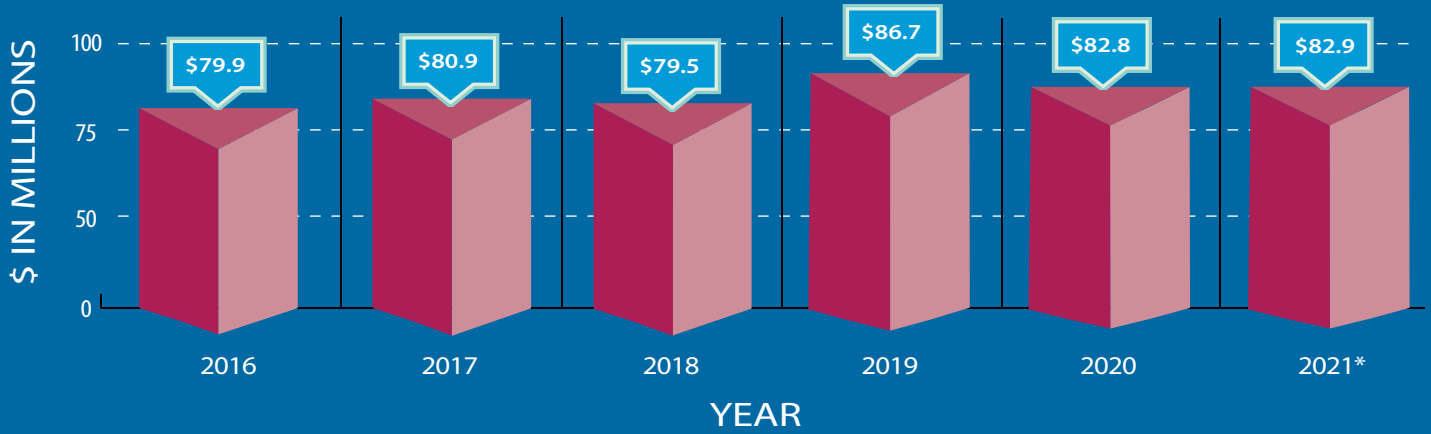
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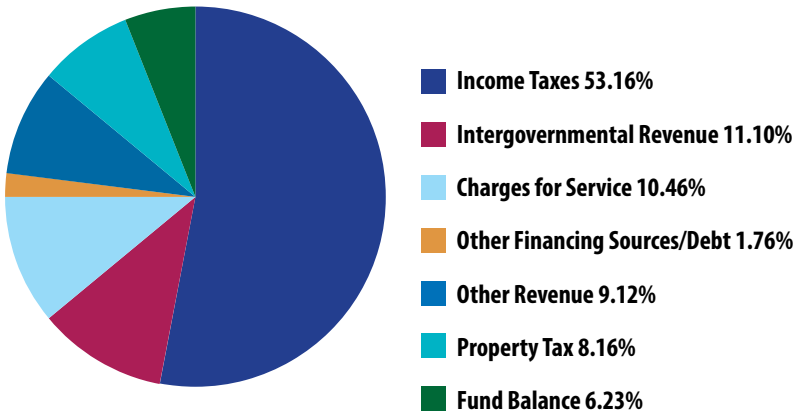


