

# *CONTACT* with **Kettering**

*Community Magazine Fall 2021*



## **9/11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY**

**Saturday, September 11, 2021  
8:30 a.m.**

**Seitz Plaza at Lincoln Park Boulevard  
and Ackerman Boulevard**

Please join us as we pay homage to those who lost their lives, those who served to save lives and the families and friends who lost their loved ones on the day we will never forget.

Mayor Patterson





# Mayor's Greeting

As we look forward to fall and students head back to school, we come together as a community to celebrate some of our favorite hometown traditions.

One of our most anticipated annual traditions in Kettering is **Holiday at Home**. Celebrating more than 50 years, this treasured community tradition is

sure to re-ignite your hometown spirit and make your Labor Day weekend plans fond memories. The theme this year is **Hometown Spirit Let's Hear It** in hopes to encourage all of us to reflect upon what we love about this community and why we are proud to call Kettering home.

Take in the last days of summer appreciating the beauty and the distinctiveness of our Kettering neighborhoods. Celebrating its 33rd year, the Neighborhood Pride Program honors residents who have made significant improvements to their homes or who have maintained their properties impeccably year after year. Properties are nominated by fellow Kettering residents and a team of dedicated volunteers visit each property and carefully deliberate to select the winners. Please plan to join us on September 28 as we recognize award winners at our City Council meeting. Neighborhood Pride winners embody the true meaning of hometown pride, and we appreciate their dedication to preserving the scenic beauty of our beloved Kettering neighborhoods.

Thank you for making Kettering your community of choice. Kettering is home because of its rich history, great schools and beautiful neighborhoods. The small town feel and community spirit are constant reminders that there is nowhere else I'd rather live. I look forward to seeing you at these great events.

Take care.

Donald E. Patterson, Mayor

Visit [www.ketteringoh.org](http://www.ketteringoh.org) and sign up to receive **The Starter**—Kettering e-newsletter.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### Kettering Community Block Party

Thursday, September 2 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Lincoln Park Civic Commons



### Holiday at Home

Sunday and Monday, September 5 and 6

### Shred Day

Saturday, October 2 from 9 a.m. to Noon

Government Center Parking Lot, 3600 Shroyer Rd.

### Residential Leaf Pickup Begins

Monday, October 18



### Make A Difference Day

Saturday, October 23

### DEA Drug Takeback

Saturday, October 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Kettering Police Dept. 3600 Shroyer



### Beggar's Night

Sunday, October 31

### Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting

Free Event Friday, December 3 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tree lighting at 6:30 p.m.

Lincoln Park Civic Commons



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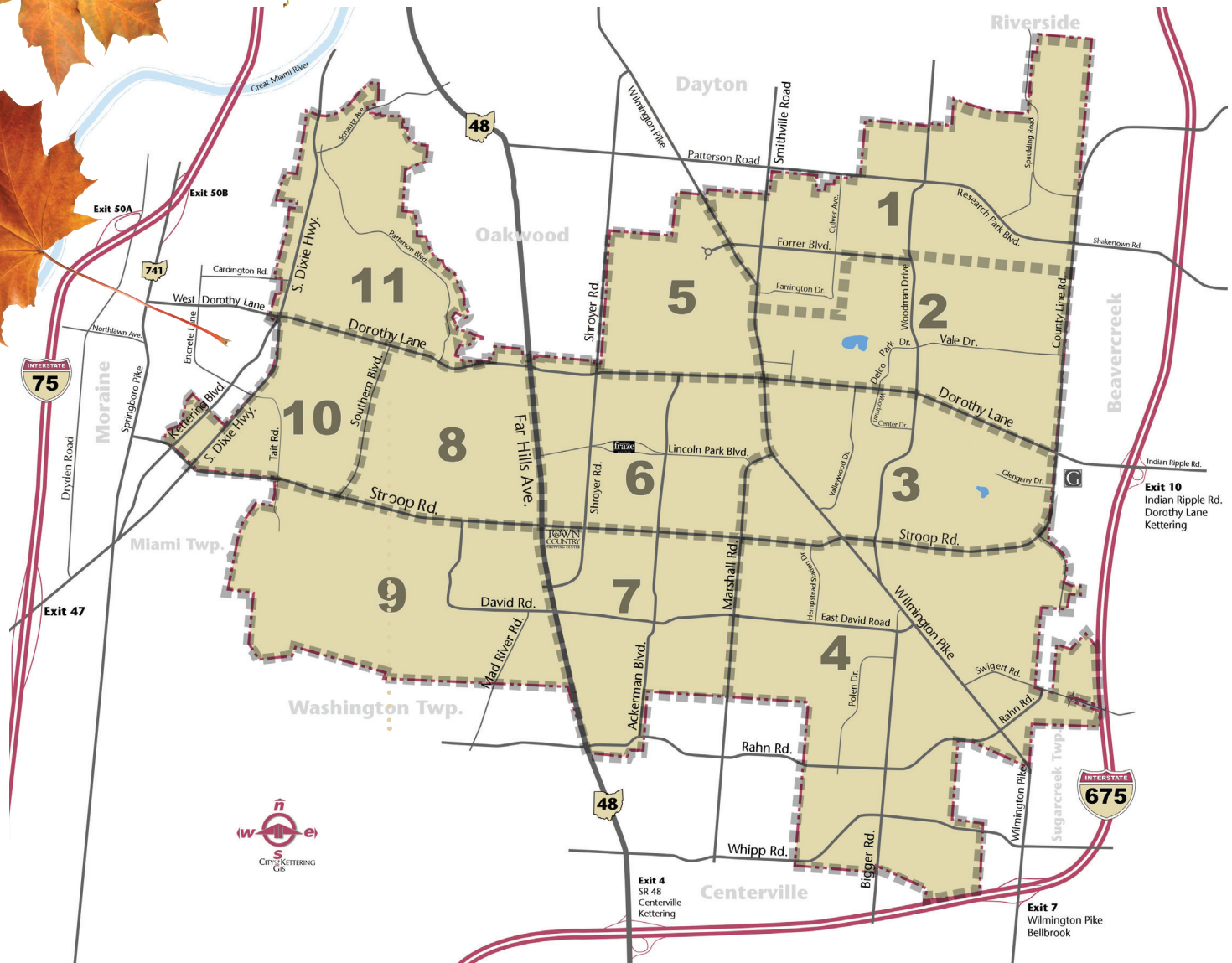
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# Leaf Collection Begins October 18



