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Mayor's Welcome

Dear Neighbors:

As we hesitate to say goodbye to the slower pace and longer days of summer, there's something magical about the promise of fall. A new school year begins, and kids of all ages are opening new chapters, learning amazing things and reconnecting with friends and educators. As the air cools and our city comes alive with the colors autumn brings, I feel blessed to call Kettering home, and I hope you feel it, too.

Kettering residents enjoy so many opportunities to celebrate and support their community throughout the year; and, there are plenty outlined in this magazine for you!

Holiday at Home is a treasured community tradition that brings us all together to celebrate community spirit. The theme this year is **Local Area Inventions** which include the airplane, electric starter and cash register. And, as you may know, Mr. Kettering was responsible for inventing two of those three items! The innovation he represented remains the essence of our community. There is something in store for everyone whether it's the arts and crafts and activities at the festival, the 5K run, the VW car show or the annual Labor Day parade! Thank you to the many volunteers who make this beloved event possible.

If you are thinking about ways to serve your community, please consider applying for a Regular Part-time Crossing Guard position to work 10-12 hours per week during the school year. Job responsibilities include the safety and the efficient crossing of the street by school children within and in the immediate vicinity of school crosswalks, daily supervision of school safety patrol and elementary school children in their travel to and from school at designated intersections along city roadways. The pay range is \$15.49 to \$20.87/hr. Benefits include paid sick leave, vacation leave and holiday pay. Please apply at www.ketteringoh.org/jobs. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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

Take care.

Peggy Lehner

Peggy Lehner, Mayor of Kettering

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www.ketteringoh.org/jobs



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Residential Leaf Pickup Begins

Monday, October 16



Shred Day

Saturday, October 21, 9 a.m. – Noon
Fairmont High School Parking Lot
3301 Shroyer Road



DEA Drug Takeback

Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Kettering Police Department
3600 Shroyer Road



Make A Difference Day

Saturday, October 28, 9 a.m. – Noon



Beggar's Night

Tuesday, October 31, 6 – 8 p.m.



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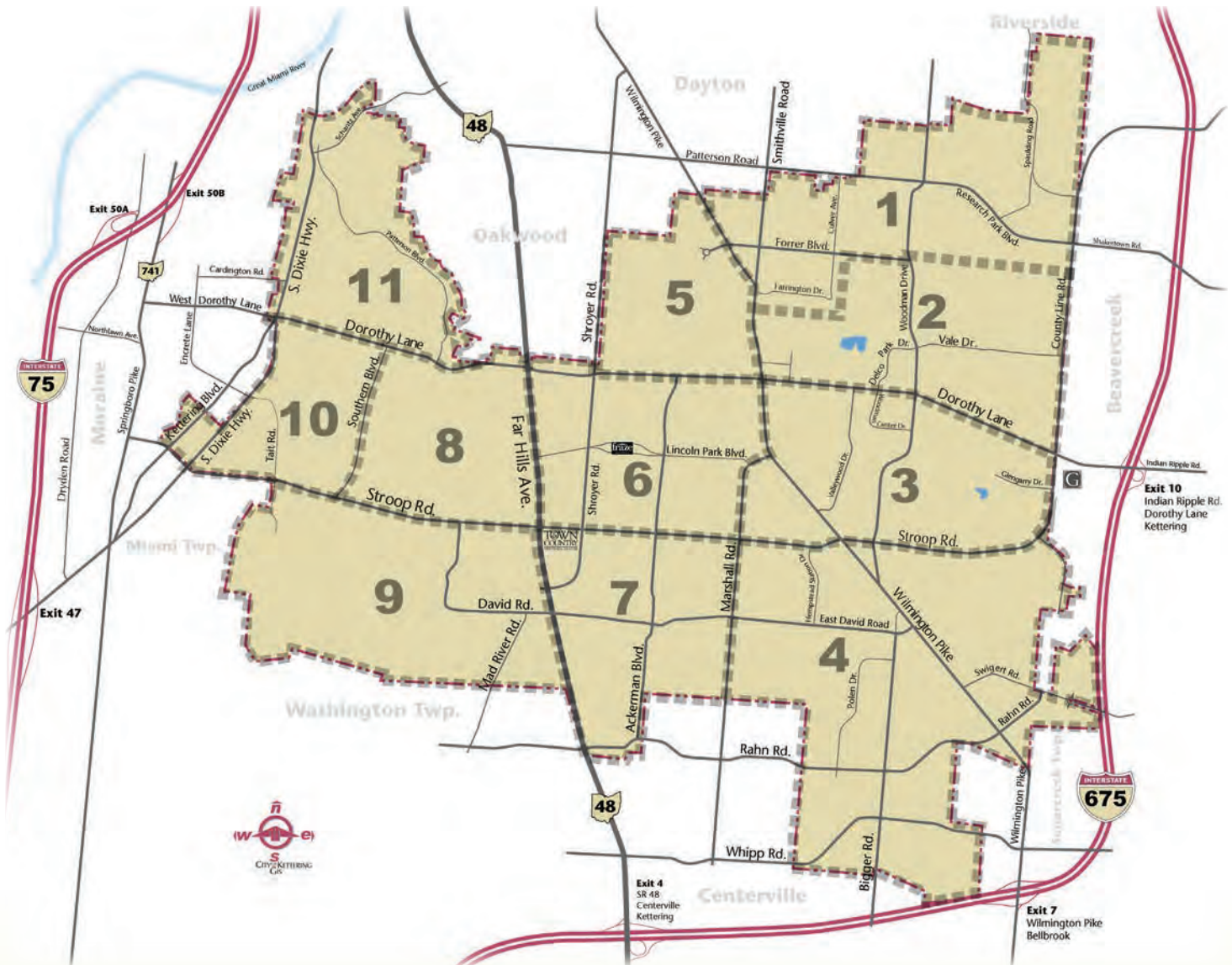
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Leaf Collection Begins October 16!