REVENUE \$ IN MILLIONS

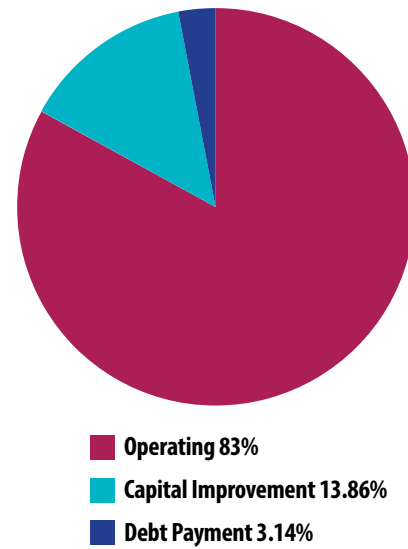


*2021 Budgeted Revenue of \$82.9 million

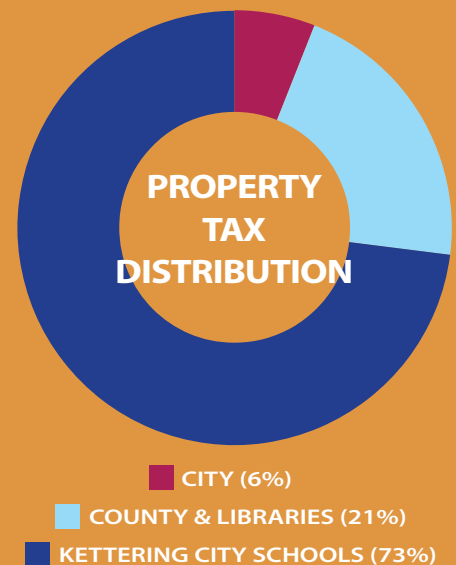
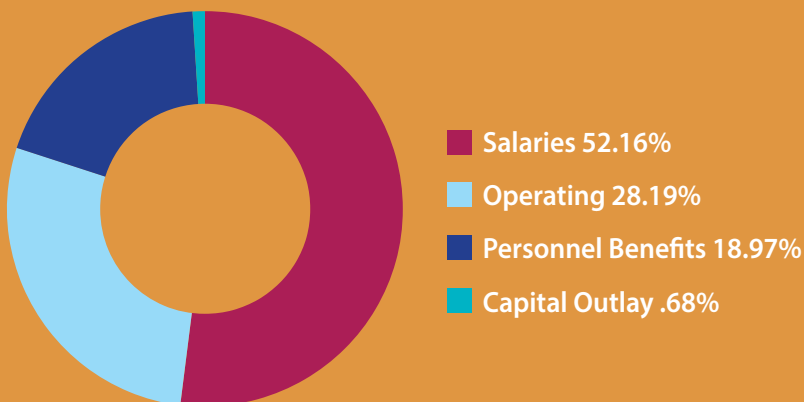
RESOURCES USED TO FUND BUDGETED
2021 TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF \$90.1 MILLION



APPROVED TOTAL 2021 EXPENDITURE BUDGET



DISTRIBUTION OF APPROVED 2021 OPERATING
EXPENDITURES OF \$77.7 MILLION



CITY OF KETTERING ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

\$74.8 million

APPROVED 2021 TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Kettering recently implemented a local preference policy that is applicable to commodities and equipment costing \$200,000 or less. This policy allows a local vendor as defined in the City's Codified Ordinances to match the low price if the local vendor's pricing is within 5% of the low non-local vendor pricing.



38 YEARS

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

35 YEARS

GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD

\$88 million

AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS MANAGED BY FINANCE DEPARTMENT

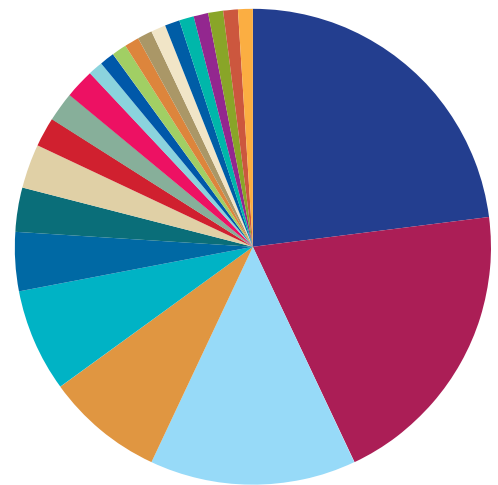
8,000

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECKS

2,000

PURCHASE ORDERS PROCESSED

Percentage of 2021 Total Operating Expenditures Allocated by City Department



Police Department	\$17,448,932	23.3%	Law Department	\$1,092,600	1.5%
Fire Department	\$15,090,100	20.2%	Administrative Support Division	\$938,500	1.3%
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts	\$10,482,350	14.0%	CDBG	\$784,800	1.0%
Street Division	\$6,467,900	8.6%	Office of the City Manager	\$763,100	1.0%
Fraze Pavilion Operations	\$5,885,000	7.9%	Other Cost Centers	\$678,710	0.9%
Finance Department	\$2,719,610	3.6%	Street Lighting	\$432,000	0.6%
Engineering Department	\$2,668,460	3.6%	Special Grants and Programs	\$275,000	0.4%
Planning & Development Dept.	\$2,584,100	3.5%	Community Information	\$240,500	0.3%
Municipal Court	\$1,688,850	2.3%	Mayor and Council	\$221,350	0.3%
Economic Development	\$1,587,100	2.1%	DESC	\$166,700	0.2%
Clerk of Courts	\$1,325,500	1.8%	Debt Service	\$52,000	0.1%
Human Resource Department	\$1,191,530	1.6%			

\$51.8 million

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CITY INCOME TAX COLLECTED

58,000

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVE TAXPAYER ACCOUNTS

4,568

NUMBER OF KETTERING RESIDENTS WHO RECEIVED PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

OUR SERVICE TO YOU

CODE RED

In addition to our official @City of Kettering, Ohio – Government Facebook page and @Kettering_OH Twitter posts, the City of Kettering uses a system called Code Red to notify our residents and those who work in Kettering of emergency incidents and critical community alerts. Examples include: construction updates, service notifications, public safety alerts, boil water notices, and missing person reports.

