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CITY OF KETTERING *is home*



Mayor's Welcome

Dear Neighbors:

During the cold winter months, we anticipate the warmth and excitement of summer in Kettering and the unique activities that come with it. Residents have high expectations of summer in Kettering, and City staff continues to raise the bar when it comes to offering the very best services and amenities. For months, City Staff has been planning for summer camps, water fun, Fraise events and warm-weather programs for adults and youth—all while continuing the year-round operations of our core services including public safety keeping us safe, parks maintenance treating and beautifying our green spaces and public service maintaining our streets and helping us with yard debris and mulch to name a few. We have something special here because City Staff and City Council continually review service offerings to ensure every resident receives what they need for a vibrant quality of life.

Kettering City Council and City Staff do their best to stay connected with all of you through surveys, conversations and City communications to measure how well the City's offerings are being received and determine how we can inch closer to positively impacting each one of you. Four of the seven members of Mayor and City Council are new and eager to blend what we have learned from our predecessors with what we, as a group, want to accomplish for you—our residents, business owners and patrons. To ensure we are united in establishing priorities, we dedicated two days with no distractions to share and discuss our hopes for this great city and determine a plan of action.

As a result, I, along with City Council and City Staff will work together and find ways to include all of you to chart a plan inclusive of every community stakeholder. As I've stated in previous communications, the pandemic has left new challenges in its wake; and, as a community, we will address what resources are necessary for the wellbeing of our children, their families and anyone who is struggling.

Kettering is nearing 70 years old, and it has been groomed by City Staff and strong leadership to age with grace. Because of this, our to-do list will consist of maintaining and refining our current path including strengthening our sustainability plan, improving our streets, bridges and the infrastructure that supports our city. We will also continue to maintain the equipment necessary for optimal public safety and service. In addition to maintaining these core services, we will continue to help residents and businesses overcome the negative impacts of the pandemic. I am eager to further engage with you, determine needs, actions and deliverables.

Most recently, the City utilized COVID-related funding for landlord/tenant rent assistance, to help with down payments and home improvements. We are working with minority business owners offering classes and grant opportunities, as well. We recognized immediate needs in the community, and put plans in action to deliver appropriate resources to help our residents.

Because of our hard work as a community, we enjoy a wonderful place to live and share that feeling—that sentiment—that Kettering is home. We will be in touch to share information and to ask for your feedback.

Take care.

Peggy Lehner, Mayor

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Community Block Party
Wednesday, June 8
Lincoln Park Civic Commons



Spass Nacht
Wednesday, June 15
Lincoln Park Civic Commons



Juneteenth
Monday, June 20
Polen Farm



Go 4th!
Monday, July 4
Delco Park



Styrofoam Recycling Event
Saturday, July 16
Welcome Stadium
1601 S Edwin C Moses Blvd., Dayton



CITY OF KETTERING

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Neighborhood Block Party

Having a block party is a terrific way to meet or get acquainted with your neighbors, build a sense of neighborhood pride, and celebrate holidays. Having a block party is just the kind of event that fosters community and makes Kettering a great place to live!

The City of Kettering allows block parties on selected residential streets. You can submit a block party application to the Engineering Department for review. If it is approved, the Engineering Department will properly notify the Street, Fire and Police Departments of all block party street closures.

One day before your scheduled block party, the City's Street Department will deliver barricades to a designated location for residents to set up the next day.

Please print and complete the block party request form at www.ketteringoh.org. The form should be emailed to ketteringengineering@ketteringoh.org or dropped off to the Engineering Department at the Kettering Government Center, 3600 Shroyer Road. Please submit the block party request at least two weeks before the planned event to allow Traffic Engineering time to review the application for selected residential streets. Please call 937-296-2436 with questions.

Would you like free ice cream for your block party?

The Kettering Board of Community Relations is pleased to offer 25 individual servings of ice cream to City-approved block parties while supplies last!

Once your block party is approved, you may pick up a certificate for your free ice cream from the Planning & Development/Engineering Desk at the Kettering Government Center.

A certificate for ice cream can be mailed, upon request, for an approved block party at least two weeks prior to the event. Please call 937-296-3020 for more information. Instructions for ice cream pickup are included with the certificate.



Juneteenth in Kettering



The City of Kettering's Board of Community Relations and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department invite the public to commemorate the Juneteenth holiday at a special lunch event. Juneteenth in Kettering: A Celebration of Shared Freedom takes place Monday, June 20 from 11:30 a.m. – 1p.m., at Polen Farm. Guest speaker Faheem Curtis-Khidr, Sinclair History Professor and Equity Consultant, will talk about the history and significance of this newly designated federal and city holiday. Musical entertainment will be provided, and Kettering City School students will read their winning essays from the 2022 Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest.

Tickets are \$5 and include a boxed lunch and beverage. Tickets must be purchased in advance by June 13, 2022. Polen Farm is located at 5099 Bigger Road in Kettering, and free parking is available. Visit www.ketteringoh.org/juneteenth for program details and ticket purchase.

The City of Kettering Board of Community Relations is dedicated to promoting and encouraging the creation and maintenance of an inclusive community by fostering equal opportunities and respect for all persons. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts provides quality parks, recreation and cultural arts that make Kettering home and improves the quality of life for everyone in our community.

“NO ONE IS FREE UNTIL WE ARE ALL FREE”

– Martin Luther King, Jr.