One of the most unique and highly valued services the City of Kettering offers residents is free curbside collection of leaves each fall. Leaves are picked up by City crews and taken to the City's leaf composting center to be converted to mulch and compost, then offered free of charge to residents each spring. The City will begin in District 1 on Monday, October 16, and will continue leaf pickup until early December. Please note that all leaves should be raked to the curb by Monday, November 27, for the final pass for fall collection.

Please remember the following tips for leaf pickup:

- Know your leaf collection district. Reference the above map to find your district or visit www.ketteringoh.org and enter your address in the *My Services* tab on our home page.
- Don't wait until our crews are near your district to rake leaves. As leaves begin to fall, rake piles to the edge of your lawn. We will make several passes through each district for collection.



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

Help Fight Storm Water Pollution

Rainwater falls and flows along curbs into catch basins and directly into the storm sewer system in the Kettering. Anything that enters a storm sewer system eventually flows untreated into lakes, streams and rivers of the Miami Valley. Because of the risk of pollution, it can disturb the ecosystem. While not much can be done to prevent water pollution on a societal level, all of us can drastically impact both the quality and quantity of storm water that flows off our individual property.

Disturbed earth, pet waste, salt, pesticides, fertilizer, oil, litter and yard debris are the primary culprits among the many household pollutants that leave a property and affect our collective waterways.

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

Lawn Care:

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When necessary, follow recommended amounts and use at appropriate times when compared to the weather forecast.
- Collect rainwater in a rain barrel or redirect downspouts to landscaped areas.
- Plant trees, shrubs and ground cover to help rainwater soak into the ground
- Use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible.
- Finish yard projects quickly to ensure disturbed earth does not simply erode away in the next storm. Plant ground cover or establish other erosion control measures.
- Compost or mulch yard waste, keeping it out of the street. Refer to the matrix below for proper disposal of yard debris.
- Pick up pet waste and dispose of it properly. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to travel elsewhere.
- Keep open drainage ditches clear of debris or things that could clog or pollute the system.



Auto Care:

- Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles its wastewater, or wash vehicles in the yard so the water infiltrates into the ground. Detergents as low as 0.1 ppm can harm wildlife.
- DO NOT pour used oil, antifreeze, paints or other household chemicals down the storm sewer or into drainage channels.
- Spots on the driveway or street indicate the engine, transmission or radiator is leaking. Do not hose leaks from brake fluid, oil, grease and antifreeze into the street. Use kitty litter or other absorbent material to absorb and place in the trash. Dispose of auto fluids and old batteries at designated drop-off or recycling locations.
- Keep vehicles serviced. Regular tune-ups reduce the amount of hydrocarbons, nitrous oxide and other pollutants which impact our water and air.