TO ENROLL VISIT

WWW.KETTERINGOH.ORG/CODE-RED-EMERGENCY-INCIDENT-COMMUNITY-ALERTS/ or text the word KETTERING to 99411. If you do not have internet access, please call 937-296-2412 for assistance.

Currently more than

4,246

phone numbers, nearly

1,422

email addresses and

3,272

text numbers are in our emergency database.

88

businesses enrolled.

UNIQUE CITY SERVICES

Kettering is proud to offer services in areas most other cities don't. Our Senior Service Coordinator offers individualized consultations with senior citizens and their caregivers with the goal of prolonging independence.

3,755

NUMBER OF OLDER ADULT RESIDENTS
AND THEIR FAMILIES SERVED IN 2020

258

NUMBER OF PERSONAL MEDICARE
ENROLLMENT APPOINTMENTS

156

NUMBER OF OLDER ADULTS REFERRED
TO SENIOR SERVICE COORDINATOR BY
OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS



Launched in 2017, the Youth and Family Community Resource Coordinator, a position that works with both the city and schools, helps to gather resources for our struggling families. Mental health resources, food assistance and medical insurance are the most frequent needs.

166

FAMILIES ASSISTED BY THE
YOUTH AND FAMILY RESOURCE
COORDINATOR IN 2020

REQUESTS FOR CITY SERVICES

The City of Kettering launched a new website and city app in 2017 which allows residents to quickly report issues and make requests for city services. Since the launch of the website and app:

2,524

REPORTS OF AN ISSUE OR
REQUESTS FOR SERVICE
SUBMITTED THROUGH THE
WEBSITE AND APP

3,180

REQUESTS FOR POLICE REPORTS

932

NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE
NOMINATION FORMS SUBMITTED

859

REPORTS FOR PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE CONCERNS

2,383

REQUESTS FOR VACATION HOUSE
CHECKS

379

REPORTS OF POTHOLES NEEDING
ATTENTION

REINVESTMENT IN OUR INFRASTRUCTURE IS A PRIORITY FOR KETTERING CITY COUNCIL. EACH YEAR WE CAREFULLY PLAN AND BUDGET FOR UPDATES TO OUR ROADWAYS AND CITY FACILITIES. HERE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR 2020 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:



\$2,508,000

RIDGEWAY ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT WILL BE COMPLETED IN 2021



\$1,671,000

TRAFFIC SIGNALS PHASE 2 WILL BE COMPLETED IN 2021



\$1,656,000

WILMINGTON PIKE RESURFACING EAST STROOP TO CENTERVILLE CORP. LINE

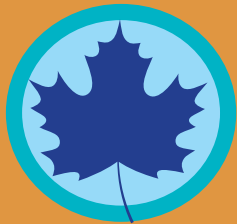
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THE NUMBER OF SNOW EVENTS WITH GREATER THAN 2" ACCUMULATION



1,653

TONS OF SALT USED



RESIDENTIAL LEAF COLLECTION

1,332

TRUCKLOADS EQUALING 7,772 TONS OF LEAVES COLLECTED IN 2020

THE 2021 RESIDENTIAL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM BEGINS MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.KETTERINGOH.ORG/RESIDENTS



\$1,395,817

ASPHALT RESURFACING ON STREETS THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY

\$1,208,881

ASPHALT RESURFACING ON FAR HILLS (48) FROM DAVID ROAD TO NORTH CORP.