Door-to-Door Sales and Solicitation

Door-to-door solicitation is permitted in the City of Kettering; however, property owners are able to discourage solicitors by posting a sign which is at least 3' x 4' in size that says "No Solicitors" or by affixing a "No Solicitors" window cling. If an unwanted solicitor approaches your property ignoring the sign, it is your responsibility to call the Kettering Police Department to report the incident.

For individuals or businesses wishing to conduct door-to-door solicitation, we suggest you contact our Kettering Police Department to inform them what areas of the city you will be in so they are aware of your activities.

If, at any time, you feel your safety is in danger as a result of a door-to-door solicitor, please call 911.

NO SOLICITORS

Soliciting or peddling on this property is prohibited pursuant to Kettering General Offenses Code Section 642.10(a)(5) enacted by Ordinance No. 4228-14. Whoever violates 642.10(a)(5) is guilty of peddling, an unclassified misdemeanor with a maximum fine of \$1,000.00.

A limited supply of "No Solicitors" window clings are available for Kettering residents at the reception desk at the Kettering Government Center.

SUSTAINABLE STRIDES

Help Fight Storm Water Pollution

Anything that enters a storm sewer system eventually flows untreated into lakes, streams and rivers; and, because of the risk of pollution, it can disturb the ecosystem. Water from rain, melting snow or lawn watering flows along curbs in to our storm sewers. Along the way, it can collect and transport soil, pet waste, salt, pesticides, fertilizer, oil, litter and other pollutants. These often toxic substances make their way directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland or coastal water.



What are some ways you can help reduce pollution in our streams and rivers?

Lawn Care:

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts.
- Use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible.
- Compost or mulch yard waste. Sweep up grass clippings and tree trimmings from pavement. Kettering residents can drop off their yard trimmings for free at the Yard Debris Center located at 1840 Woodman Drive, Monday through Friday from 3 – 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- Don't leave yard waste or leaves in the street or sweep into storm drains or streams.

Auto Care:

- Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash your car on your yard so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- Repair leaks and dispose of used auto fluids and batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations.

Pet Waste:

- When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly.
- Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain.
- If you would like more information about storm sewers in the City of Kettering, please feel free to contact the Engineering Department at 937-296-2436 or visit www.ketteringoh.org.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in Kettering

The City of Kettering recently installed two electric vehicle charging stations at Delco Park and two at the Kettering Recreation Complex near the Adventure Reef Water Park main entrance.

Kettering received funding for these installations through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. Funding came about using the Volkswagen Diesel Mitigation Grant funds.

The City applied for funding to install additional stations in the north lot of the Government Center near Fraze. These next-level, fast-charging stations will only require 30 minutes to charge a

vehicle. These stations are required to be within a mile or two of a main arterial road and must be within a half mile from shops or restaurants. Shops and schools are eligible to apply for stations on their own.

A fee of \$0.30 cents per kilowatt-hour will be charged to cover costs and to keep the line moving for drivers waiting to charge their vehicles. Both the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, which provided grants for new stations across the state, and the installer recommended charging per kilowatt hour. The fees will help recover the costs of maintenance expenses for the equipment.



City of Kettering and alfiber Partner to Provide Wi-Fi at Multiple High-Traffic Public Venues

The City of Kettering and alfiber are pleased to announce a new partnership as the technology company continues to expand beyond its traditional footprint of Greater Cincinnati.

Under terms of the five-year agreement, alfiber and its Smart City organization—branded as UniCity—will provide a state-of-the-art, fiber-enabled Wi-Fi network at the following City of Kettering locations that attract thousands of visitors every year:

- **Fraze Pavilion:** The alfiber Wi-Fi network will feature 24 access points at one of southwestern Ohio's premier neighborhood outdoor entertainment venues, which includes a 4,300-seat amphitheater. Completion date is scheduled for June 2022.
- **Kettering Recreation Complex:** The alfiber Wi-Fi network will feature 20 access points throughout the 152,000-square-foot facility that includes a lap pool, spa, ice arena, gymnasium, and meeting rooms. Completion date expected to be late 2022.
- **Delco Park:** The alfiber Wi-Fi network will feature 9 access points across the complex. Completion date expected to be late 2022.

"Our partnership with alfiber allows the City of Kettering to offer state-of-the-art technology to residents, visitors, and patrons," said Mark Schwieterman, Kettering's City Manager. "Connectivity is essential, and this collaboration will expand and enhance that capability."

alfiber has a long history and progressive experience in providing and managing large and complex wireline and wireless projects. As the leading supplier of fiber-based services in Greater Cincinnati, alfiber has invested more than \$1 billion into expanding its fiber network across the region.

alfiber is committed to building fiber beyond its traditional operating area. The company has a growing presence in Dayton and the surrounding area where recent projects include providing a fiber-based Smart City solution in the Oregon District and City of Fairborn; public Wi-Fi at Levitt Pavilion Dayton; and public Wi-Fi at UD Arena. alfiber also recently announced that it will open a retail store and business office in Dayton in the spring of 2022.

"alfiber appreciates our partnership with the City of Kettering, and we are proud to support the City's focus on providing more connectivity for residents and visitors through high-speed public Wi-Fi," said Jason Praeter, President and General Manager of alfiber's Network Division.



The Affordable Connectivity Program

You may be eligible to receive high-speed internet service at no cost from Spectrum through the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). The need for fast, reliable Internet is more critical than ever, and this program ensures that eligible households have access to the best speeds available. Qualifying groups include Lifeline eligible; free or reduced school lunch or breakfast eligible; Pell Grant recipient; or Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit. To check eligibility, visit acpbenefit.org.

