

# CONTACT with Kettering

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# Mayor's Welcome

Dear Neighbors:

As many of you know, our beloved City Manager is retiring. Since 2006, Mark Schwieterman has flawlessly led the City of Kettering with just the right measures of heart and head. In his 34 years of service to our great city, he's shown over and over he's an intellectual and soulful leader. His leadership is rare and has been a gift for Kettering. His stances are mighty, and his heart is nothing but kind. He considers people first, and everything else follows. His acquaintanceships soon become friendships. His love for Kettering shows in everything he does, from shoveling an elderly resident's driveway, working tirelessly to keep Kettering financially healthy, to attending every community event and to giving anyone who asks the time they need to express their concerns.

Mark W. Schwieterman began his service to the City of Kettering in 1988 in the Tax Division. From the day he joined the City, he demonstrated his love for public service through his extraordinary business savvy, his extraordinary problem-solving skills and his willingness to put new ideas to the test for a better community.

When Mr. Schwieterman became City Manager, he and his wife, Mary, were still raising their children. Not only would becoming City Manager require even more time away from personal obligations, it would also increase the responsibilities of his family in an even more public role. We are grateful for their support and patience as he worked many nights and weekends.

Our sixth City Manager has been instrumental in economic development initiatives within the Kettering community and has worked diligently to enrich the quality of life for residents and business owners. Mr. Schwieterman strived to make Kettering a premier destination many residents are proud to call home.

He spearheaded so many projects throughout Kettering during his tenure. He led the development and improvements of Kettering Business Park and Miami Valley Research Park. He welcomed new businesses, such as Amazon, Life Connection of Ohio, Community Tissue Services and Alternate Health Solutions. During his service as City Manager, he saw Kettering Health expansions citywide, as well as the modernization of the fire stations, renovations for the police facilities and Rosewood Arts Center.

Mr. Schwieterman also sees the importance of revitalization in Kettering neighborhoods and housing stock. Prugh Woods was developed during his leadership, and property owners are encouraged to help their homes and businesses continue to age gracefully.

Mr. Schwieterman's contributions to the City of Kettering are vast and important. Working alongside him, one soon learns the humility with which he approaches everything and his public administration acumen. He leads 11 departments that serve every aspect of Kettering's quality of life. The information he holds and the projects in motion are impossible to count. And, he knows the intricacies of each one and still makes time to learn about residents, business owners, City employees and elected officials.

Mr. Schwieterman does his utmost to ensure the sentiment that Kettering is home rings true for all of us. We are in awe of his service and grateful for his connected leadership. For his humor, his logic, his compassion and the sacrifices he made during his tenure, we are thankful. We wish him and his family the very best.

Peggy Lehner, Mayor

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



### Fall Leaf Collection

Please have leaves raked to the curb by Monday, November 28 for the final pass.

### "Kettering is Home to the Holidays" Tour of Lights

November 25 – December 19



### Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday, December 2 from 6 – 8 p.m.  
Lincoln Park Civic Commons

### Yard Debris Center

Closes Saturday, December 3



### Christmas Day at Polen Farm

Sunday, December 25 from 1 – 4 p.m.  
Free Event at Polen Farm



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# City Manager's Farewell

Dear Kettering:

It has been an honor and privilege to serve this community as City Manager for the last 16 years. Together, we maintained a healthy budget through varying economic times; implemented and improved technology, infrastructure, public safety, services and amenities to support exceptional quality of life for residents; and facilitated a resilient economic base in our city. This was not a one-man show. The strength of our beautiful city is because of you; and, I can't without emotion pen this letter of overwhelming gratitude to everyone who has had a hand in Kettering's success.

Growing up in east Dayton with my parents and siblings, I learned the importance of a tight-knit community. Like it was yesterday, I remember big front porches, church bells ringing in the distance, riding my bike and neighbors enjoying friendship, fellowship and stewardship. By example, my mom and dad showed me the power of service in the community. Those lessons paved my way to today.

As an adult, I moved to Kettering and discovered that even though the backdrop was newer and sprawling compared to my childhood neighborhood, the people had the same penchant for stewardship and community that I knew and loved as a kid—and I never left.

I began my career in the Finance Department at the City of Kettering 34 years ago and quickly learned the impact every decision had on the city. Through debilitating snow and wind storms, power outages, recessions and, yes, even a pandemic, the livelihood of the Kettering community remains the number-one driver behind every decision, every day. With or without me, Kettering stakeholders will always be in good hands. I will miss being part of that team; but, I look forward to remaining part of the best community in the region.

My wife, Mary, and I raised our three children in Kettering. Their unwavering support enhanced my career in public service. I began my career with the City newly married, and I am retiring with three grandchildren! I am blessed and excited to return the gifts of time and support tenfold to my family as I could not have had this extraordinary career without them. I am profoundly grateful.

City staff has been a huge part of my love for public service and desire to be a part of so many initiatives and improvements. These men and women are the most supportive, brilliant, compassionate people

with whom I've had the privilege to work. I am deeply humbled by the safety and security they provide along with the protection of our infrastructure and the exceptional City services they provide Kettering residents every day.