\$1,045,194

CURB, SIDEWALK AND DRIVE APPROACH REPAIRS CITYWIDE

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE ENFORCEMENT



797

CODE ENFORCEMENT CITIZEN COMPLAINTS MANAGED BY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT STAFF IN 2020, WITH 398 VERIFIED AS CASES

0

CODE ENFORCEMENT CASES THAT WENT TO COURT IN 2020

3.6

THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS TO RESOLVE A PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CASE

0

NUISANCE PROPERTIES WERE DEMOLISHED IN 2020

HOW TO REPORT A PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CONCERN IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:

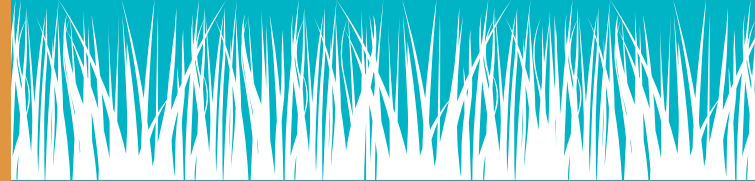
- USE THE **REPORT AN ISSUE** TAB ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.KETTERINGOH.ORG.
- CALL 937-296-3286.

4,749

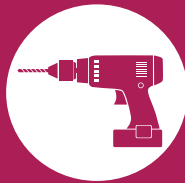
TALL GRASS RECORDS

165

PROPERTIES MOWED BY THE CITY AFTER OWNER'S FAILURE TO COMPLY

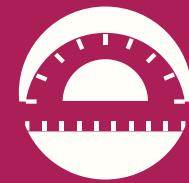


4,022



THE NUMBER OF CONSTRUCTION AND MECHANICAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN 2020

6,139



THE NUMBER OF STRUCTURAL AND MECHANICAL INSPECTIONS PERFORMED BY OUR PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

BECAUSE THE CITY BELIEVES THAT THE STRENGTH OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS IS INTRINSICALLY TIED TO THE STRENGTH OF OUR COMMUNITY, WE OFFER SEVERAL PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE REINVESTMENT IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.

10

KETTERING FAMILIES WHO WERE ABLE TO REHAB THEIR HOMES USING OUR REHAB LOAN PROGRAM

0

KETTERING FAMILIES WHO ACHIEVED THE DREAM OF HOME OWNERSHIP IN 2020 USING OUR DOWN PAYMENT AND CLOSING COST ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS



\$74,156

SPENT IN 2020 TO ASSIST KETTERING HOMEOWNERS TO RENOVATE THEIR HOMES

61

THE NUMBER OF KETTERING RESIDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR HOMEOWNER COUNSELING PROGRAM

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN KETTERING, OHIO

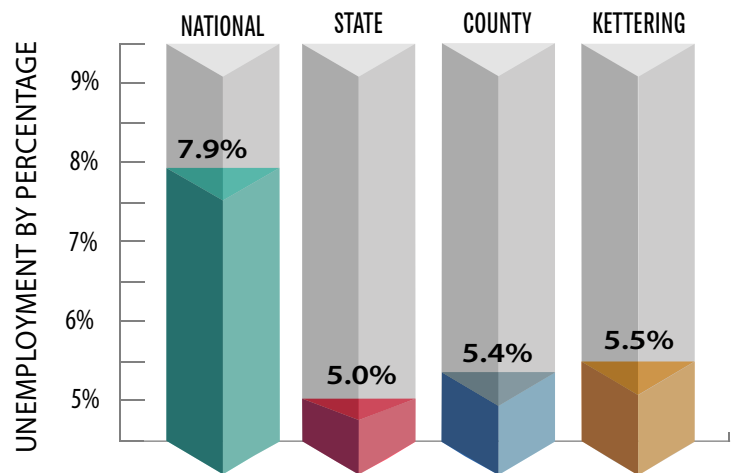
5.5%



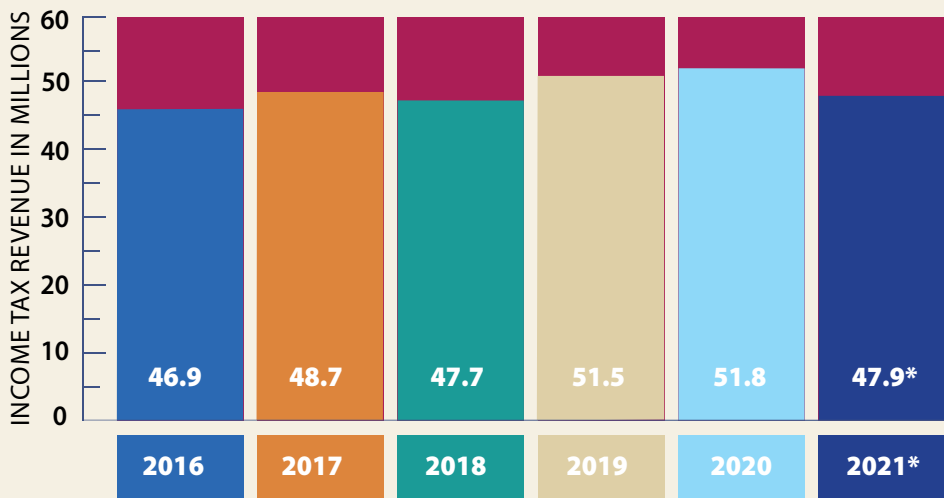
Current 2021 unemployment rate

CITY OF KETTERING UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

COMPARED TO COUNTY, STATE AND NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



CITY OF KETTERING INCOME TAX REVENUE



*2021 ESTIMATE

THE KETTERING INCOME TAX BASE IS STRONG, A SIGN THAT RESIDENTS AND THOSE WORKING IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE EARNING MORE.

KETTERING IS A WONDERFUL PLACE TO START A NEW BUSINESS

Because income tax accounts for approximately 80% of the City's general fund revenue and the vast majority of our amenities and our valued city services are funded by income tax, we place a great deal of focus on attracting new businesses and on helping the businesses that are already in Kettering grow and thrive here. If we don't have the jobs, we don't have the resources to support the infrastructure, facilities and services our residents and businesses treasure. In the end, our goal is to protect the investment that you made when you decided to call Kettering home. That means that we invest in our commercial centers to support job growth, and we invest in our neighborhoods and world-class amenities.

KETTERING HEALTH OPENED NEW FACILITIES

On-Demand Care

Kettering Health opened a new On-Demand Care location in Kettering to give the community more access to walk-in primary care. The new location will be the fourth On-Demand Care location for the network. Located at 424 E. Stroop Rd., the one-story,



3,200 square foot building opened in early June. Some imaging services and treatment for minor illnesses and injuries, including headaches, rashes, cough, and strains, will be available at the new location. This location will be the first health care

tenant at the Town and Country shopping center, which is owned by CASTO and Skilken|Gold.

The new location will employ six full-time positions and is a \$1.2 million investment in the community.

Years Ahead Health Center

Kettering Health opened a new Years Ahead Health Center in Kettering to give senior community members more access to health care services. The new location will be the second Years Ahead facility for the network.

Located at 1745 E. Stroop Rd., the one-story, 18,800 square foot building opened in late June and will feature patient-centered care with facility design and educational programs tailored for those 65 and older.

Services offered will include primary care, lab and imaging services and educational and support programs

The new location will have a care team of eight medical providers, including physicians, advanced practice providers, behavioral health support specialists, and more than 20 support team staff members. The facility is a \$5.6 million investment in the community, continuing Kettering Health Network's commitment to providing high-quality care for local residents.





THE MIAMI VALLEY RESEARCH PARK

During 2020, Industrial Commercial Properties purchased four buildings and 28 acres of land at Miami Valley Research Park. Situated near Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the developer views the properties as suitable to facilitate defense contractors and research users.

KETTERING POLICE DEPARTMENT RENOVATION

In 2019, we completed the design for a major renovation of the Kettering Police Department Headquarters within the Kettering Government Center complex. This \$8.8 million project brought the facility up to modern standards, improved and expanded the functionality of the existing space, expanded the operations of our Public Safety Dispatch Center, and created a new combined entrance for visitors to the Government Center North Building and Police Headquarters. Construction of the renovation project began in early 2020. Police personnel were moved to various locations throughout the City, and the Communications (Dispatch) Center was temporarily moved to Fire Headquarters. In September, the Chief of Police and administrative offices moved into the new upper level addition while renovations continued in the lower level. Patrol and detectives returned to headquarters in January 2021.

Finally, Dispatch returned to their new work space, as well, and the renovation is complete.

WILMINGTON PIKE

The City of Kettering remains committed to acting as a catalyst for reinvestment along Wilmington Pike for both economic purposes and the impact the corridor has on our residents. The Wilmington Pike corridor is the backbone of our community, and its vitality is central to the strength of our commercial success. The Wilmington Pike Improvement Committee, a group of business owners and community stakeholders, engaged in a strategic planning process to identify the most important challenges and promising opportunities for this essential corridor. Together with City staff, they created a plan to regenerate investment and spur development. The Demolition Program provides financial assistance to commercial and residential property owners in the Wilmington Pike Demolition Program Designated Area

to assist in the demolition of structures and clearance of sites for redevelopment purposes. The Façade and Improvement Program allows businesses to apply for a grant up to \$25,000 to assist properties in the corridor with conforming to city code.