We've made it easy to find out if you qualify:

- 1 STEP 1: CONFIRM QUALIFICATION**
Your household may qualify for the Affordable Connectivity Program. Visit acpbenefit.org to find out more.
- 2 STEP 2: REDEEM YOUR SAVINGS WITH SPECTRUM**
Call Spectrum at 1-833-660-0447 or visit Spectrum.com/ACP to sign up for high-speed Internet and save up to \$30 a month if you qualify.
- 3 STEP 3: ENJOY FAST INTERNET**
Surf and stream with your Spectrum high-speed Internet service and home WiFi. A temporary monthly credit will be applied to your account.

SPECTRUM INTERNET*

for \$0 /mo*



HIGH-SPEED INTERNET AT NO COST*

Depending on level of Spectrum Internet service. Benefit expires upon termination of ACP.

Spectrum

If you are a current Spectrum Internet customer call 1-833-660-0447 to save up to \$30/mo. on your service.

May

STEVE MARTIN AND MARTIN SHORT featuring JEFF BABKO with ALISON BROWN & FAIR WEATHER FRIENDS

Saturday, May 28 at 8:00 PM

Ticket Prices: \$49 – \$139



June

THE MUSIC OF RANDY TRAVIS

Saturday, June 4 at 8:00 PM

Ticket Prices: \$28 – \$50*

BLOCK PARTY
Wednesday, June 8 at 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Free Event
(No pets or coolers)



KENNY WAYNE SHEPHERD BAND – BIRTHDAY PARTY!

Sunday, June 12 at 7:00 PM

Ticket Prices: \$30 – \$55*

SPASS NACHT 2022
An Austrian Festival
Wednesday, June 15 at 5:30 – 9:30 PM

Free Event
(No pets or coolers)

TRAVIS TRITT
with special guest
DESERT CITY RAMBLERS

Thursday, June 16 at 8:00 PM

Ticket Prices: \$37 – \$60*



FITZ AND THE TANTRUMS with special guest ST. PAUL & THE BROKEN BONES

Friday, June 17 at 8:00 PM

Ticket Prices: \$39 – \$56*

JEFFREY OSBORNE & PEABO BRYSON

Saturday, June 18 at 8:00 PM

Ticket Prices: \$40 – \$98*



BREAKFAST WITH THE BEATLES

Sunday, June 19 at 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Free Event
(No pets or coolers)

GESMV presents

RICK K. ROAD TRIP

Friday, June 24 at 8:00 PM

General Admission \$5*

KILLER QUEEN

Wednesday, June 29 at 8:00 PM

Ticket Prices: \$20 – \$35*



July

JIM GAFFIGAN

Tuesday, July 5 at 8:00 PM

Ticket Prices: \$45 – 70*

GESMV presents

ZACK ATTACK

Friday, July 8 at 8:00 PM

General Admission \$5*



KICKIN' CHICKEN WING FEST 2022

Saturday, July 9 at 3:00 – 10:00 PM

Free Event
(No pets or coolers)



THE ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA EXPERIENCE

Thursday, July 14 at 8:00 PM

Ticket Prices: \$21.50 – \$29.50*

JUSTIN MOORE with special guests DILLON CARMICHAEL and JAKE WORTHINGTON

Friday, July 15 at 7:30 PM

Ticket Prices: \$35 – \$60*



DARCI LYNNE & FRIENDS

Tuesday, July 19 at 7:30 PM

Ticket Prices: \$25 – \$55*



FOR KING & COUNTRY with special guest REBECCA ST. JAMES

Tuesday, July 26 at 8:00 PM

Ticket Prices: \$35 – \$60*

AIR FORCE BAND OF FLIGHT

Wednesday, July 27 at 7:00 PM

Free Event
(No pets or coolers)

MELISSA ETHERIDGE

Saturday, July 30 at 8:00 PM

Ticket Prices: \$30 – \$45*



*ticket prices increase \$5 day of show

Season

Visit FRAZE.COM for tickets, updates, info and more.

August

JOE BONAMASSA
Wednesday, August 3 at 8:00 PM Sharp
Ticket Prices: \$69 – \$199



TRACY LAWRENCE + TRACY BYRD
Friday, August 5 at 8:00 PM
Ticket Prices: \$29 – \$46*

I LOVE THE 90'S starring
VANILLA ICE, ALL 4 ONE, COOLIO, ROB BASS, TONE LOC, YOUNG MC
Saturday, August 6 at 8:00 PM
Ticket Prices: \$50 – \$75*

HAPPY TOGETHER TOUR 2022
starring THE TURTLES, GARY PUCKETT & THE UNION GAP, THE ASSOCIATION, THE BUCKINGHAMS, THE VOGUES and THE COWSILLS.
Wednesday, August 10 at 8:00 PM
Ticket Prices: \$45 – \$60*

GESMV presents
THE MENUS
Friday, August 12 at 8:00 PM
General Admission \$5*



BACON FEST 2022
Saturday, August 13 at 3:00 – 10:00 PM

Free Event
(No pets or coolers)



ART ON THE COMMONS
Sunday, August 14 at 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Free Event
(No pets or coolers)

GET THE LED OUT
Wednesday, August 17 at 7:30 PM

Ticket Prices: \$25 – \$29*

TLC & SHAGGY
Thursday, August 18 at 8:00 PM

Ticket Prices: \$50 – \$105.50*



WE WILL YACHT YOU
A Yacht Rock Tribute to the 80s
STRANGER AND FRIENDS
Friday, August 19 at 8:00 PM