Our Mayor and Council members are selfless public servants who care about this community and have made it their mission to safeguard the quality of life for its residents. I've enjoyed our Tuesday night meetings, as well as sharing ideas and working to improve our community. I worked with Mayor Patterson for 16 years and accomplished a lot under his leadership. Mayor Lehner brings exceptional experience and has been instrumental in helping to make my transition to retirement smooth.

The number of organizations and service groups that support the City in carrying out services is beyond measure. Most are just a phone call away when we need their ideas or help with projects. One thing remained constant throughout my journey in public service--People are good and want the best for others.

I've said it time and again, Kettering residents are like no other. During my tenure, I have had countless opportunities to meet with residents and celebrate their community service. The emails, phone calls and meetings led us to working as a team to achieve the same goals. I cherish every connection no matter the circumstance as each one was important. Kettering will continue to be guided with accountability, equity, inclusion, innovation, safety and stewardship. I am certain residents and business owners alike will continue to be proud to call Kettering home. I know I will.

Thank you for your trust, support and collaboration over the past 16 years. I will see all of you around town. As residents, we are all members of a very important community team. I am excited to do my part in that capacity!

Mark Schwieterman, Kettering City Manager



# 2023 Construction Projects

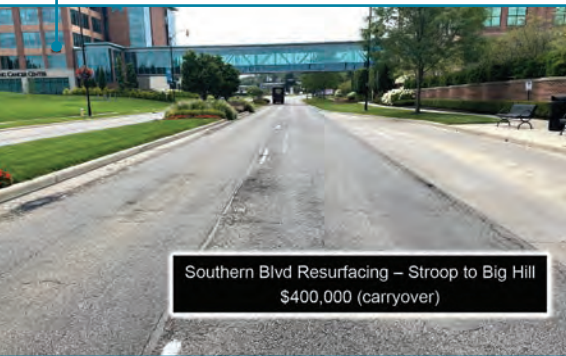
## Resurfacing of Wilmington Pike (Stroop to Beaverton) and Woodman Drive (Wilmington to Stocker)

Kettering was awarded federal funds (\$593,000 and \$465,000, respectively) to assist in resurfacing the asphalt pavement on these busy thoroughfares.



## Asphalt Overlay Program

Asphalt resurfacing will be performed on the following streets: Southern Boulevard (Stroop Road to Big Hill Road), Patterson Road (Dayton to Woodman Drive) and Hempstead Station Drive (Stroop Road to David Road). Sections of several neighborhoods, including Van Buren and south of Walther Park, will be resurfaced, as well.



## Curb, Sidewalk and Drive Approach Repair Program

The first of two phases of work in Newcom Knolls begins this year. The construction includes repair to concrete curb, sidewalk and drive approaches, as well as resurfacing of the asphalt pavement.



## Concrete Repair Program

Windemere, a concrete street, will see continued repairs in Phase 2 this year. Deteriorating medians on Research Boulevard are being replaced ahead of a future resurfacing project.

For more information on these projects, and others, go to [www.ketteringoh.org/current-road-construction-project-updates/](http://www.ketteringoh.org/current-road-construction-project-updates/). If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Engineering Department at 937-296-2436.

## CenterPoint Gas Main Replacements

CenterPoint is planning gas main replacement projects in Kettering this coming year. Because the work involves restoration of pavement and yards, Kettering requires CenterPoint's contractor to obtain permits for each location of work in the right-of-way.

## Golf Club Estates – Phase 1

Kettering is coordinating with Montgomery County Environmental Services and CenterPoint Energy to make significant infrastructure investments north of Kettering Medical Center. Both Montgomery County and CenterPoint will be replacing water and gas lines, respectively. When that work is complete, Kettering will replace bottleneck storm sewer sections to alleviate roadway flooding. The work will also include repair to curb, sidewalk and drive approaches (by assessment), as well as resurfacing of the asphalt pavement surface.



# 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.



# Capital Improvement Projects

The City of Kettering Engineering Department manages the implementation of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) as it relates to streets, drainage, sidewalks and bridges. The proposed 2023 CIP outlay is \$10.5 million, of which \$2.4 million will be funded by outside grants and reimbursements.

## Drainage Projects

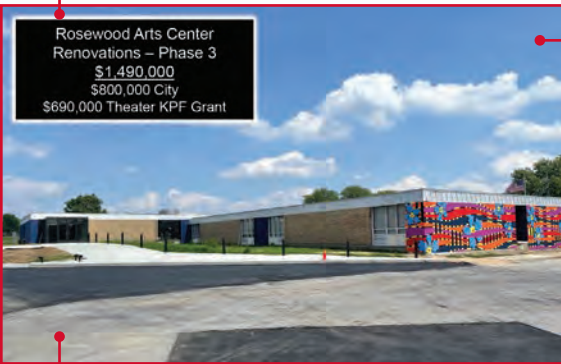
Drainage projects include Golf Club Estates drainage and street improvements, storm water master plan and miscellaneous drainage improvements.