Proper Disposal of Yard Debris

Rumpke Regular Trash Collection	Yard debris is collected by Rumpke along with your regular household trash. Simply place your yard debris in your trash cart for collection on your regular service day.	
Montgomery County Yard Debris Drop-Off Station 1001 Encrete Lane, Moraine, Ohio	Clean, separated organic material in loose/bulk form or in paper yard bags is accepted. Any yard waste in plastic bags or mixed in with trash will be charged a disposal fee.	
	Accepted Materials: Grass clippings, brush/branches, leaves and other organic materials. Logs must be no larger than 24 inches in diameter.	Unacceptable Materials: Trash, food waste, sod, stumps, mulch, wood chips, plastic bags and loose soil or dirt.
Kettering Yard Debris Center 1840 Woodman Center Drive	Accepted Materials: Brush, limbs and trimmings should be cut to a maximum of 6' length and 4" diameter.	Unacceptable Materials: Grass clippings, thatch, sod, dirt, rocks, concrete, building and construction materials.

Fiber To The Home

Various companies are currently installing communications infrastructure throughout the Kettering community. This infrastructure will provide residents and businesses with options for ultra-fast internet connections and additional services. The common nomenclature for these companies is "Internet Service Providers" (ISP).

The City of Kettering is not providing internet services but administers work within the public right-of-way where much of the construction occurs.

Residents should expect to see construction teams and equipment throughout the City completing necessary aerial and underground work. To date, the construction work has been minimally intrusive and yard restoration has been satisfactory.

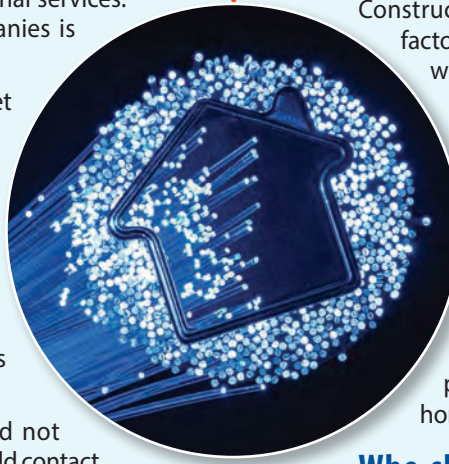
Construction work in neighborhoods should not disrupt residents' utility services. Residents should contact their utility provider immediately if there is a disruption in service. Call 911 immediately if there is a danger that threatens life or health.

What can residents expect?

Public agencies and utility companies have the right to work within the public right-of-way and associated easements. The line between private property and public right-of-way is often located 10 to 15 feet behind the edge of pavement. On a street with curb and sidewalk, this is often located at the edge of the sidewalk on the house side. When in doubt, residents can contact the Engineering Department for general questions, or hire a surveyor to determine the exact location of the property and easement lines. Residents who subscribe to the ISP's service are permitting the company to construct the connection to their house.

Residents with an invisible fence line or irrigation pipe in the public right-of-way or utility easement should indicate that location with flags, paint markings or markers to identify the underground line/pipe.

Construction times vary greatly based on a variety of factors. The construction area typically will be restored within a few days after work is complete.



What happens if a resident does not want service?

Communication companies have the right to access the public right-of-way to build their citywide fiber-optic network in Kettering. You are not obligated to use their services. As with other utilities (electric, gas, etc.), the goal is to make this service as widely accessible as possible; however, there is no requirement for any home to sign up for their service.

Who should residents contact for damage complaints and installation concerns?

Crews do their best to minimize the impact to property. However, accidents do occur. Please note that construction is temporary and the impact to property should be limited as most infrastructure lines will be underground.

Contact the fiber installation company to report concerns.

How will residents know when ISPs are coming to their area?

Fiber companies should send advance notification to let property owners know when crews will be in the neighborhood. This is typically done by leaving door hangers. A good indication that work is imminent is the appearance of underground utility markings appearing on the pavement and ground in the form of dotted lines in spray paint or small plastic flagging. Different colors indicate the presence of different utilities.

Should residents remove the ISP flags?

Please do not remove the flags as they show where the other utilities are located. ISPs are legally required to have other utilities located and marked/flagged during construction to eliminate hitting electric, cable or gas lines. Once construction work is completed on your property, the construction crew will remove the flags.