One of the most unique and highly valued services the City of Kettering offers residents is free curbside collection of leaves each fall. Leaves are picked up by City crews and taken to the City's leaf composting center where leaves will be converted to mulch and compost, then offered free of charge to residents each spring. The City will begin in District 1 on Monday, October 18, and will continue leaf pickup until early December. Please note that all leaves should be raked to the curb by Monday, November 29, for the final pass for fall collection.

Please remember the following tips for leaf pickup:

- Know your leaf collection district. Reference the above map to find your district or visit [www.ketteringoh.org](http://www.ketteringoh.org) and enter your address in the **My Services** tab on our home page.
- Don't wait until our crews are near your district to rake leaves. As leaves begin to fall, rake piles to the edge of your lawn. We

will make several passes through each district for collection.

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





## Traffic Signal Replacements

Kettering was awarded nearly \$1,200,000 in federal funds to reconstruct traffic signals at six intersections. This project is nearly complete. Locations include:

- East Dorothy Lane at Powhattan Place
- East Dorothy Lane at Valleywood Drive
- Woodman Drive at Adventure Drive
- Woodman Drive at Aragon Avenue
- Woodman Drive at Forrer Boulevard
- Forrer Boulevard at Culver Avenue

## Flood Protection

Flood Protection information is available at: [www.ketteringoh.org/flood-protection/](http://www.ketteringoh.org/flood-protection/).

This website offers information on flood hazard areas, flood safety, protection of property/flood insurance and efforts of city government to reduce flood risk. You may also contact City staff at 937-296-2436 for more information.



## Roadway Projects for 2021

### Far Hills Avenue Resurfacing

Resurfacing of Far Hills Avenue was completed this summer in time for the Holiday at Home Parade. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) administered the project and funded approximately 80% of the costs.

### County Line Road Widening

Construction work to widen County Line Road started in June and is scheduled for completion in summer/fall 2022. Because this project borders two counties and two cities, coordination has been, and will continue to be, more involved. Upon completion of this final link, the corridor will provide two lanes in each direction for over ten miles from Moraine to Beavercreek. The increased traffic capacity will support continued business growth at Research Park. The project was awarded nearly \$2,500,000 in federal funds.

### CenterPoint (Vectren) Gas Main Replacements

Vectren is planning eight gas main replacement projects in Kettering this year. Several of the projects are underway, with more to begin soon. Because the work involves restoration of pavement and yards, the City of Kettering requires CenterPoint's contractor to obtain permits for each location of work in the right of way.

For more information on these projects, and others, go to:

<https://www.ketteringoh.org/current-road-construction-project-updates/>

### Ridgeway Road Bridge

The Ridgeway Road bridge over West Dorothy Lane has reopened to traffic and the public art features have been installed. A permanent vandal prevention fence will be installed on both sides of the bridge near the end of September. In the meantime, a temporary vandal fence is in place on the bridge sidewalks until the permanent fence is installed.

The City of Kettering appreciates the strong support from residents that made this project a reality. Funding for the new bridge was provided through the Ohio Municipal Bridge Program and the Ohio Public Works Commission.





# Assistance for Kettering Renters

In response to residents who need assistance with rent, Montgomery County has a new program to provide relief for rental expenses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The county is working with United Way of the Greater Dayton Area to take initial applications. To apply, call the United Way Helpline at 211.

Montgomery County received \$15.8 million from the U.S. Treasury for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. To be eligible, households must meet income guidelines. To determine eligibility, applicants can

either use their 2020 household income or current monthly income at the time of application.