## Facilities Projects

Facilities projects included Indian Riffle Park restrooms, Kettering Recreation Complex improvements, Rosewood Arts Center and miscellaneous building improvements.

## Traffic Control Projects

Right-of-way acquisition for traffic signal replacements at Research and County Line, Research and Founders, Wilmington and Meijer East, Dorothy and Delco Park Drive, and Woodman and Vale Drive will begin this year, with construction scheduled for 2024 – 2025.



To report a road concern in your area, please visit [www.ketteringoh.org](http://www.ketteringoh.org) or call 937-296-2400.



# Time to Winterize!

## Portable Generator Tips

Ice storms and heavy snow falls can cause downed utility lines that can lead to power outages. Portable generators are a temporary solution to power your refrigerator or freezer to keep foods safe. It's important to know that portable generators emit carbon monoxide (CO), a poisonous, deadly gas.

### Use these tips to avoid CO exposure:

- Do not use a portable generator in an attached garage, even with the door open.
- Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas at least 20 feet from all doors, windows and vent openings. Direct exhaust away from any openings.
- Make sure to install carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Follow manufacturer's instructions for correct placement and mounting height. Visit [www.ketteringoh.org/fire-prevention/](http://www.ketteringoh.org/fire-prevention/) for more information and tips.
- Do not refuel a generator while it is hot. Turn off the generator and let it cool down before refueling.
- Store fuel for the generator in a container that is intended and labeled as such. Store the containers outside of the building.
- When plugging in items, make sure they are plugged directly into the generator or a heavy duty outdoor-rated extension cord. Check cords for cuts, tears and that the plug has all three prongs.
- Generator outlets should have ground-fault circuit-interrupter protection for personnel identified for portable use.

*Portable generator exhaust is toxic and deadly. If you can smell it, you are inhaling it.*



## Avoid Freezing Water Lines

Extreme cold can cause water pipes in your home to freeze and sometimes burst. When extreme cold is expected some tips on keeping your water lines flowing:

- Leave water lines flowing with a slight drip.
- Make sure the spaces near pipes are warm – such as opening the doors under kitchen sinks.
- If your pipes do freeze – thaw them slowly with a hair drier.
- In an emergency —if no other water is available— snow can be melted for water. Bringing water to a rolling boil for one minute will kill any organisms present, but won't remove pollutants sometimes found in snow.



## Waterproofing Your Home

Take a look at the outside of your house and look for areas that need caulking. Polyurethane caulking is a good choice for sealing your home from drafts and leaks to save energy, as well as keeping out the elements. Locations include: gutter and downspout seams, plumbing and furnace vent pipes, flashing seams between roof and siding, around door and window frames, along siding joints, around dryer vents and at wire entrances.

Check that your gutters and downspouts are clean and getting water away from your home. Water can cause a lot of damage if left unchecked.

Take a look at your doors and windows for weather stripping that needs to be replaced or repaired.

Check your furnace. Along with periodic maintenance and changing the filter, consider having a qualified repair person inspect the fuel lines, safety items and burners. Your utility may also offer this service.



**SMALL  
BUSINESS  
SATURDAY**  
**November 26**



## Show Your Support for Kettering Small Businesses!

As the holidays approach, please remember to support our local Kettering small businesses, restaurants and service providers. We are fortunate in Kettering to have a wide variety of exceptional small businesses. Whether you need a last minute gift or a place to share a special holiday meal, Kettering offers so many unique options. You have a choice each time you buy groceries, go out to eat, shop, use a service technician or craftsman for your home, and even when you buy gas for your car. Why not make a commitment that in addition to the giving of gifts this season; you will also give back to the Kettering community by supporting our local retailers? By doing so, you are contributing to the wellbeing of the Kettering community and the livelihood of your neighbors.

# Medicare Open Enrollment

Medicare is a complex program that offers older Americans and disabled persons medical insurance at retirement or when they can no longer work due to their disability. Like all federal programs, there are many rules and regulations governing the system causing enrollment to be confusing. Having a professional that understands the system can help you get the most out of your Medicare.

Individuals approaching 65 should start considering Medicare. The initial enrollment period is three months before your birth month, your birth month and three months after the year you turn 65. If you do not enroll during that time, you will pay penalties for the months that you do not sign up unless you have coverage from your employer or your spouse's employer.

Even after you are initially enrolled in Medicare, the choices continue to change. Each year, Medicare plans can change, and it is important that you know what changes have been made and how they affect you. The annual open enrollment period is October 15 through December 7. During this period, beneficiaries may change their Medicare plans for the

coming year to keep up with those changes. Your health care needs change from year to year, and it is important to make appropriate changes during open enrollment to suit your needs for the following year. With hundreds of choices, it is even more important to seek help from someone who knows those changes.

You can schedule your individual consultation with a Medicare-trained professional at the Kettering Connection during open enrollment. These appointments are free and open to Kettering residents, Kettering volunteers and Lathrem Center members only. Appointments will be scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis. The staff will follow all CDC precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and video or phone counseling sessions are also available.