Why is this so exciting?

Many consider broadband internet service to be a public utility like water and electricity because of the vital role it plays in American life. Economists say high speed internet is no longer just a luxury – it is now a necessity for good schools and a thriving economy. Kettering is in a unique position to receive the installation of a valuable public utility – one that will strengthen our future.

How do residents sign up for service?

ISPs will be in contact with you with service opportunities.

The City's Engineering Department can be reached at ketteringengineering@ketteringoh.org or by calling 937-296-2436 for other questions.



Collaborative Electric Aggregation



Miami Valley Communications Council (MVCC) led the charge for electric aggregation. As a participating community, Kettering residents and small businesses could save an average of \$340 each year on energy bills.

Energy Harbor was awarded a 28-month supplier contract for residential and small commercial customers at a rate of 0.0657 cents/kWh. This is significantly lower than the current AES Ohio rate of 0.1081 cents/kWh.

Electric aggregation gives communities better bargaining power through economies of scale. The 14 communities participating in the MVCC program represent more than 80,000 electric meters belonging to households and businesses.

Eligible customers received an opt-out letter in the mail with simple instructions and answers to frequently asked questions. The letter can also be found at www.energyharbor.com/communityaggregation.

All customers who do not opt-out will be added to the program. Customers can opt-out at any time with no termination fee or can join the program when existing supplier contracts expire.

Customers also have the option of paying a slightly higher rate – \$0.0697 cents/kWh – to purchase 100% green energy from Energy Harbor. This is offered as an opt-in rate running concurrently with the standard opt-out program.

Residents and small businesses in the voluntary aggregation programs will continue to receive monthly invoices and distribution services from AES Ohio. If they have a power outage, those customers will still call the local utility company that is providing distribution services. By participating in the aggregation program, residents and business consumers are simply choosing an alternative supplier.

Communities participating in the MVCC electric aggregation program include Brookville, Centerville, Clayton, Eaton,

Englewood, Fairborn, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Trotwood, Union, Vandalia and West Carrollton.

Participants will receive their first energy bill with prices reflecting the aggregation program in September.

Double Check your AES Bill

For those currently under contract with a third party energy provider, double check your bill to compare your current rate with the 0.0657 cents per kilowatt hour being offered through electric aggregation. Ensure there are no penalties associated with canceling the agreement.










Gas Aggregation

The City is currently looking into the feasibility of gas aggregations to further save residents and small business owners money.

Call 811 Before You Dig

Always call two days before digging. It's free and it's the law. Refer to the color coding system to identify markers and their meaning.

	Electric		Sewers-drains
	Gas-oil-steam		Temporary survey markings
	Communications		Proposed excavation
	Water-irrigation-slurry		

THE KETTERING
CONNECTION

The Kettering Connection at Town and Country has moved to the Frazee FanFare Store. The Connection will be open Thursdays from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m., for information and blood pressure screenings.

Please contact Senior Services Coordinator Natalie Storms at 937-296-3356 if you require information or services. The City of Kettering is here to help our senior population.

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

WASTE
FREE
EVENT!

JOIN US FOR ECOFEST

Saturday, September 16
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Lincoln Park Civic Commons

- Beekeepers/Honey
- Children's Activities
- Cycle Kettering
- Renewable Energy
- Animal Conservation
- Wetland and River Conservation
- Recycling and Composting
- Gardening for Pollinators
- Drive Electric Car Show
- And Much More!

BRING
YOUR WATER
BOTTLE!

Be entertained and inspired during this family focused Kettering event that will have a fun and educational focus.

Please contact the Habitat Environmental Center at habitatcenter@ketteringoh.org or call 937-296-2477.



For more information visit
playkettering.org/event/ecofest



Kettering



Sunday, September 3 and
Monday, September 4

This year's Holiday at Home theme is *Local Area Inventions*. We are glad this treasured annual tradition is back in 2023. Join the fun on Sunday and Monday of Labor Day weekend for fun, multi-generational activities that include a parade, arts and crafts sale, children's zone with inflatables and face painting, auto show, live entertainment, 5K run, kids fun run and so much more.

For more information about Holiday at Home, visit:
www.holidayathome.org





KPD New Hires

Samuel R. Butler will join the Kettering Police Department after one year of service as a corrections officer at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. Samuel also served as a Sheriff's Deputy for Knox County, Maine and a patrol officer with Camden Police Department in Maine. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Husson University. Samuel and his wife Courtney have a daughter, Leah.