To be eligible, one or more individuals in the household must:

- Have qualified for unemployment benefits or attest by writing that they have experienced financial hardship due to the pandemic
- Be at risk of becoming homeless (past due rent, eviction notice, or unsafe or unhealthy living conditions)

- Have a household income below 50 percent of area median income (\$37,850 for a household of four)

United Way will be taking basic information, and Montgomery County is working with other partners to process applications for those in need. Catholic Social Services, Goodwill Easter Seals, Homefull and the Salvation Army will help individuals through the application process.



## Need help paying rent?

Emergency rent funding is available!



United Way of the Greater Dayton Area

Call United Way Helpline  
**211**

You may qualify for assistance from Montgomery County's Emergency Rental Assistance program if you:

- Have qualified for unemployment benefits or experienced financial hardship due to the pandemic
- Are at risk of becoming homeless
- Have a household income at or below the following:

Household size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Household income	\$26,500	\$30,300	\$34,100	\$37,850	\$40,900	\$43,950	\$46,950	\$50,000



## Kettering



Sunday, September 5 and

Monday, September 6



This year's Holiday at Home theme is **Hometown Spirit Let's Hear It!** We are glad this treasured annual tradition is back in 2021. Join us on Sunday and Monday of Labor Day weekend for fun, multi-generational activities that include a parade, arts and crafts sale, children's zone with inflatables and face painting, auto show, live entertainment, 5K run, kids fun run and so much more.

For more information about Holiday at Home, visit:

[www.holidayathome.org](http://www.holidayathome.org)



## Code Red Emergency Alert Enrollment

In addition to our City of Kettering Facebook and Twitter posts, we also use a system called Code Red to notify our residents and those who work in Kettering of emergency incidents and critical community alerts. When you enroll in Code Red, you may opt to receive alerts on your home or cell phone, by email and by text. Please note that because of the emergency nature of some alerts, notices may be received at all hours. You can easily decide later to opt out from receiving future alerts. Text the word KETTERING to 99411 to enroll or visit our website at [www.ketteringoh.org](http://www.ketteringoh.org). If you know someone without internet access who may be interested, please have them call 937-296-2400 for assistance.



**TEXT "KETTERING"**  
to 99411 to enroll in  
**Kettering's**  
emergency alert program



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# Kettering Court Offers New Programs



New initiatives are being offered at the Kettering Municipal Court (KMC) with the goal of improving court services and access to justice giving many a fresh start while saving taxpayer funds. Among these new programs, the KMC will offer an amnesty week for court fees and fines, landlord/tenant mediation, record sealing assistance, a customer service center for information on assistance and legal resources and an alternative to traffic citations.

## Court Fee/Fine Amnesty Week

Anyone currently owing either court costs and fines or both, can receive a 50 percent amnesty discount during the KMC's Amnesty Week, October 18 – 22, at Kettering Municipal Court, 2325 Wilmington Pike, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or call 937-296-2461. Fifty percent of the court costs and fines must be paid in full to be eligible to receive amnesty for the remainder. For more information, visit [www.ketteringmunicipalcourt.com](http://www.ketteringmunicipalcourt.com)

## Landlord/Tenant Issue Mediation

Through the Dayton Mediation Center, the office of the Clerk of Court will be

offering tenants and landlords the ability to participate in optional mediation on any issues without resorting to an eviction at no additional cost. Additionally, the service will be available after an eviction is filed up to the court hearing date.

## Advanced Record Sealing

Another service being offered is through the National Expungement Database Center (NEDC). The NEDC will ensure that requests for sealed records at KMC will be removed from all credit bureaus, private databases and other services. More information can be found at [www.nedcenter.com](http://www.nedcenter.com).

## Help Center

Kettering and Montgomery County Clerks of Court have partnered offering a Help Center providing legal information and access to programs and resources. The center does not provide legal advice. Residents of Kettering, Centerville, Moraine and Washington Township can utilize this free service on the second and third Monday of every month from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Kettering Municipal Court. **More information at** [www.courthousetoyou.com](http://www.courthousetoyou.com)



*Kettering Municipal Court*

## Traffic Safety Program

The Traffic Safety Program allows eligible participants to attend an online class instead of receiving a conviction for their traffic citation. Upon successful completion of the program, the ticket will be dismissed and will not appear on the offender's driving record, and no points will be added to the driving record. More information can be found at [www.ketteringmunicipalcourt.com](http://www.ketteringmunicipalcourt.com)

The KMC provides justice services for misdemeanor traffic and criminal cases,

handles arraignments and preliminary hearings for felonies and hears civil complaints up to \$15,000 and small claims complaints up to \$6,000. The Clerk of Court's office is responsible for managing and safeguarding the public records for court cases handled by KMC. Also, the office is responsible for collecting and distributing fines, fees and costs related to these cases and the technology supporting these services. Both serve Kettering, Centerville, Moraine and Washington Township.



## National Drug Take Back

Kettering Police Department is hosting the second of two DEA National Pill Take Back Days on October 23, 2021 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means for disposing of expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. The take back will take place at the Kettering Police Department at 3600 Shroyer Road. Please remember that no liquids or syringes will be accepted during the take back.