**To schedule your appointment with one of our counselors, contact the Senior Services Coordinator at 937-296-3330 or by email at [vickie.carraher@ketteirngoh.org](mailto:vickie.carraher@ketteirngoh.org).**



## Veterans Day Ceremony

Friday, November 11 at 11 a.m.

Veterans Plaza at Delco Park, 1700 Delco Park Drive

A Veterans Day celebration will be held at Veterans Plaza, Delco Park, 1700 Delco Park Drive, Friday, November 11, at 11 a.m. The City invites you to share in this wonderful opportunity to show our respect and appreciation for veterans and active duty service members in our families, community and around the world.



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# Kettering Police Department Updates

## Promotions

Clint Price was promoted to Captain from Lieutenant on Monday, August 1. Captain Price will oversee the Administrative Support Division of the Police Department. Clint has served the citizens of Kettering since 2004.



## Retirement Announcement



After 21 dedicated years of service to the City of Kettering Police Department, Lt. Leroy Sanders retired September 7. Lee began his law enforcement career in Kettering in 2001. He was promoted to sergeant in 2011, and he has been a lieutenant since 2017.

Lee was a Taser instructor for police officers. He also taught self defense to women and children as a RAD and radKIDS instructor.

Congratulations and best of luck, Lee! Thank you for your service.

## Mail Fraud Continues



Jurisdictions all over the country continue to see an increase in check thefts from post office drop boxes, and Kettering is experiencing the same activity. In

2022, KPD has responded to 54 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.



## Congratulations to Detective Kevin McGuire

Detective Kevin McGuire was presented with the Kiwanis Officer of the Year Award after being nominated by a supervisor for his outstanding work over the last year. Congratulations Detective McGuire, and thank you for your dedicated service to the Kettering community.

In an emergency, call 9-1-1.  
For non-emergency situations, please call 937-296-2555.



# KFD Awards

Congratulations to the men and women who serve the Kettering Fire Department! Fire Chief Mitch Robbins presented the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline 2022 EMS Gold Plus Performance Achievement Award to Firefighter/Paramedic David Walker who received it on behalf of the department as his hard work was instrumental in achieving this honor.

This award celebrates lives saved because of the hard work and dedication of the Kettering Fire Department and their hospital partners The Mission: Lifeline EMS Recognition Program began in 2014, and the men and women of the Kettering Fire Department have earned the highest possible rating each year.

Congratulations to David and KFD!



# Candles



December is the peak time of year for home candle fires. Nearly one-third of home candle fires started in the bedroom. You can follow these tips below to reduce the risk for a candle fire in your home.

- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.
- Use candle holders that are sturdy, and won't tip over easily.
- Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.
- Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down and put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
- Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles in the event of a power outage.
- Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle. Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's reach, in a locked cabinet.



# Carbon Monoxide

The Kettering Fire Department cannot emphasize enough the importance of having functioning carbon monoxide (CO) monitors in your home. Many people have heard of carbon monoxide but are not aware of what it is, how it affects you and what causes it. Carbon monoxide is a colorless and odorless gas commonly referred to as the "silent killer". This gas is the result of incomplete combustion of fuels that are commonly used in households. Common sources of carbon monoxide include all gas appliances (furnaces, ovens and water heaters), wood burning stoves and fire places. The effects of this gas on the human body include headache, weakness, lightheadedness, dizziness, confusion and long-term exposure may kill you. If any of



these symptoms occur, please call 911 to have the department ensure that a carbon monoxide leak is not present. The Kettering Fire Department encourages everyone to include these detectors in their homes, as well as periodic maintenance to ensure they are in working order. detectors in your homes and the upkeep of them. We recommend changing the batteries in your CO detectors twice per year — when it's time to change the clocks in the spring and fall. Also, you should test the detector monthly. If you currently do not have one in your home, we suggest purchasing a combination detector at any local hardware or home improvement store which functions as a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector all in one.

# Space Heaters

As we begin to feel the temperatures drop, we begin thinking of ways to heat our homes. One common method of heating is the use of space heaters. Here are just a few tips to keep in mind if you choose to use a space heater in your home.

- Keep things that burn at least three feet away from a space heater like blankets, furniture, clothes, pets and people.
- Plug heater directly into wall outlet, not an extension cord.
- Only use a heater with an automatic shut-off to ensure that the heater will turn off if it is tipped over.
- Turn heater off if you leave the room or go to sleep.



# Brand New Spaces for 2023

Ensuring that Kettering has a variety of sites and office space available for businesses that want to grow or locate here will continue to be a priority for City Council and staff in 2023. And because the City is fortunate to be the home of two premier business parks, we expect to see continued private sector investment next year and beyond.

Miami Valley Research Park (MVRP) remains an attractive location for business thanks to the new ownership and rebranding of our office buildings along Research Drive now known as Sixth River. And with the revitalization of the building at 1900 Founders Drive, the City now has new inventory of Class A office space available. The 1900 Founders Drive project was partially funded through incentives provided by the City of Kettering and JobsOhio and will be a key location for organizations that need quick access to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. There are also vacant parcels of land still available at MVRP for companies that need to build based on specific requirements.