Jonathan M. Bowman will join the Kettering Police Department after three years of service as a patrol officer at the Dayton Police Department. Jonathan holds an Associate's Degree in Science from Park University. He has served in the United States Marine Corp for eight years. Jonathan and his wife Amber have a daughter, Ava.

Joshua A. Wiesman will leave the Dayton Police Department where he served since 2019. He graduated from Indiana Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice in 2018 and Lincoln Trail College with an Associate's Degree in Science in 2013. Joshua and his wife Jessica have a daughter, Josie.

Jerry W. Knight will join the Kettering Police Department after four years of service as a patrol officer at Huber Heights Police Department. Jerry also served three years with the Moraine Police Department. He holds an Associate's Degree from Eastern Gateway Community College. Jerry also served in the United States Army National Guard. Jerry and his girlfriend Avery have a son, Luke.

From left to right: Samuel Butler, Jonathan Bowman, Chief Protsman, Joshua Wiesman and Jerry Knight



Coffee with a Cop



Join the team from the Kettering Police Department Community Relations Office for this monthly coffee and conversation about what's happening in your community. Learn about current city-wide crime trends and how to avoid falling victim to them. Meet KPD specialty teams and hear about behind the scenes ways crime is prevented or investigated. This participant driven program will include plenty of time for questions.

This free program is on September 20, October 18 and November 15 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the Lathrem Senior Center. Visit playkettering.org to register.

K9 Jax Retires

In the fall of 2015, the Kettering Police Department selected K9 Jax from Shallow Creek Kennels to be the 14th Police K9 in Kettering K9 history (36 years), and Ptl. Devin Maloney was selected as his handler. Ptl. Maloney has the distinction of being the youngest handler in Kettering K9 history at the time of his appointment to the position.

Ptl. Maloney and K9 Jax have consistently been a high quality asset to the Kettering Police Department and for the City of Kettering, in general, not only because of their success, but also because of their positive and enjoyable personalities. Their success will constantly be referred to as goals for achievement for all future teams. This legacy was built by becoming the longest serving K9 team (almost eight years), most

utilized K9 team (almost 800 uses), over 20 firearms removed from the street, over 80 criminals located through patrol uses and in excess of 400 arrests (from patrol and narcotic uses). These numbers are the highest obtained by any previous or current K9 handler in KPD K9 history.

In 2017, they attended the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) Detector Dog Nationals. While competing against the best trained narcotics detection K9 teams nationwide, Ptl. Maloney and K9 Jax finished in eighth place overall.



After a long and illustrious career, K9 Jax is enjoying retirement effective June 30, 2023.

The exemplary team of Ptl. Maloney and K9 Jax will be missed but not forgotten as the many things they have taught this department and the other K9 teams will live on forever. We are a better K9 unit and police department because of their service.

Thank you both for your service to the Kettering Police Department and the K9 Unit. It's now time for K9 Jax to enjoy well-deserved relaxation with the love and attention of the Maloney family.

2023 Fire Prevention Week: October 8 – 14



Cooking Safety Starts with YOU

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. The most common cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. Here are a few steps you can take to prevent fire and injury while you are cooking.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly and stay in the home.
- Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it has cooled.
- Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop.
- Loose clothing can hang down onto stove burners and catch fire. Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

Firefighter of the Year

Kettering Fire Department is proud to announce that Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Caudill was chosen as 2022 Firefighter of the Year. FF/P Caudill has been with the City of Kettering since 2019 and is currently stationed at Station 34 on first platoon under the leadership of Captain Eric Hagemeyer. Firefighter Caudill would like to thank his crew and family for all their love and support as he feels that he couldn't have done this without them. **Congratulations Firefighter Caudill!**



Recreational Fires

Fall is a popular time for recreational fires as the temperature begins to cool. Here is a list of rules that the State of Ohio has set for recreational fires or open burning.