Ticket Prices: \$10

GABRIEL "FLUFFY" IGLESIAS
Saturday, August 20 at 8:30 PM

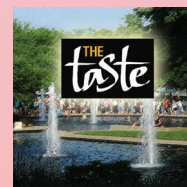
Ticket Prices: \$45 – \$70*

SIRIUS XM 80S on 8 presents

SUMMERFEST 23
RICK SPRINGFIELD, MEN AT WORK, JOHN WAITE
Thursday, August 25 at 7:30 PM
Ticket Prices: \$40 – 55*

35th Annual
THE TASTE
Wednesday, August 31 at 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Ticket Prices—In Advance: \$25
Day of: \$30; Kids 10 & U: \$10



September

THE AUSTRALIAN PINK FLOYD
Thursday, September 1 at 7:30 PM

Ticket Prices: \$30 – \$65*



Please note our bag size policy for concerts, festivals and events.

PERMITTED

Bags & Totes measuring 12" x 12" x 6" or smaller



PROHIBITED

Backpacks of any size are NOT permitted into the venue.



2022 SEASON SPONSORS:





Kettering Police Department Updates

National Night Out



The Kettering Police Department will host National Night Out on August 2, 2022 from 6 – 8 p.m. at 3600 Shroyer Road. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August. It is a fun, family-friendly night out with safety demonstrations, exhibits and much, much more.

Mail Fraud Alert



Jurisdictions all over the country have recently seen an increase in check thefts from post office drop boxes, and Kettering has seen the same trend. In 2022, KPD

has responded to 12 incidents where a check was stolen from a USPS drop box, forged and used to purchase items or deposited for cash. If you use USPS to deliver your filled out checks, there are a few things you can do to protect yourself from becoming a victim. KPD suggests that instead of using the stand alone drop boxes, usually located in the parking lot of most USPS location, walk your check inside the post office and drop your mail with an employee. Once a check is in the mail, consider tracking the transaction through your bank to ensure that the check was deposited for the appropriate amount and by the intended person/company. If a check never reaches the intended party, is deposited for the wrong amount or by the wrong person, please contact KPD at 937-296-2555 to report the incident.

Public Exchange Zone

The Kettering Police Department established a designated Public Exchange Zone as a resource to our community. The Public Exchange Zone can be utilized in a variety of ways; but, it was created primarily to provide a safe, public place for child custody exchanges, Facebook Marketplace purchases and Craigslist exchanges. The Public Exchange Zone will be recorded 24/7 with signs placed to designate parking spots for this use.

Officer Hannah Pennington brought this proposed initiative to Police Command Staff at the end of her probationary period. She has seen the project through from start to finish to provide an added layer of protection for residents in these types of situations.



Custody Exchange Area Recorded by Camera



Congratulations to the 2021 Firefighter of the Year – A.J. Bacon

Congratulations to Firefighter/Paramedic A.J. Bacon who was named 2021 Firefighter of the Year. Firefighter/Paramedic A.J. Bacon came to the Kettering Fire Department from the Dayton Fire Department in 2017.

The following nomination was submitted by a fellow firefighter:

Throughout his five years here at the Kettering Fire Department (KFD), FF/P A.J. Bacon has demonstrated knowledge and experience in the fire service with great passion and dedication. FF/P Bacon has continually been instrumental in teaching and preparing trainings in multiple disciplines in the fire service here at KFD. FF/P Bacon has demonstrated the characteristics needed to be considered for this distinguished award. He is early to work, dedicated, knowledgeable and always has a ready-to-work attitude. FF/P Bacon has been a fire instructor for many years both here at KFD and Sinclair Community College. He is always ready to have meaningful conversations regarding the fire service any time of the day, sometimes late in the night at the firehouse kitchen table.

Many firefighters, including me, consider A.J. a mentor, which says a lot about his character. Any time, on shift or not, I can call him with questions or advice and he is always prepared to answer or assist in any way. Not only does he give instruction or advice to fellow firefighters, he is also not afraid to ask the same of his fellow firefighters. This says a lot about how he strives to be the best firefighter he can be. Some of his duties include: Region 3 Strike Team, Fire Instructor, Fire Investigator and hydraulics instructor. FF/P Bacon has been instrumental in the testing and future implementation of an improved high rise load. He continually expresses passion, love and dedication for this job and the Kettering Fire Department. He is deserving of this great award.

A.J. has received letters of recognition for his work on a trench collapse in Sugarcreek Township and for his actions on a RTA bus crash, both in 2019. Also, in 2019 A.J. was the recipient of the department's Life Saving Award.

Fire Hydrant Inspections

KFD will be inspecting half of the fire hydrants in Kettering this summer. During these inspections, hydrants will be checked for any damage or defects. Also, KFD members will be flowing water from these hydrants to help ensure that they will operate effectively in the event of a fire.

This water flow could disrupt sediment within the water delivery system causing a brown discoloration of the water. This discoloration poses no threat to health or safety although, these deposits could discolor laundry. We suggest residents

check the clarity of their water prior to washing laundry. If brown water is observed, simply run cold water until it clears. Residents are being asked to wash clothing after 5:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday or anytime Saturday or Sunday to avoid the risk of stains caused by brown water. If clothing becomes discolored it is suggested to wash clothing again using a rust removing detergent prior to drying.