The Kettering Business Park is also primed for additional investment in 2023. The business park – which is already home to various health care, research and logistics companies – has new renovated space available in the former Synchrony buildings. This site is currently under renovation and being marketed to potential tenants. In addition, 12 acres of City-owned land are still available for future development.



## Greenmont Village Turned 80!

Earlier this year, Mayor Peggy Lehner offered the City's congratulations to Greenmont Village in recognition of the community's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a mutual housing corporation. The certificate was presented by Council Member Lisa Duvall during a ceremony held in the Greenmont Village Event Hall & Community Center. The event also included State Representative Andrea White who presented a certificate of congratulations from the Ohio House of Representatives.



Greenmont Village a unique residential community of 137 acres with 500 units of various sizes, tucked into a serene neighborhood which borders on Woodman Drive, Forrer Boulevard, Patterson Road and Culver Avenue in east Kettering. The community has a variety of floor plans at affordable rates.

According to local historians, Greenmont Village was one of eight residential communities built by the Mutual Ownership Defense Housing Division in 1941-1942. The concept of these residential communities was facilitated by President Roosevelt's New Deal program in response to the defense housing emergency in 1940.

Greenmont Village is currently accepting new residents based on an application process with credit and background check. **For more information on how**

**to apply, call Greenmont Housing at 937-252-9941 or email at [office@greenmontmutual.org](mailto:office@greenmontmutual.org)**



## Kettering Celebrates Its Manufacturers

Manufacturing is an important industry, especially in Ohio with our tradition for making things that make life easier (like a pull-tab can) and more enjoyable (imagine hot summer days without Freon).

National Manufacturing Day – held on the first Friday of October – is traditionally a day for manufacturers to open their doors and bring in students to foster interest in manufacturing careers. This year, the City of Kettering wanted to add a new twist by thanking our local manufacturers for their contributions in creating jobs and driving our economy.

Kettering is home to dozens of manufacturers in the aerospace, defense, medical, food production and automotive industries, among others. To thank them, on October 7, City staff delivered treat bags to more than 20 manufacturers and organizations that support manufacturing in our region. These businesses were located throughout the city and represented everything from very small tooling shops to international automotive parts suppliers.

If you are a manufacturer and we missed you this year, please contact the City at [econdev@ketteringoh.org](mailto:econdev@ketteringoh.org) so we can make sure you're on our radar for 2023.

# Keeping Up With Kettering Businesses

As 2022 draws to a close, Kettering congratulates the many business owners who opened their doors in our city this past year. Thanks to the entrepreneurs who chose Kettering as the location for their American dream, it was a banner year for ribbon-cuttings. The Mayor, City Council and staff participated in 13 ribbon cutting events so far in 2022, and we're hoping to add a few more to this total before the year officially comes to a close.

Connecting with local businesses – particularly new start-ups and small businesses – is an important aspect of the City's economic development efforts. This past year Kettering's Community Development and Economic Development Departments worked on a new program to provide new opportunities to reach our small businesses. The City implemented the Microenterprise Loan Program which featured classes, networking, and loans for microenterprises. More than 20 businesses participated in the business technical classes which featured topics on business plans, financing, opportunities for loans and grants and working with City staff. Meanwhile many small businesses were eligible for microenterprise grants and forgivable loans that allowed them to purchase supplies and equipment, update their facilities, market their company, and purchase inventory, among other investments.



In another effort to reach out to our small businesses, the City partnered with Montgomery County to host a Business Walk in the area of Marshall and Stroop Roads in September. This event featured groups of city and county staff who made brief visits to businesses to find out more about their needs and offer information about local services.

The City hopes to build on these efforts in 2023, and is seeking new opportunities to highlight small businesses for their contributions to our City. If you have a business celebrating a special achievement or anniversary soon, or want more information on how to connect with the City, contact the City's Economic Development Department at [econdev@ketteringoh.org](mailto:econdev@ketteringoh.org)

# David's Cemetery Prepares for 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

The City of Kettering loves nothing more than to boast about the amenities and unique characteristics found right here in our community. We are fortunate to have beautiful neighborhoods, great schools, wonderful parks, efficient city services, spectacular restaurants and fun recreational activities that make our city unique.

Recently, Kettering staff was reminded of a local gem important to so many in our community. Most of us pass David's Cemetery while running errands or taking walks without a second thought about the history it holds. This landmark is one of the oldest treasures in our city and is preparing for its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2026. During the next four years, David's Cemetery plans to re-introduce themselves to those who may not know about the events, walking paths and sites of dedication on their grounds.

David's Cemetery has been serving families during their most difficult times and has provided a beautiful and dignified location for generations of residents to grieve and



reflect. Those familiar with the grounds are well aware of the extra care the staff at David's Cemetery takes to create memorial sites for our veterans and loved ones in a way that embraces the community. A walk through the grounds for exercise or to visit the resting places of loved ones, as well as some of the founders of our community will make your time worthwhile.