A current example of the benefits of these programs is Michael Cui's Restaurant. The restaurant will replace a former sports bar, vacant since 2009. The dining space at the former Norton's will be expanded by adding a 3,000 square foot patio. The renovations will take place in 2021 bringing ten jobs to Kettering. Along with significant indoor renovations, the owner plans to add a new street façade with connections from city sidewalks to the property, as well as ambient outdoor features.

RIDGEWAY ROAD BRIDGE

The Ridgeway Road Bridge is also being replaced following significant public engagement efforts to collect feedback on project alternatives. City Council directed city administration to pursue grant funding for the purpose of reconstructing the bridge, and the Ohio Department of Transportation's Municipal Bridge Program granted the award. Construction began in late 2020. This project will also include an art installation to reflect the surrounding landscape of Hills and Dales Metro Park.

Emergency Response Call Type	Number of Incidents	Percentage
Emergency Medical Services	6,498	77.61%
Personal Assist	722	8.62%
Alarm Investigation	482	5.76%
Investigation	206	2.46%
Recreational Fire	95	1.13%
Wires Arc/Down	61	0.73%
Inside Gas Leak	50	0.60%
Standby	37	0.44%
Commercial Fire	35	0.42%
Single Engine Alarm	34	0.41%
Flood in Structure	30	0.36%
Mulch/Grass Fire	26	0.31%
Residential Fire	23	0.27%
Vehicle Fire	21	0.25%
Hazardous Materials	20	0.24%
Mutual Aid Given - Fire	10	0.12%
Apartment Fire	9	0.11%
Outside Gas Leak	9	0.11%
Fire Near Structure	3	0.04%
Elevator Problem	2	0.02%
TOTAL INCIDENTS	8,373	100%

Public Education Events	2020 Totals
Block Parties	0
CPR Classes	7
Station Tours	8
Other Events	12

In 2020, Kettering Fire Department experienced a 90% reduction in its attendance of community activities. The community activities routinely attended by fire personnel had to be suspended in the name of safety. Fire Department personnel could no longer host station tours, attend ribbon cutting ceremonies or even visit the neighborhood block parties. This did not deter the Kettering Fire Department from educating residents about fire prevention. The KFD used other available methods of communication, such as social media, to disseminate important fire and life safety messages. Through Facebook and Twitter, KFD posted about firefighting operations in real-time. KFD also partnered with Miami Valley Communications Council (MVCC) to create an educational video for families to watch during National Fire Prevention Week.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
\$16.0 MILLION
 2020 TOTAL BUDGET FOR THE
 KETTERING FIRE DEPARTMENT

\$15.1 MILLION
 APPROVED 2021 TOTAL
 BUDGET FOR THE KETTERING
 FIRE DEPARTMENT

THE APPROVED 2021 BUDGET IS 5.7% LESS THAN THE
 2020 BUDGET AND 0.9% LESS THAN ACTUAL 2020
 EXPENDITURES.

All Kettering Fire Department (KFD) career firefighters are highly-trained paramedics and ready to respond to critically ill or injured patients 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Every career Kettering firefighter is also required to be paramedic certified. Obtaining a paramedic certification is a time-consuming and process consisting of thousands of hours of intense coursework.

6,498
 CALLS FOR EMS
 SERVICE



Fire Prevention	2020 Totals
Initial Inspections	84
Re-Inspections	66
Construction Inspect.	238
Violations Issued	780
Violations Resolved	754

ACTIVITY	2019	2020
Calls for Service	54,079	53,856
COMMUNITY SERVICE SPECIALIST	2019	2020
Complaints Received	4,399	4,004
Persons Cited	120	51
Warnings Issued	1,737	886
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	2019	2020
OVI	156	99
DUS	820	494
Parking	65	25
Speeding	605	337
All Others	2,086	1,326
TOTAL CITATIONS	3,732	2,281
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	2019	2020
Fatals	0	0
Personal Injury	94	115
Property Damage	838	479
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	932	594
PART I OFFENSES	2019	2020
Homicide	1	2
Forcible Rape	26	23
Robbery	13	15
Aggravated Assault	15	40
Burglary	138	91
Larceny	604	589
Motor Vehicle Theft	51	47
Arson	3	6
TOTAL PART I OFFENSES	851	813
PART II OFFENSES	2019	2020
Vandalism	151	131
Weapons	51	80
Sex-Morals	62	40
Narcotics	739	380
All Others	1,836	1,412
TOTAL PART II OFFENSES	2,839	2,043
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	2019	2020
Adults	2,868	1,179
Juveniles	359	111
DETENTION CENTER	2019	2020
Kettering Prisoners	1,355	835
Centerville Prisoners	32	10
Moraine Prisoners	55	10
TOTAL PRISONERS BOOKED	1,442	855