Ohio collected 43,475 lbs. during the April take back which was 19.3% of all pills collected in the United States.





# Kettering Police Department Updates

## Retirees

Officer Carla Sacher, Sgt. Scott Drerup, Officer James Young, Sgt. Larry Warren, Det. Dave Marcum and Officer John Soto all had their last calls so far in 2021. All combined, KPD lost 141 years of dedicated service to the City of Kettering. Retirees served with distinction and honor and KPD wishes these officers the best of luck in their future endeavors. Their leadership and experience will be missed.



## Kettering Hires Crisis Intervention Specialist

Nicole Fairburn joined KPD in collaboration with South Community as our first Crisis Intervention Specialist. Nicole responds to active mental health crisis with KPD officers and also follows up with individuals who benefit from the services and expertise that she offers the community. Nicole has proven to be a great asset to the department.



*Officer Carla Sacher*



*Officer Scott Drerup*



*Officer John Soto*



*Officer James Young*



*Sergeant Larry Warren*



*Officer David Marcum*

## Promotions

The Kettering Police Department is pleased to announce the promotion of three officers to the rank of Sergeant. Sgt. Joe Ferrell and Sgt. Ryan Vandegrift are assigned to the midnight watch while Sgt. Jesika Shriver-Kelch is assigned to the afternoon watch.



*Sergeant Joe Ferrell*



*Sergeant Jesika Shriver-Kelch*



*Sergeant Ryan Vandegrift*

## K9 Partners

Officer Hall and K9 Thor successfully graduated from an intense 13-week K9 training academy where they learned to work as a team, track over multiple surfaces, find concealed subjects in structures, find narcotics, find discarded evidence and apprehend fleeing suspects. They are now certified through OPOTA (Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy). Congratulations!





# Fire Prevention Week October 3 – 9



## Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety

**What's the difference between smoke alarms and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms?**  
**Why do I need both?**

Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger. In the event of fire, you may have as little as two minutes to escape safely, which is why smoke alarms need to be in every bedroom, outside of the sleeping areas (like a hallway) and on each level (including the basement). Do not put smoke alarms in your kitchen or bathrooms.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that displaces oxygen in your body



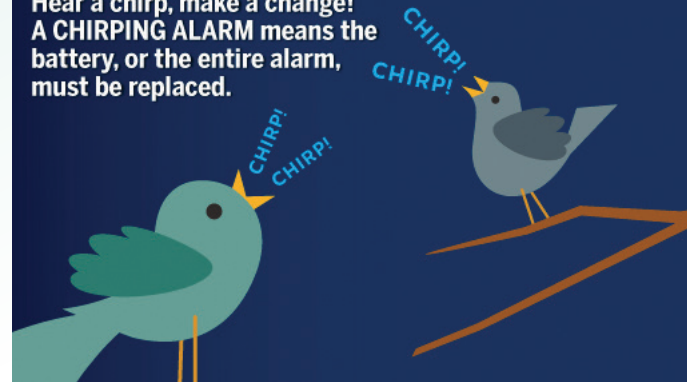
- and brain and can render you unconscious
- before you even realize
- something is happening to
- you. Without vital oxygen, you
- are at risk of death from carbon

monoxide poisoning in a short time. CO alarms detect the presence of carbon monoxide and alert you so you can get out, call 9-1-1, and let the professionals

- check your home.
- **How do I know which smoke and CO alarm to choose for my home?**

Choose an alarm that is listed with a testing laboratory, meaning it has met certain standards for protection. Whether you select a unit that requires yearly changing of batteries, or a 10-year unit that you change out at the end of the 10 years, either will provide protection.

**Hear a chirp, make a change!**  
**A CHIRPING ALARM means the battery, or the entire alarm, must be replaced.**



- CO alarms also have a battery backup.
- Choose one that is listed with a testing laboratory. For the best protection, use combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that are interconnected throughout the home. These can be installed by a qualified electrician, so that when one sounds, they all sound. This ensures you can hear the alarm no matter where in your home the alarm originates.



Kettering Fire Marshal Bill Ford ended his career with Kettering Fire Department after 13 years of service. Before coming to Kettering, Bill served as the Fire Chief at the City of Huber Heights and Dayton International Airport. He accomplished all of this after serving for 25 years as the Fire Marshal for the City of Dayton. In 2020, Fire Marshal Ford was selected as the Fire Official of the Year by the Ohio Building Officials Association. Bill is well known for his thorough knowledge of fire and building codes along with countless other standards and regulations. We are grateful for Bill's exceptional service to the City of Kettering and the southwest Ohio region.

## 2020 Firefighter of the Year Jordan Grogean

Firefighter/Paramedic Jordan Grogean came to Kettering Fire Department in July 2017 with 15 years of prior fire experience, including some volunteer and part-time service. Jordan came to Kettering after serving at the Sidney Fire Department where he was named Firefighter of the Year in 2016.