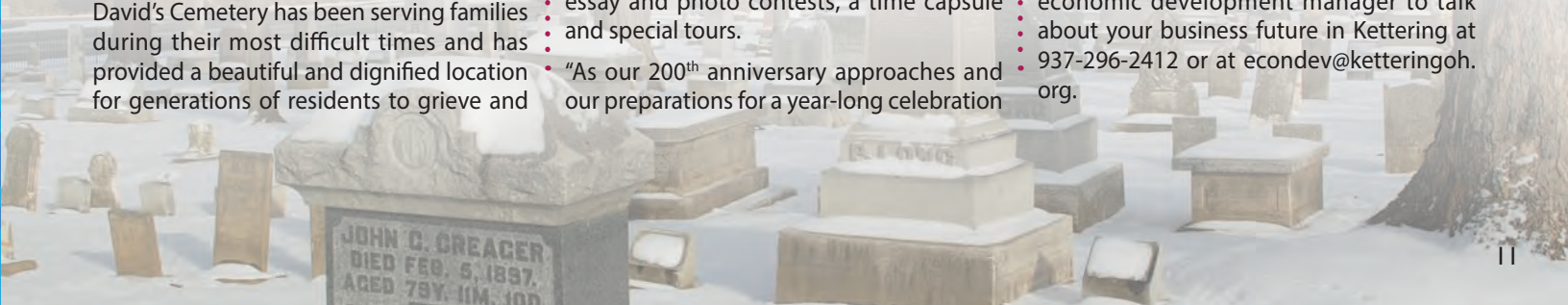
In preparation for their bicentennial celebration, David's will be updating landscaping, providing new mausoleum furnishings, expanding sections and adding new architectural and sculptural features scattered throughout the cemetery. There are plans for many community activities for all ages, such as essay and photo contests, a time capsule and special tours.

"As our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary approaches and our preparations for a year-long celebration

in 2026 begin, it is truly an honor and a humbling responsibility that each of us at David's Cemetery feel every day. I'm sure the staff who came before us in the first years could never have imagined what a beautiful and dignified place of rest that our cemetery has become. Knowing that sometimes the first interaction with our families comes during some of their most difficult days is not something we take lightly. For the past 200 years we have handled these relationships and responsibilities with deep compassion and look forward to doing the same for the next 200," David's Cemetery Marketing Coordinator Terri Schimer said.



The City of Kettering is honored to assist businesses that are considering a site here, as well as celebrate milestones for those who have been part of our history. Contact our economic development manager to talk about your business future in Kettering at 937-296-2412 or at [econdev@ketteringoh.org](mailto:econdev@ketteringoh.org).



# Neighborhood Pride Program

The Neighborhood Pride Program was a fantastic success because of our residents and business owners. In an effort to reduce paper waste, direct mailers were not sent. Residents were encouraged to phone in or send electronic nominations, or return the nomination card published in the spring Contact with Kettering. With this new system, over 200 nominations were submitted and reviewed by the committee members. The award winners demonstrate significant improvement and upkeep to their properties year after year. Mayor Peggy Lehner recognized all award winners at the September 27 Council Meeting at the Government Center. Thank you to all award winners for showing such beautiful pride in Kettering with the impeccable care of your home or business! Please visit [www.ketteringoh.org](http://www.ketteringoh.org) to view photos and a video of the 2022 award-winning properties.

June Winners	
<b>District 1</b>	Danielle Mohl 1661 Barney Ave.
<b>District 2</b>	Ray & Janey Bolden 2922 Cunnington Ln.
<b>District 3</b>	Brian Moore 2350 Burning Tree Dr.
<b>District 4</b>	Glenn & Margaret Stockton 4816 Rean Meadow Dr.
<b>District 5</b>	Kevin & Debora Pierce 216 Brydon Rd.
<b>District 6</b>	Joseph & Jane Reichert 659 Rockhill Ave.
<b>District 7</b>	Diana Lynn Maggard 4857 Shady Hill Ln.
<b>District 8</b>	Janet Place 116 Wyngate Dr
<b>District 9</b>	Judith Lipton 4444 Royal Ridge Way
<b>District 10</b>	Ricky & Jacklyn Flynn 3865 Keswick Ln.
<b>District 11</b>	Paul & Lori Bohardt 1453 Southlyn Dr
<b>District 12</b>	David & Pamela Jagucki 1500 Stroop Rd
<b>Commercial</b>	Roberson Law Firm 1225 E. David Rd.