The Code Red community alert system will be used to inform residents when hydrants will be inspected in their area. Residents will be given at least 24 hours of notice prior to inspections. Kettering residents are encouraged to sign up to receive these notifications by visiting the City of Kettering website at www.ketteringoh.org/code-red-emergency-incident-community-alerts/. For more information about the hydrant inspection process you may contact Kettering Fire Department at 937-296-2489.



Tornado Sirens

The City of Kettering owns and operates nine disaster warning sirens located throughout the city limits. These sirens emit two types of warnings, constant and Hi-Lo tones. The constant or non-oscillating tone is used for disaster (i.e. tornado warning) and the Hi-Lo tone for civil defense issues. An operational test of these sirens is conducted at Noon on the first Monday of each month. Here are a few common questions we receive concerning these sirens.

Will you activate them again for the "All Clear"?

No, it is assumed that you will tune into local emergency broadcasts for further information. During an emergency of long duration (i.e. long storm), they may be activated more than once.

When I am indoors, the sirens do not seem loud enough, can you turn them up?

No. The siren warning system is designed to notify people outdoors of impending danger in order to seek shelter.

The siren near my house is very loud, can you turn it down?

No. Each siren covers a specific area; if you live close to one it will be louder to you than someone further away. If we turn them down, citizens that live farther away may not hear.

Welcome to Kettering!

Kettering Mayor, City Council Members and City Staff had the pleasure to welcome several businesses to Kettering.

Law Offices of Lasky & Scharrer

The Law Offices of Lasky & Scharrer purchased property at 3461 Office Park Drive with the help of an economic development incentive grant.

Lasky & Scharrer specialize in estate, accident and injury, government, bankruptcy and debt.



The Flower Shoppe



The Flower Shoppe's new location is 2977 Far Hills Avenue. Established in 2003, The Flower Shoppe is known for its cutting edge floral arrangements and superior selection of loose-cut flowers, quality green and blooming plants, unique home decor, gift items and greeting cards. Their motto is "Bringing Style to Life".

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Beavercreek Florist Shoppe

Beavercreek Florist Shoppe has a new home at 3343 Stroop Road. Established in 1976, the Beavercreek Florist Shoppe is a family-owned business.



The Ohio Wine Company



The Ohio Wine Company offers a wine shop and tasting room specializing in wine and beer made in Ohio. This new Kettering offering is an addition to

Creative Banners Flags & Poles, 1006 East Dorothy Lane.

Kettering Welcomes the U.S. Senior Women's Open Championship

Kettering will see a boost to the local economy later this summer when golfers and fans from across the nation arrive at NCR Country Club for the U.S. Golf Association's 4th Annual U.S. Senior Women's Open Championship.

As a result of this event, 120 golfers and thousands of spectators are expected to descend on our city for the USGA's Senior Women's Open Championship which will take place August 25 – 28 on NCR' Country Club's famed South Course.

The City is currently working closely with NCR Country Club, the KMO Chamber of Commerce, and staff from the USGA to ensure this will be a flawless event for the community and that our restaurants, shops and other businesses will benefit from the crowds, as well as the positive national exposure that comes from hosting a USGA event. Please watch the City's website and Facebook page for more exciting updates as they are announced.

Now more than ever support our local businesses.

Shop. Carry out. Buy Kettering.



Minority Business Micro-Enterprise Grant Program Launched to Provide Additional Support

Congratulations to 13 business owners who recently completed a 4-week Technical Business Series created by the City of Kettering to support small businesses.

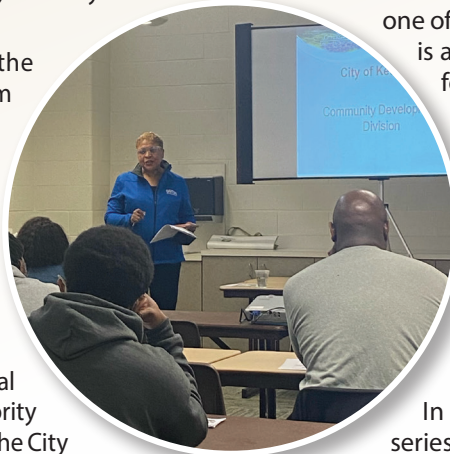
The 13 entrepreneurs who participated in the program represented a variety of industries from restaurant/food service to financial planning and personal services like hair care and spa treatments. Get ready to see these businesses doing great things throughout Kettering by opening new locations or expanding services at their current sites.

This Technical Business Series was designed to help residents overcome challenges with opening or operating a business. This educational initiative was offered in conjunction with a Minority Business Micro-Enterprise Grant program that the City created to help historically disadvantaged racial minority groups obtain business capital.

The grant (valued between \$500-\$5,000) may be used for:

- Business equipment
- Inventory
- Necessary fixed assets
- Marketing and business promotion
- Other necessary business improvements

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$42,400
2	\$48,450
3	\$54,500
4	\$60,550
5	\$65,400
6	\$70,250
7	\$75,100
8	\$79,950