FF/P Grogean's nominators described him as an employee who is "... fun, positive and has a ready-to-work attitude. He excels in all aspects of the job from being familiar with his district, motivated team player, leader in training and a good cook." They further describe Jordan as "a highly active member within the rescue disciplines who spends numerous hours in the role as a fire instructor, as well as

- Region 3 Rescue team member, fire gear
- inspector, hydraulics instructor, and a
- member of our honor guard."



- Jordan's dedication to the department
- is evident and makes him deserving of
- earning the title Firefighter of the Year.



# 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's commitment to providing high-quality care for local residents.



# Resonetics to Expand at Miami Valley Research Park

Another business has decided to grow its operations at Miami Valley Research Park, bringing new jobs and investment to Kettering.

Resonetics is a micro manufacturer for the health care and life sciences

industry. They are based in New Hampshire and make components

and assemblies for medical devices. The company has recently announced that they will be expanding to make room for new machinery and employees at their current location on College Drive in Miami Valley Research Park.

“Having watched the company evolve from establishing their presence here to planning for expansion is exciting, and the City looks forward to continued growth and success for the company.”

—City Manager Mark Schwieterman

- To facilitate this growth, Kettering City Council unanimously approved a resolution in July to authorize the City to sell about 2.3 acres of land adjacent to Resonetics' current site. This sale will

provide Resonetics with the land needed to double its footprint in Kettering and will support the hiring of an additional 95 employees.

- According to Kevin Hartke, the Chief Technology Officer for Resonetics, “The project will allow Resonetics to continue to bring innovative new products to the life sciences market and improve health care

- around the world. Our people embrace urgency and teamwork in a progressive, fast-paced environment with a shared purpose and a clear mission. This allows us to be very agile, enabling our customer's devices to be manufactured efficiently.”
- The company is expected to begin construction in August with completion slated for mid-2022.

Kettering City Manager Mark Schwieterman said, “Resonetics has been a part of Kettering and Miami Valley Research Park for close to ten years. Having watched the company evolve from establishing their presence here to planning for expansion is exciting, and the City looks forward to continued growth and success for the company.”

Resonetics was founded in 1987 and has been at Research Park since 2013.



# Kettering Welcomes New Economic Development Manager

The City of Kettering welcomes Amy Schrimpf as the Economic Development Manager upon the recent retirement of Gregg Gorsuch. In this role, Amy will manage the City's economic development programs to attract and retain businesses to thrive in and contribute to the Kettering community.

Ms. Schrimpf has more than 20 years of public service experience. Since 2013, Amy served as Director of Government Affairs and Economic Development Project Manager for the Dayton Development Coalition. Amy worked collaboratively with

businesses and government entities to support economic development projects and investment. She helped communities identify state and federal resources for business to help them better understand how to apply and implement these programs.

"I am extremely excited to be the new Economic Development Manager for the City of Kettering," said Schrimpf. "As the second largest city in Montgomery County, Kettering offers a broad spectrum of opportunities. Economic development is an important

piece of the overall health of this community. It's where I live and raise my family. I am eager to introduce the possibilities to longtime and incoming businesses and help the City's continued growth and livability."

City Manager Mark Schwieterman said, "Amy is very passionate about Kettering's future for both businesses and the community at large. She has proven that she can successfully lead innovative projects and collaborate with businesses on solutions—even during



Amy Schrimpf  
Economic Development Manager

economic downturns. She has worked with global companies, locally-owned businesses, as well as business organizations and community groups. Amy's experience and passion for the Kettering community are unique and will have a positive impact."

## Kettering Welcomes Two New Businesses!



Mayor Patterson and City staff celebrated the grand opening of Kettering Nutrition, 2607 Wilmington Pike, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. This smoothie and juice bar offers a wide variety of protein shakes and clean energy teas. Welcome!

Welcome to Kettering, Gionino's Pizzeria! Mayor Patterson, Council members and City staff participated in a celebratory ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome this new eatery. Gionino's has been serving award-winning pizza, fried chicken, buffalo wings, subs and more throughout Northeast Ohio for over 30 years. They are located at 4015 Far Hills Avenue.





# Volunteers Returning

The summer of 2021 was a great time for volunteers returning to do what they enjoy best, volunteering! With the Kettering Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department hosting various camps and special events over the summer, volunteers were able to return to assist with these activities. Many students from both Fairmont and Alter High Schools and The Dayton Regional STEM School stepped up to volunteer this summer and their assistance to our community was outstanding. Many of our volunteers

have returned to their regular volunteer posts around the City including Administrative Systems Department, Clerk of Court's Office, Frazee, Finance Department, Income Tax Division, Human Resources Department and the Volunteer Office. We are so glad to have them back at the City of Kettering and appreciate their dedicated service to our Community!