July Winners	
<b>District 1</b>	Julia Pfeil 2104 W. Bataan Dr.
<b>District 2</b>	Tony & Kathy Adams 2817 Blackhawk Rd.
<b>District 3</b>	Kristin Rodzinka 2616 Hemphill Rd.
<b>District 4</b>	Gregory & Mary Lou Sherwood 1982 E. Oak Tree Dr
<b>District 5</b>	Richard & Penny Riblet 1105 Eldorado Ave.
<b>District 6</b>	Mary Rasper 3468 Oakmont Ave.
<b>District 7</b>	William Siedling 953 Malone Ave.
<b>District 8</b>	Krista Horlacher 3918 Lenox Dr.
<b>District 9</b>	David & Ellen Henderson 4716 Fawnwood Rd.
<b>District 10</b>	Scott & Deborah Jarrell 3209 Atherton Rd.
<b>District 11</b>	Jennifer Turley 2918 Oakland Ave.
<b>District 12</b>	Robert Cimprich 1625 Cloverfield Ave.
<b>Commercial</b>	Club Marinole 802 Judith Dr

August Winners	
<b>District 1</b>	Garry & Mary Buscher 1935 W. Bataan Dr.
<b>District 2</b>	John & Crystal Roush 2591 Crestwell Pl.
<b>District 3</b>	Fritz & Glenda Menke 3259 Powhattan Pl.
<b>District 4</b>	Patrick & Suzanne Stewart 1992 Brainard Dr.
<b>District 5</b>	John Steinmetz & Laurie Zepp 2700 Aerial Ave.
<b>District 6</b>	Lori Sommers 224 Cushing Ave
<b>District 7</b>	Michael & Carol Beausay 833 Hillerman Ln.
<b>District 8</b>	Joseph Duncan & Patrick Bell 1045 Cottonwood Rd.
<b>District 9</b>	Douglas & Cathy Schivley 326 Stanton Hall Ct.
<b>District 10</b>	Mike & Connie Stover 1364 Tamerlane Rd.
<b>District 11</b>	Douglas & Josie Donese 2566 S. Patterson Blvd.
<b>District 12</b>	Ronald & Linda Armstrong 4904 Marybrook Dr.
<b>Commercial</b>	Donatos Pizza 3959 Far Hills Ave.

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 & Carol Messer, and committee members Kathy Waker, Jim Bolton, Del & 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!



# Cities of Service and Make A Difference Day Efforts

The goal of the Cities of Service (COS) Initiative is to celebrate and strengthen our city, one neighborhood at a time. The 2022 COS Neighborhood encompasses the neighbors bordered by Patterson Rd., Culver Ave., Forrer Blvd. and Smithville Rd. The kickoff took place in June at Van Buren Park with a neighborhood block party featuring face painting, games, music, hot dogs and other snacks, giveaways, door prizes, and information on City programs such as senior services and public safety. Neighbors spent the afternoon getting to know one another, members of City Council and City Staff representing a variety of City departments.



October 22 was National Make A Difference Day, celebrated in many communities across the country. Here in Kettering, volunteers of all ages worked on outdoor projects in the Van Buren COS

Neighborhood, including the installation of a native plant raingarden in Van Buren park thanks to funding through the 2022 Keep Montgomery County Beautiful Beautification Grant, as well as assisted in a variety of tasks for residents such as raking, light pruning and brush removal. Make A Difference Day volunteers also gathered at Christ Church United Methodist to create holiday cards and placemats for active-duty military and area nursing homes. Card crafting kits were also provided for individuals unable to participate on Make A Difference Day.

If you missed this opportunity, there are still many ways to get involved! **Contact the City of Kettering Volunteer Office at 937-296-2433, or visit our website at [www.ketteringoh.org/volunteer-opportunities](http://www.ketteringoh.org/volunteer-opportunities) to learn more!**



## Christmas Day Open House

With Christmas right around the corner, our Christmas Day Committee of volunteers are eagerly planning another memorable Christmas Day Open House at Polen Farm! Located at 5099 Bigger Road, the beautifully decorated Polen Farm serves as the perfect setting to make magical holiday memories!

The annual Polen Farm Open House, a tradition in the City of Kettering, includes Christmas caroling, delicious food, holiday cookies, free children's books and activities, and a visit from Santa!

Please plan to stop by Polen Farm on Christmas day between 1 – 4 p.m. We would love the opportunity to spend Christmas with you! Thanks to the generosity of our many volunteers and community partners, this event continues to be free and open to our community. Reservations are not necessary.



## Volunteers Are an Important Piece of our Community!

Kettering is proud of the many dedicated volunteers that give so selflessly to our community! We will say "Thank you" during our annual Volunteer Recognition Lunch on November 17 at the Presidential Banquet Center. This celebration showcases the many contributions our volunteers make throughout the community by treating them to good food, thank you gifts, and personal thanks from Mayor Peggy Lehner, members of City Council, and staff. Mayor Lehner will present awards based on the number of hours contributed by volunteers. A variety of door prizes will also

be given out thanks to the generosity of several Kettering businesses!

In the last year, 351 volunteers contributed 11,660 hours valued over \$313,000. Since the inception of the program, volunteers have saved the city over \$24,000,000!

While we all appreciate seeing the statistics surrounding the volunteer program, these numbers pale in comparison to the positive impact volunteers have made in Kettering, the "City of Volunteers." Thank you to all volunteers for the gifts of your time and talent!



# From Feast Mode to Beast Mode – We'll Help You Crush those Resolutions!

We know this is a big time of year to make a fitness plan and for fitness centers to show you what they've got. It can be hard to filter out the noise and find a safe, affordable fitness experience that offers what you need.