POLICE DEPARTMENT
\$18.0 MILLION
 2020 TOTAL BUDGET FOR THE
 KETTERING POLICE DEPARTMENT
\$17.3 MILLION

APPROVED 2021 TOTAL
 BUDGET FOR THE KETTERING
 POLICE DEPARTMENT

THE APPROVED 2021 BUDGET IS 4.0% LESS THAN THE
 2020 BUDGET AND 3.6% GREATER THAN ACTUAL 2020
 EXPENDITURES.



48%
 decrease in
 narcotics offenses



44%
 decrease in
 speeding offenses



57%
 increase in
 weapon offenses



15%
 increase in
 robbery offenses

19,088

9-1-1 CALLS

855

TOTAL PRISONERS
 BOOKED

2,374

TRAFFIC CITATIONS
 PROCESSED

1,172

ADULT CRIMINAL
 ARRESTS

3,209
 Criminal Incident
 Reports

1,675
 Criminal
 Complaints
 Cleared

52.2%
 Clearance
 Rate

2020 MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

5

VOLUNTEERS DELIVERED PPE KITS CONTAINING MASKS, GLOVES, AND SANITIZING WIPES TO THE HOMES OF SENIORS

7

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTED AT 3 AREA CHURCHES TO DISTRIBUTE FACE MASKS

655

HOLIDAY GREETING CARDS CREATED BY 44 VOLUNTEERS AND DISTRIBUTED TO AREA NURSING HOME RESIDENTS AND TO BLUE STAR MOTHERS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY SERVING WORLDWIDE.

8

TREES PLANTED IN VAN BUREN PARK BY 9 VOLUNTEERS THANKS TO A 2020 KEEP MONTGOMERY COUNTY BEAUTIFUL GRANT.

Thanks to our partnerships with Alter Key Club, Central Christian Church, Christ Church United Methodist, City of Kettering Volunteers, David's United Church of Christ, Kettering-Centerville Kiwanis Club, Kettering Volunteer Advisory Council, Montgomery County, Parkview Church of the Nazarene and Wright State University, over 70 volunteers donated 230 hours toward the care and well-being of our local community, our world and our environment!

NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE AWARDS PROGRAM

2020 marked the 32nd year of the Neighborhood Pride Awards Program. This program is designed to recognize property owners for significant improvements made to their properties or for impeccable property maintenance year after year.

39

NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE AWARDS WERE PRESENTED BY MAYOR PATTERSON (36 RESIDENTIAL AND 3 BUSINESS).

264

HOURS DONATED BY COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

234

NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED AND REVIEWED BY OUR COMMITTEE OF VOLUNTEERS

Wooden signs were placed on all award winning properties and a video of all winning properties was created and placed on the city's website. All property owners were presented with a certificate from Mayor Donald E. Patterson.



VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

1,074 Volunteers contributed 21,809 hours

from July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 saving \$553,949

Saving the City more than: \$23,464,562 since the program inception!

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON CELEBRATION

Volunteers were greeted by city staff, city council members and the Volunteer Advisory Council at Presidential Banquet Center at the annual Volunteer Luncheon Celebration. The event was held "drive-thru" style as Mayor Patterson distributed gifts and certificates based on the number of hours volunteers contributed.



KETTERING IS HOME TO THE HOLIDAYS

VOLUNTEERS WORKED WITH CITY STAFF AND MIAMI VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL TO LAUNCH THE FIRST "KETTERING IS HOME TO THE HOLIDAYS" ACTIVITY. MORE THAN 60 RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS PARTICIPATED BY DOWNLOADING A PHOTO OF THEIR PROPERTY'S HOLIDAY DECORATIONS THAT WERE PLACED ON A MAP AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY FOR A FESTIVE DRIVE THROUGH KETTERING.