If you are interested in volunteering with the City of Kettering, please call our office at 937-296-2433 or visit [www.ketteringoh.org](http://www.ketteringoh.org)



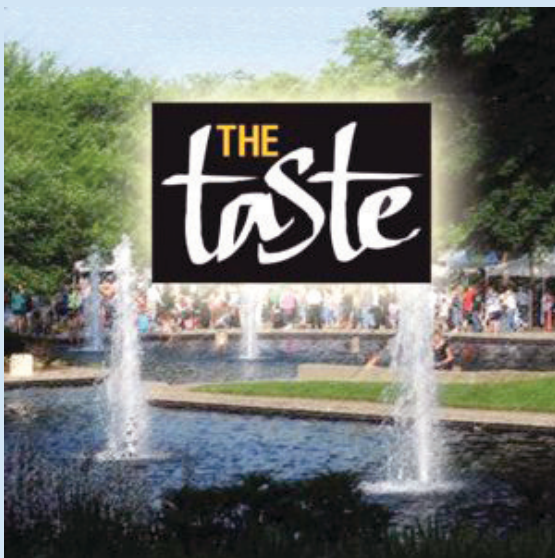
Youth volunteers assist with camps at the Habitat Environmental Center



Volunteers in the Clerk of Court's Office are glad to be back.



Youth volunteers assist with camps at the Habitat Environmental Center



## Wednesday, September 1 6 to 9 p.m.

Tickets On Sale Now: \$25 – In Advance; \$30 – Day of Event;  
\$10 – Children under 10

Join us for the 34th annual **The Taste** festival presented by the Kettering Moraine Oakwood Chamber of Commerce! It promises to be a fun evening of good food and entertainment. Hosted in Lincoln Park Civic Commons the 2021 Taste has new participants to try alongside Taste favorites from previous years. Enjoy samples of delicious food from a variety of local restaurants. It's sure to be taste-sational! Watch [frazee.com](http://frazee.com) for the restaurant list.

**Please note:** Sorry, no pets please. Coolers will not be allowed for any Frazee event. Note that bag/purse size is limited to 12" x 12" x 6" and any bag larger than 12" x 12" x 6" must be returned to a vehicle and will not be item checked.

**frazee**  
pavilion



# Kettering Welcomes New Volunteer Staff



*Dawn Kirchner*

We are thrilled to introduce Dawn Kirchner as our new Volunteer Administrator. Dawn is a Dayton native and alumni of Wright State University.

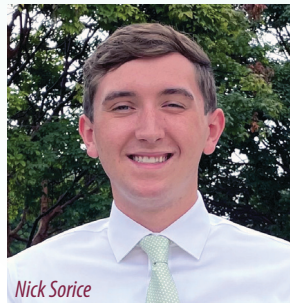
Soon after completing her graduate program while working at the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, she decided public outreach was best suited for her and moved to Kansas to present school, camp and community programs at the University of Kansas Natural History Museum. For the past ten years she has been with the Dayton Society of Natural History where she oversaw several departments including Volunteers, Education, Astronomy and the Discovery Zoo. She notes that, "Each

organization and department I have worked with benefited from the generosity of volunteers to improve visitor experience and community programs. Volunteers are often able to connect with the individuals served in a more meaningful capacity than the staff, building bridges and making connections that would have otherwise been lost." She is eager to continue the 40+ year tradition of volunteer service to the City of Kettering!

Outside of work, Dawn is a Master Gardener and an exercise enthusiast. Dawn, welcome to Kettering!

We are excited to have you on our team!

The Volunteer Office also welcomes Nick Sorice, who began as the Assistant



*Nick Sorice*

Volunteer Administrator on May 10, after graduating from Wright State University. Nick came to the Volunteer Office as an intern in April of 2019 where he was introduced to many volunteers and found a desire for working with the public. After his internship, he worked in the Planning and Development Department throughout the 2020 year assisting City Planners and assisting the department during the COVID-19 pandemic. In December of 2020, Nick came back to the Volunteer Office as a part-time employee until being promoted to full time. Nick stated, "I notice the great impact volunteers have on the City of Kettering, and I am impressed by the number of volunteers from neighboring cities who serve the Kettering community. I look forward to serving alongside you in Kettering's Volunteer Program."

**Make A Difference Day  
Saturday, October 23**

## Neighborhood Pride Program

The City of Kettering has completed its 33rd year of the Neighborhood Pride Program! 2021 has been a fantastic year for the Neighborhood Pride Program with over 375 nominations submitted and reviewed by committee members. The award winners demonstrate significant improvement or upkeep to their properties year after year. Mayor Don Patterson will

recognize award winners on September 28, at the City Council Meeting. Thank you to each award winner for showing such beautiful pride in Kettering with the impeccable care of your home or business.

This program would not be possible without the time, talent and commitment of the Neighborhood Pride Committee! Thank you to co-chairs Rob Jahn, Gail

Carone, Mark and Carol Messer and committee members Kathy Waker, Jim Bolton, Del and Ginny Herbeck, Maureen Willits, Chuck Dickerson, Gale Heller, Pat Ferguson, April Mason and Donna Speers. Your involvement is appreciated and is vital to the success of the Neighborhood Pride Program!







# Rosewood Arts Centre is Getting a New Look!

The long-anticipated renovation of Rosewood Arts Centre is about to get underway this fall! Since 1985, Rosewood

School and was built in 1965. The facility infrastructure is undergoing some much-needed improvements to bring it into the 21st century.