While we love to show off our wide range of amenities and our two convenient facilities, we'd rather find a way to help you succeed as an individual. Making a commitment to wellness can be scary, no matter your goals or your fitness level. And let's face it – it's also pretty hard to hit the treadmill again after party and pie season. Our expert staff understands this and wants to cheer for you. Since we enjoy getting to know our patrons, we love when our new friends stick around past January.

So, how can you ease the transition from feast mode to beast mode? During a Personal Fitness Guidance session, you'll

learn your individual body composition from a certified personal trainer who will develop a personalized fitness program just for you. Then you'll get two sessions to work out with your trainer to put that personalized plan into action. This program will give you the confidence you need to strike out on your own and get results. Or if you love working with your trainer, you can always continue training with them.

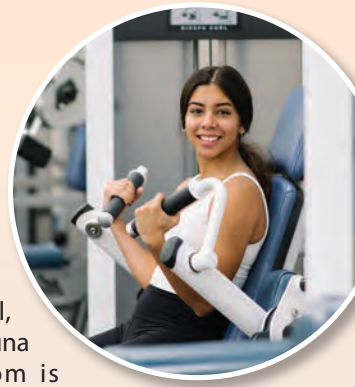
If you're not new to exercise or stuck in a rut, we get it! Weights, cardio equipment – it's all here for you to pop in your earbuds and do your thing (We'll still cheer for you, though. We can't quite help ourselves). "But I have a treadmill in my basement," we can hear you thinking. "There are treadmills everywhere."

So true. Almost every fitness center, plus some lucky basements and guest rooms, can offer a bare-bones fitness experience. If you need a little luxury in your life,

that's where we come in. Access to our whirlpool, walking track, sauna and steam room is included with each pass type. You'll never find those in a basement (or bargain-basement) fitness center.

Speaking of bargains, we strive to keep our passes wallet friendly and help you only pay for what you need. Choose from an all-access Combination Pass, a Fitness Pass to use weights and cardio equipment, an Exercise Pass if Group Exercise classes are your thing, and a Fit-Ex Combination Pass if you like to mix it up during the week. During winter and summer break, we also offer College Passes with special pricing for students. All new passholders receive a complimentary equipment orientation.

We know you have plenty of options for how you spend your free time, and we're thrilled that you're interested in spending time with us!



# Kick off the Holidays in Kettering!

We can't wait to see you in Lincoln Park for our 2022 Kettering Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting. On Friday, December 2 from 6-8 p.m., join Mayor Lehner and your Kettering neighbors to see the Kettering Christmas Tree light up for the season. The Kettering Children's Choir will be there to sing favorite carols, and we'll have hot chocolate and cookies for all to enjoy. Tour the light display in style during our community-favorite horse-drawn carriage rides.

The holidays are a time to give back to your community – this year we're pleased to support the Kettering Backpack Program. Be sure to bring mac and cheese cups to donate during the event. Kettering Backpack is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization that provides discreet bags of food to Kettering children in need every Friday for consumption over the weekend.

Our Santa Paws event will once again be held in conjunction with the Mayor's Tree Lighting. Bring your cameras and your pups along on December 2 to get the perfect photo using our props and backgrounds right at Lincoln Park.

This year will be Mayor Lehner's first time lighting up Lincoln Park for the holidays, so please join us to help make her feel

welcome! The Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting and all of the activities during the event are free and open to all.

As always, we're offering a variety of ways to help you and your family celebrate the season. Step out on the town for some festive fun for adults and seniors only.



Cupcakes & Carols with the Kettering Senior Show Choir, our Very Merry Christmas Party and our Happy (Almost) Noon Year's Eve Party are the perfect chances to celebrate and unwind with friends as the year closes.

Speaking of the end of the year (what, already?!), our New Year's Eve Family Bash is back for 2022! Ring in 2023 in a family-friendly atmosphere by swimming, ice skating, playing games and enjoying open gym time. Advance registration is required.

We hope to see you on December 2 for the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting and all month long as we celebrate the season together.

Complete details about each program, as well as registration information, can be found in our PlayKettering Activities Guide at [www.playkettering.org](http://www.playkettering.org)

## 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](http://www.playkettering.org)

### Holiday Arts & Crafts Show

Saturday, November 12

Lathrem Senior Center

Rosewood Gallery Exhibitions

Ali Hval (Iowa City, IA)  
Jesse Egner (Brooklyn, NY)

November 28 – January 6

Rosewood Gallery

### Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday, December 2

Lincoln Park Civic Commons

### Rosewood Holiday Arts Festival

Saturday, December 3

Rosewood Arts Center

### Important Dates

November 28

Winter Program Registration Begins for Kettering Residents

December 5

Winter Program Registration Begins for Non-Residents





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### Non-Emergency

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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 Center ..... 937-296-0294
- Senior Adult Recreation ..... 937-296-2480
- Street Division Hotline ..... 937-296-3255
- Trash Information ..... 937-29-TRASH
- Volunteer Office ..... 937-296-2433

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