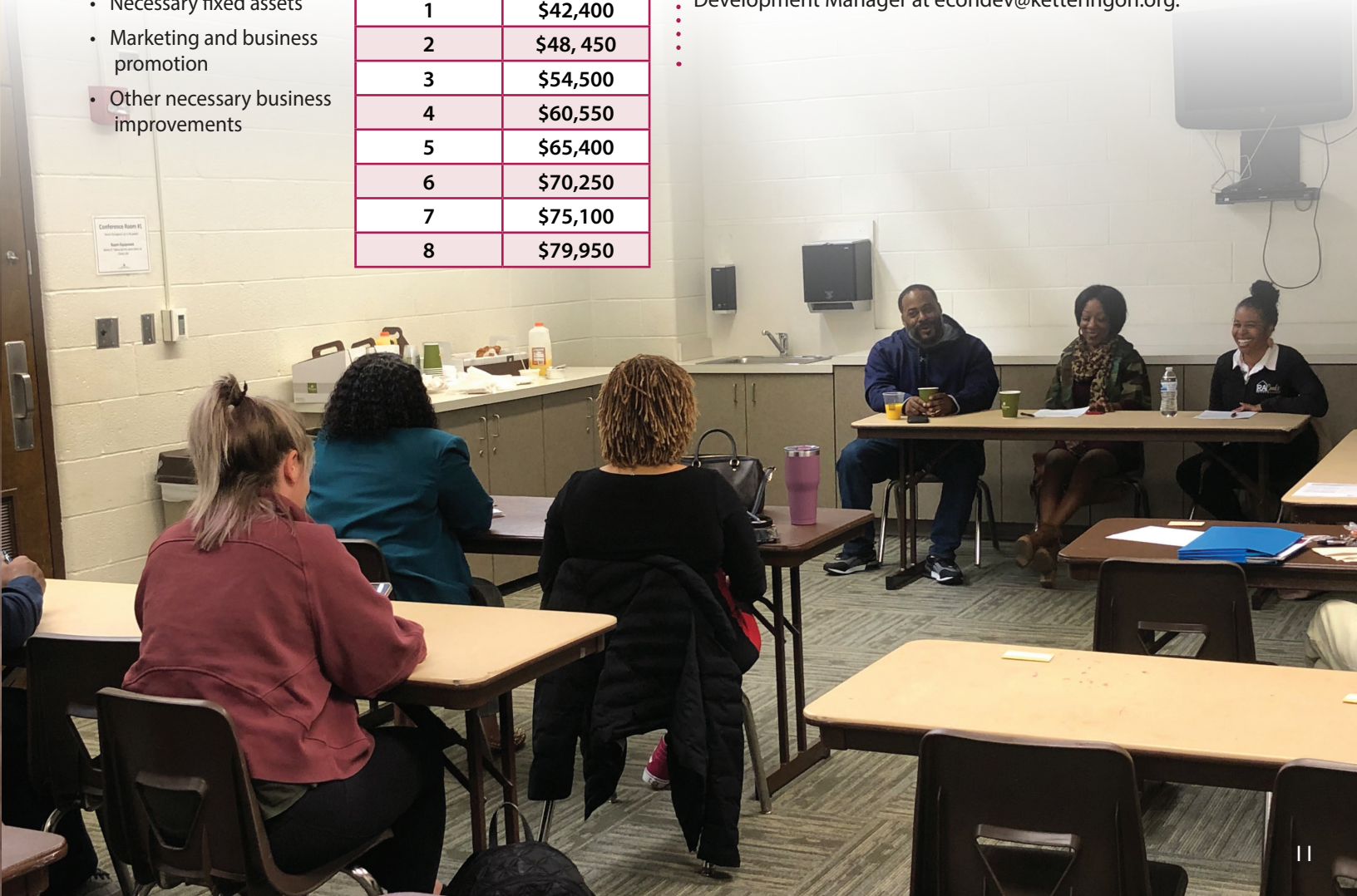


To be eligible for the grant, applicants must be a micro-enterprise, which is defined as a business with five or fewer employees, one of whom is the owner of the business. Eligibility is also contingent upon income limits. See chart for details.

The technical series included sessions on writing a business plan; working with City Staff; attracting funding sources and hearing from minority business owners on how to succeed. All sessions were presented by local experts from the Small Business Administration, Small Business Development Center, Minority Business Partnership and City of Kettering Staff.

In addition, those who completed the entire series will receive a paid one-year membership to the Kettering-Moraine-Oakwood Chamber of Commerce and will receive an additional 15 points added to any City of Kettering business loan or grant application.

Due to the strong attendance for this program, the City plans to present a similar program later this fall. If you are interested in participating contact Amy Schrimpf, the City's Economic Development Manager at econdev@ketteringoh.org.



Mayor's Award for Volunteer Service Winners 2022

The Mayor's Award for Volunteer Service honors outstanding volunteers who are making 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. In celebration of National Volunteer Week, awards were presented by Mayor Lehner to youth volunteer, Chloe Adkins and adult volunteer, Karen Sejas at the April 12 City Council meeting.

Volunteer: Karen Sejas

Adult Volunteer, Karen Sejas, retired after 25 years of service to the City of Kettering in November 2011. While an employee, Karen served in both the Human Resource and the Finance Departments. After retirement, Karen wasted no time jumping back in to continue her service to the City the following year—this time in a volunteer capacity. Her volunteer efforts are concentrated in the Administrative Systems and Human Resource Departments. Over the past 10 years, Karen has given over 2,300 hours of service to help scan, shred, organize files, lend expertise and help with archives. In addition to her willingness to continue to learn new skills and help wherever needed, she brings encouragement and compassion to everyone she works alongside.

Her nominators have this to say about Karen: "Karen deserves the Mayor's Award for Volunteer Service for her unwavering, dependable, loyal, valuable contributions to our departments. She gives tirelessly and is the most conscientious volunteer one could hope for. She brings with her expertise, energy, enthusiasm and commitment, and she consistently delivers high-quality work. She is always willing to share her knowledge. Karen's loyalty and dedication to the City make her a valuable volunteer and team member!"