We are currently in the initial phases of our renovation plan, which focuses on repairing and improving the building exterior, creating a new building

entrance, mechanical upgrades and beginning work on our new gallery space, administrative suite, restrooms and youth art areas. The project is being carried out in phases to create as little disruption as possible to our patrons and to avoid the need to fully close down during the process.

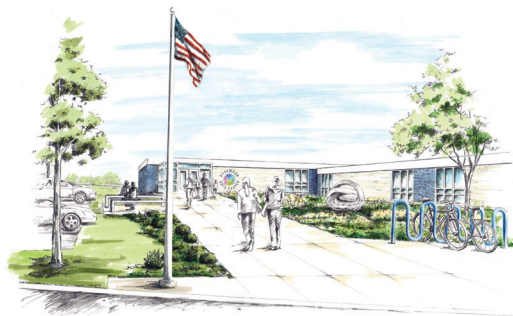
"As a destination that has long served Kettering residents of all ages, we are planning

this renovation with the community at top of mind," said Shayna McConville, Division Manager of Cultural Arts. "Our fall classes — including our popular areas of dance, ceramics, painting and drawing — and exhibitions in Rosewood Gallery will not be impacted by the first phase of construction, which we hope will be finished in spring 2022. Our goal is to have uninterrupted access to the arts and creative experiences during this major project."

All of these initial upgrades will serve to prepare the Rosewood building for many more years of service and will create a more comfortable, accessible facility. One of the top items on our Rosewood staff and patrons' wish lists for many years has been air conditioning throughout the building. It's hard to focus on

creative work when it's hot and humid — or to hear an instructor's voice over the whirr of five fans. A close second on the most-requested items list are upgraded restrooms. We're excited that the initial phases include both of these important updates!

Of course, more upgrades are on their way as we head into fall and winter. Forthcoming are reinvented classrooms and studio spaces for both beginners and professional artists.



has provided high-quality creative experiences to the residents of Kettering and the Greater Dayton area. More than 100,000 visitors each year rely on Rosewood for summer camps, 400+ classes for adults and youth, a dozen gallery exhibitions and special events, including the signature **Art on the Commons** festival. The Rosewood building formerly housed Rosewood Elementary



We look forward to providing project updates as construction progresses. Follow PlayKettering on social media or visit our website to sign up for email updates!



# Fairmont Graduate Gives Back With Gatorade Play It Forward Grant

The Kettering Parks Foundation was the recipient of a \$1,000 grant from the Gatorade Ohio Basketball Player of the Year, Madeline Westbeld. Madeline is a 2020 graduate of Fairmont High School. The Gatorade Play It Forward initiative works in conjunction with the Gatorade Player of the Year program to empower student athletes to provide resources to sports organizations in their communities.

Gatorade Player of the Year is an awards program that recognizes the nation's most elite high school athletes for their accomplishments on and off the field.

Madeline's gift will provide Kettering kids an opportunity to participate in open gym at the Kettering Recreation Complex from September 7 through December 17, 2021. Youth drop-in gym is a time set aside for students K-12 to participate in an unstructured open gym atmosphere. Details for the open gym program will be announced soon.

The Parks Foundation transferred the funds to the City of Kettering, Parks Recreation and Cultural Arts Department to administer the program. Mayor Don Patterson accepted the check on behalf of the City of Kettering during a recent City Council meeting.

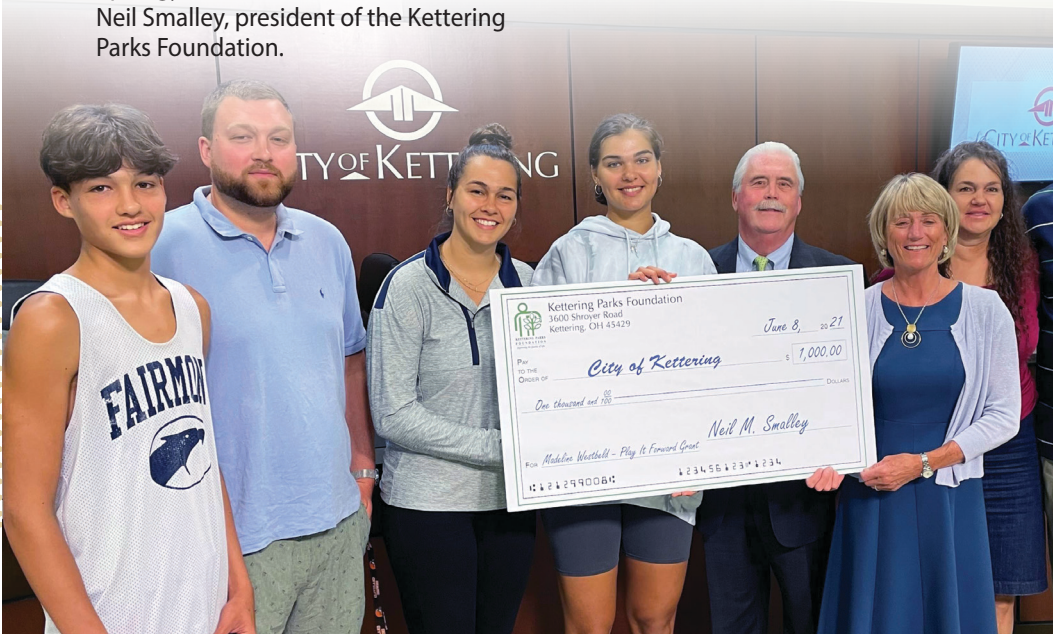
"We are grateful for Madeline's gift to the Foundation and know many children in Kettering will now be able to participate in open gym without financial barriers," said Neil Smalley, president of the Kettering Parks Foundation.