MAYOR'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

THE MAYOR'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE IS PRESENTED EACH YEAR TO BOTH A YOUTH AND AN ADULT VOLUNTEER TO RECOGNIZE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY. THE 2021 RECIPIENTS WERE TAHJEY LAWSON AND SUE SOLVIG.



YOUTH VOLUNTEER TAHJEY LAWSON



ADULT VOLUNTEER SUE SOLVIG

Tahjey resides in Kettering with his grandmother and grandfather, George and Tammy Lawson. Tahjey attends Kettering Middle School. His volunteer work is extensive and addresses many needs in our community spanning a variety of generations. His efforts include, serving the homeless by collecting coats and blankets (some of which he made); boxing personal care items for front line workers at local nursing homes and hospitals as well as hospitals and first responders in New York; collecting and donating baby items and diapers for Hannah's Treasure Chest; packing bags with hand sanitizer and snacks for the Kettering Police Department; creating and donating get well cards for those at the VA hospital; and he personally raised over \$1,000 for the PTA Walkathon at KMS which helped supply snacks during state testing. In addition, Tahjey served as Secretary to the Junior Optimist Club at KMS. Most recently, Tahjey was elected Governor of the Ohio District for Junior Optimist International. Tahjey's nominator stated, "Tahjey has had obstacles throughout his

life but he still finds the time to give to others. I cannot think of any other youth in our community who would be more deserving of this award."

Sue Solvig grew up in a military family which took her to California, Florida, Tennessee and Guam. She is married to her husband Bob and has two daughters, Erica and Rachel, and four grandsons. Sue and Bob spent several years in New York before making the move to our area in 2014.

Sue began volunteering for the City of Kettering in October, 2019. Until the pandemic, Sue's volunteer service included assisting at special events, receptionist's duties; helping with the nutrition program; and scheduling seniors rides as part of our senior transportation program at Lathrem Senior Center.

In March, 2020 the senior center closed due to the pandemic. During this time Sue and other volunteers rose to the challenge by making phone calls to isolated seniors to ensure their wellbeing. As the pandemic continued, Sue offered to return to help with the senior transportation program.

After making some safety modifications to the office area, she returned in July to assist with this essential program. Typically, the center enlists the help of five volunteers, one each day from 8 – noon. Sue stepped up to help every day from 8 – 10 a.m.

Sue's nominator had this to say, "One of the most amazing things about Sue is her ability to truly bond with the clients, listen to them and make them feel safe. She spends hours on the phone talking through pandemic related fears and other issues regarding isolation. She also talks with family members regarding their loved one's transportation needs. She clearly and patiently explains our program to new clients. She is so well liked that many callers are disappointed when a staff member answers the phone—they want to talk with Sue!"

Her nominator also explained, "Sue is gifted with a servant's heart. With the changes thrust upon us at the onset of the pandemic, she did not hesitate to offer help, demonstrating what "community" is all about!"

YEAR IN REVIEW

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts is committed to offering safe, fun and enriching activities and spaces to Kettering residents. In March, when COVID-19 began to make an impact on our community, all of us here in Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts were challenged to be flexible, patient and creative to adapt to the ever-changing landscape. With our number-one goal in mind of keeping everyone safe, we had to pivot towards a new way to offer our programs and facilities. Although challenging, 2020 was still a year of successes, as we continued to positively impact our community's wellness. Here are some of those highlights!





517

TREES MAINTAINED IN PUBLIC SPACES



1,300

PARTICIPANTS IN SPORTS PROGRAMS



9,000+

GUESTS TO THE KETERING ICE ARENA 1



CITY OF KETERING
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

300

CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN PROGRAMS AT HABITAT ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

100,000

FITNESS & WELLNESS VISITS

1,000+

ARTS EDUCATION DROP-IN STUDIO VISITS

1,000+

RECREATION PROGRAM ENROLLMENTS

1,000

VISITS TO ROSEWOOD GALLERY

15,000+

PEOPLE VISITED THE POOL



AWARDS

The PRCA team celebrated several recognitions in 2020:


- Including being designated a Tree City USA community for the 38th consecutive year. The Parks division, through the City of Kettering, received the Growth award for the first time since 2000.
- *Dayton Magazine* Best of Dayton awards went to the Kettering Recreation Complex fitness center and Frazee Pavilion.
- The Ohio Parks and Recreation Association named the special internship with Kettering Medical College and the Kettering Recreation Complex a 1st Place Award for Management Innovation.

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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
Volunteer Office	937-296-2433
Yard Debris Hotline	937-296-3255

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