Thank you for your ongoing dedication and passion for helping the City, Karen!

Youth Volunteer: Chloe Adkins

Youth Volunteer, Chloe Adkins, is a third grade student at Indian Riffle Elementary. At only nine years old, Chloe has demonstrated a level of empathy and compassion beyond her years. For the past four years, Chloe has volunteered with her brother, Jake, at the Kettering Backpack Program. During this time, she has prepared thousands of bags for children in need of food. Following a school lesson where she learned of a young boy facing homelessness, Chloe organized a program called "Kind Cakes". This program collects birthday cake supplies to prepare kits that are supplied to shelters and food pantries. This provides a way to celebrate birthday milestones in situations where they typically do not occur.

During these efforts, Chloe was diagnosed with stage 4 Hodgkin's lymphoma and still continued to pack bags and make cake kits between treatments and hospital stays! When the good news came that she was cancer free, Chloe, again, found a way to pay it forward. Chloe received blood transfusions during her treatments. When she learned about the critical need for blood due to shortages, she responded by helping to organize blood drives. Please consider participating in this drive, or in a number of other drives throughout our region.

One of her nominators had this to say about Chloe: "In my 24 years of teaching, I have never met anyone like Chloe. Even though I am her teacher, she has taught me more than I could ever teach her."

Thank you for being an inspiration and outstanding role model for all generations, Chloe!



Kettering Leadership Academy

The Kettering Leadership Academy (KLA) is now accepting applications

for the 2022-2023 class. This program, created by Councilman Bruce Duke, is designed for individuals looking for leadership roles within our community such as serving on a board or commission at the City of Kettering, or at one of our area non-profit organizations. The Academy begins in September with an overnight retreat. Sessions are held once a month throughout the year until graduation in May. Sessions include information on history, local government, community organizations, education, health care, business, service clubs and volunteering.

The Kettering Leadership Academy is a fantastic opportunity to learn about all of the wonderful facets of the City of Kettering while also gaining professional and personal growth.

For additional information about the Kettering Leadership Academy, call 937-296-2433 or visit www.ketteringoh.org to submit your application. Applications must be received by June 6.





Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for ways to give back this summer? Consider joining the wonderful team of volunteers who help greet guests at Frazee Pavilion! It only requires a few hours before show time. You're guaranteed to meet and work alongside great people while enjoying time outdoors!

If you enjoy working with children, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department offer a wide variety of summer camps. Camps are run by our talented staff members, but they can always use some helping hands. Volunteer all summer or just a few weeks, we'll work with your schedule. This is a great opportunity for adults who enjoy working with children, and for students looking to gain job experience, fulfill service hours, or are looking for a way to have fun this summer!

Contact the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433 for additional details.

Celebrating Our Volunteers

Even amidst a global pandemic, Kettering Volunteers still found ways to serve their community! A total of 316 volunteers contributed 6,352 hours of service! In celebration of your efforts, we invite you, your friends and family to attend the annual Kettering Block Party at Frazee Pavilion Wednesday, June 8 from 6 – 8 p.m. Enjoy free hot dogs and refreshments while listening to the wonderful Kettering Civic Band! All City of Kettering volunteers will be receiving a coupon to be redeemed for a free gift when visiting the volunteer booth. This gift is a small token of appreciation for all you do for our city!

Neighborhood Pride

May 2022

Dear Neighbor:

This past year allowed many of us to spend more time to make improvements to our homes and businesses. As a way to recognize these efforts, the City of Kettering is once again sponsoring our annual Neighborhood Pride Awards Program.

This program recognizes people who have made significant improvements to the appearance of their home or business, or who have maintained their property impeccably year after year. It divides the city into 12 districts. A committee of dedicated volunteers selects one residential and one business winner in each district in June, July and August. Winners are recognized at a City Council meeting, an attractive sign is placed on their lawn, and the properties are showcased on the city's website.

There are several ways to nominate:

- Visit www.ketteringoh.org to complete a nomination
- Call the Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433
- Email the information to: dawn.kirchner@ketteringoh.org
- Complete the attached card and mail to:

City of Kettering
Volunteer Office
3600 Shroyer Rd.
Kettering, OH 45429

Please take a moment to nominate a deserving neighbor for this prestigious award.

Sincerely,

Peggy Lehner, Mayor of Kettering



NOMINATE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Address of property owner you think is an award winner:

Name of property owner (if you know it): _____

Why does this property deserve an award? _____

Type of entry: Residential Commercial

Your name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Please clip this nomination card, place in an envelope and mail to:

City of Kettering
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Nominations will be accepted May 1 – August 1.



Let's Celebrate Summer!

The weather is finally warm and sunny again. Our favorite season of the year is here at last. Our team spent the chilly months planning an amazing summer just for you!

Adventure Reef Water Park opens for the season on Saturday, May 28. We'll be here until Labor Day weekend with the region's favorite waterslides, leisure pool, splash pad and Clownfish Cove kiddie pool.



Just want to dash out and cool off with the kids? The Splash Pad at J.F. Kennedy Park is a community

favorite summer destination that's always free. Check out the farm-themed playground while you're there!

Summer camps and programs are kicking off with a vast variety of ways to explore our community and world. Our Summer Camps team has put together a fun, engaging



summer of opportunities for kids to learn new skills, grow as leaders and make forever friendships. Summer programming for all ages is the perfect way to get out of the house and make the most of the sunshine.