Madeline is the daughter of James and Susan Westbeld of Kettering. She is currently a student and member of the women's basketball team at the University of Notre Dame. Madeline's mother, Susan, said, "She has received many awards and most recently: (From UND.com) 2021 WBCA All-America Regional Finalist, 2021 ACC Rookie of the Year (Head Coaches), 2021 First Team All-ACC, 2021 ACC All-Freshman Team, 2021 ACC All-Academic Team, Two-time ACC Rookie of the Week (Dec. 7, 2020, Jan. 3, 2021), 2020 ACC Newcomer Watch List and Ohio Ms Basketball. She was the only basketball player in the state of Ohio, male or female, to be selected as a McDonald's All American for 2020."

"Madeline is getting ready to travel to Hungary for USA Basketball," Susan said. "She was born and raised in Kettering, Ohio, and wants to give back to her city. She truly cares about the future of kids and adults, and is often thinking about and discussing, how to improve their lives. She has come up with an idea and plans to develop a charity which will help the homeless and those in poverty, so they may help themselves to be successful."

We deeply appreciate Madeline's generosity to our Kettering community. We look forward to seeing more local kids in elementary through high school joining us this fall for open gym and discovering their own passion for sports.



## Play Dates

Join your Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts for fun this Fall!

These events are free and open to all ages. Details are at [www.playkettering.org](http://www.playkettering.org)!

### Fall Program Registration

August 2

Begins for Kettering Residents

### Kids Day in the Park

Saturday, August 7, 9 am – 1 pm

Delco Park

### Ice Arena Opens

August 23

for the 2021 – 22 Season

### 5th Annual HWD Juried Sculpture Exhibition

August 16 – October 22

Rosewood Arts Centre

### Wag-O-Ween

Saturday, October 30, 11 am – 1 pm

Kettering Recreation Complex

### Jack-O-Lantern Glow

Saturday, October 30, 7 – 10 pm

Various Locations

### 9th Regional Art Ed Exhibition

November 8 – December 30

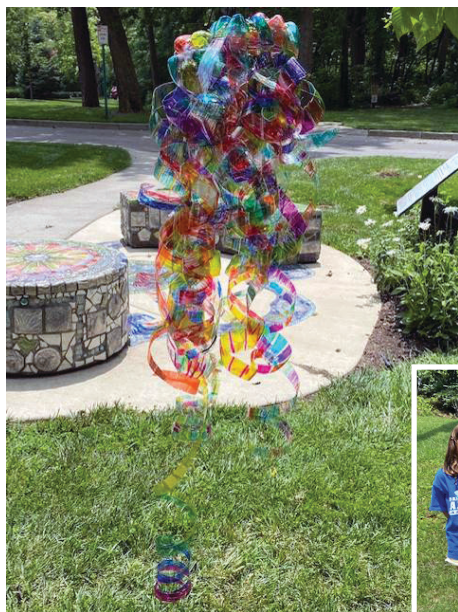
Rosewood Arts Centre

To find out more about these programs and registration, visit us at [www.playkettering.org](http://www.playkettering.org)



## Campers Transformed Plastic to Fantastic

Kettering staff donated milk jugs to the Habitat Environmental Center last month. The Art in the Wild campers put them to good use by transforming these recyclables into beautiful art to enhance the Habitat gardens. Kerri Miles, Environmental Education Supervisor at the Habitat Environmental Center, collected the jugs and challenged campers to create a Chihuly-inspired piece.



“Thank you to everyone who collected and donated milk jugs for the cause. Consider your contribution part of the teamwork that went into this beautiful sculpture,” Kerri said. “This project introduced these youngsters to the beautiful work of Dale Chihuly, the value of re-purposing materials while further enhancing the gardens at the Habitat.”

The art piece goes unnamed as the sculptors were distracted by a resident toad in need of a name. Meet Earl Gray, appointed Ambassador of *Art in the Wild Camp* 2021.

Special thanks to Brooke from Rosewood who helped ignite camper creativity, sculpting skills and, of course, the fun memories these campers took with them.



## Kettering Ice Arena Opens Monday, August 23

We have a fresh calendar of themed open skates planned — join us for 80's night, our ugly sweater holiday party and more. Visit [www.playkettering.org](http://www.playkettering.org) for the details on open skates, private/group lessons, stick time and group rentals!



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