All of our special events, both old favorites and new, will be held in-person this summer. For families with littles, Touch a Truck on June 11 is one of our most beloved annual events, offering the chance to get up close to big rigs, safety vehicles and more. Families are invited to join the Habitat's annual Youth Fishing Derby on June 18 at Delco Park – BYO gear or borrow ours, plus enjoy a free lunch.



Go 4th will be back at Delco Park on Independence Day! Come enjoy food vendors, fireworks, a kids' zone and live music by the Sly Band.

Our adult and senior programs team can't wait to host Rockin' Into Summer on May 27, a special picnic and concert to celebrate

the season with hits from the 50's, 60's and 70's. The Trash & Treasure Trunk Sale, a lively outdoor market with food trucks, live music and vendors with crafts, garage sale items and more, returns on June 18.

On August 14, Rosewood Arts Center's signature event, Art on the Commons, will be back as an in-person one-day festival for the first time since 2019! Come shop for art, and enjoy food trucks, family activities, music and much more at Lincoln Park Civic Commons.



Summer is our most exciting time of year! We want to make your summer great – join us for another season of adventure. Complete program details can be found at www.playkettering.org

GO 4TH! and Enjoy the Fireworks!

It's summertime, and we're counting down to... the countdown! That's right, Go 4th is almost here. We hope you'll join us at Delco Park for Kettering's biggest party of the year. On Monday, July 4 from 6 – 10 p.m. help us celebrate Independence Day as a community.

All your favorites will be back for 2022 – live music, food trucks, the kids' fun zone and of course, an amazing fireworks display!

This year's entertainment will be provided by The Sly Band, an 11-piece group that performs regionally and nationally. Their set list includes an amazing mix of pop, rock, R&B and classic songs for all ages.



Get comfortable for an evening of patriotic fun – bring chairs, blankets, snacks, nonalcoholic beverages and your camera. Please leave alcohol, tents, drones, sparklers/fireworks and pets at home.

We also recommend that before you head out to Delco Park, plan your driving route and decide where you will park. Even better? Walk or ride your bike. Parking inside Delco Park will be limited to guests with a state-issued disability placard or license plate. Remember that anyone who parks inside Delco Park must wait until pedestrian traffic has cleared before leaving the lot (usually 11 p.m.).

Mother Nature doesn't always cooperate, but we don't let that dampen our spirits. In most cases, Go 4th is held rain or shine. However, if the weather looks questionable, check our PlayKettering Facebook page or our website www.playkettering.org for any event updates.

Each year, we pour our hearts into planning a fun, active and festive Independence Day celebration for our community. We can't wait to see you on July 4!



Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Projects are Still Going Strong

We kicked off 2022 by announcing a number of long-anticipated projects. It was a busy spring as these needed upgrades to our parks and facilities got underway. Here's what we've completed so far:

At Rosewood Arts Center, the newly renovated north wing of the building includes a new main entrance, a lobby area with an adjacent administrative suite, and a relocated gallery and youth arts studios. These areas are expected to open by the end of the summer.

The youth arts studio continues Rosewood's tradition of offering quality visual arts programs with more space for our activities, plus new furniture and finishes. Rosewood Gallery will continue to serve contemporary artists from across the country with new exhibition systems, as well as foster art appreciation in all audiences. The gallery's exhibitions and programming remain free and open to everyone!

Phase 2 of the Rosewood renovation will include relocating and upgrading the ceramics classrooms and studio program, offering participants additional space, equipment and opportunity for creativity. A specialized metals and glass studio are also underway and will include equipment for soldering, lampworking and more.

The Rosewood Arts Center upgrades are being carried out in phases to create as little disruption as possible to Rosewood's

programs and patrons. The facility remains open for business with classes and programs ongoing.

The landscaping for the new Ridgeway Road Bridge and at Lincoln Park Civic Commons continues. At Lincoln Park Civic Commons, the first phase of installation, which includes raised landscape beds, is well underway and is expected to be finished before the Fraze season kicks off.

The landscape design is also coming to life at the Ridgeway Road Bridge with anticipated completion by early summer.

Have you heard that our J.F. Kennedy Park pickleball courts are getting a major upgrade this summer? The courts will remain under construction for the summer for resurfacing, new fencing, and expansion from six courts to twelve courts total. Groundbreaking on the project is planned for early June. These upgrades were made possible in part by the support of community members through the Kettering Parks Foundation, as well as through the generosity of the Lathrem family.

Beavertown Cemetery is also getting some love with the entire driveway path currently being repaved! This project is ongoing, and we anticipate the cemetery to reopen by June.

We hope you'll stop by this summer to see our progress and enjoy the brand-new facilities and landscapes we've created for you to enjoy!

Play Dates

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

These events are family friendly and free.

Details are at www.playkettering.org

Touch a Truck

Saturday, June 11

Sensory time: 9 – 10 a.m.

Horns and lights: 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Kettering Recreation Complex



Family Movie Nights

June 18, July 16, August 20

Kettering Recreation Complex



Trash and Treasure Trunk Sale

Saturday, June 18

5 – 8 p.m.

Lathrem Senior Center



Go 4th!

Monday, July 4

6 – 10 p.m.

Delco Park



Kid's Day in the Park

Saturday, August 6

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Delco Park



Rosewood Arts Center presents

Art on the Commons

Sunday, August 14

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Lincoln Park Civic Commons





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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 Center 937-296-0294
- Senior Adult Recreation 937-296-2480
- Trash Information 937-29-TRASH
- Volunteer Office 937-296-2433
- Yard Debris Hotline 937-296-3255

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