- The only authorized fuel source is clean dry wood. (No yard waste or rubbish material)
- If the fire is confined to an approved container such as an outdoor fireplace, barbecue pit, etc. the fire must be at least 15 feet from a structure or combustible materials.
- For an open fire not contained, the fire must be at least 25 feet from a structure, wood fence, neighboring structure, or combustible materials. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of the fire must be eliminated before ignition of a fire.
- An outdoor fire, where the fuel being burned is not contained in an outdoor fireplace, must have a fuel area of fewer than 3 feet in diameter and fewer than 2 feet in height.
- The fire must be constantly attended while burning and must be extinguished if it is not attended.
- A portable fire extinguisher with a minimum of a 4A rating, garden hose, bucket of sand, or other suitable means for extinguishing the fire must be provided.
- The fire must not create an offensive or objectionable condition that interferes with the neighboring residents' use and enjoyment of their property. If this occurs, the Fire Department is required to order the person responsible for the fire to extinguish the fire.
- The Fire Department is required to extinguish fires which create hazardous conditions.

Often complaints are received from neighbors when a recreational fire is not conducted following these rules, or when a recreational fire produces smoke that migrates off of the property and into the residence of neighboring properties. Persons with chronic breathing problems can often be affected by these conditions.

Another issue that commonly comes up associated with recreational fires, is noise and disturbance of the neighborhood when these events extend late into the evening. These matters will be dealt with by the Kettering Police Department. If you have any questions concerning the Ohio Open Burning Regulations, please contact the Kettering Fire Department Bureau of Fire Prevention at (937) 296-2489. Information is also available on our website at www.ketteringoh.org/permits.



Is Your Business Eligible for Grant Funding?

The City of Kettering's Economic Development Department is looking to connect with local businesses that are owned by underrepresented populations such as minorities, women, veterans and those with disabilities. Owners who hold certain certifications could be eligible for state, federal and private sector grant dollars. A short conversation with the City's Economic Development staff can help determine whether your business meets program criteria.

In addition, Kettering businesses that are located in the 45439 zip code are encouraged to call the City to explore eligibility for a JobsOhio Inclusion Grant. A number of Dayton-area businesses have previously been awarded inclusion grants over the past few years, and City staff would like to make sure that Kettering businesses are aware of the opportunity.

The Inclusion Grant provides support for eligible projects in distressed communities and/or for businesses that are certified



as WBE or MBE or veteran or disabled owned. Grant decisions are based on several project factors, including but not limited to company location, company ownership, jobs created and/or retained

and investment of assets to get your business project underway. Support is intended for small to medium-sized companies with annual revenues of no more than \$25 million for the JobsOhio Inclusion Grant.

Typical eligible businesses include those engaged in manufacturing, logistics and distribution, financial services, research and development, and IT. Retail, tourism, hospitality, public sector and healthcare operations are not typically eligible for this program.

Qualifying projects must include new capital investment on things such as land, buildings, leasehold improvements, machinery and equipment, site development, employee training, IT including hardware and industry-specific software. The grant requires the funds be utilized over a three-year period and normally include a new job commitment.

If you think your business might be eligible, please call 937-296-3342 or email econdev@ketteringoh.org.

Congrats to Joyce/Dayton Corp Celebrating 150 Years in Business

The City of Kettering extends warm congratulations to Joyce/Dayton Corp on the amazing milestone of its 150th anniversary. Although the company was founded in Franklin, Ohio in 1873, the corporate offices were moved to Kettering in 1973, spanning 50 years in our fine city.

To celebrate this milestone, Mayor Lehner recently traveled to Joyce/Dayton's corporate office at 3300 S Dixie Drive to present company President Brad Weiss with a certificate of congratulations.

Joyce/Dayton Corp was founded in 1873 as the Joyce-Cridland Company and has remained in continuous operations since its founding. During WWII, Joyce railroad jacks were indispensable in clearing tracks after bombings in Europe, and Joyce airplane lift stands were valuable tools for maintaining the US fleet of aircraft. For its wartime efforts, Joyce received a commendation from the US government.

Currently the company manufactures screw jacks, actuators and lifting equipment. They are known in the industry for setting a high standard for product quality, customer service and customization of products to meet unique requirements. The City of Kettering is proud to be the home of this amazing company and the 33 employees who work there.



Joyce/Dayton Corp President Brad Weiss accepts a certificate of congratulations from Mayor Peggy Lehner.

Look Who Calls Kettering Home!

Mayor Peggy Lehner, City Council members, City staff and the Kettering Moraine Oakwood Chamber of Commerce celebrated the grand opening of Optimized Senior Living in Kettering at 5601 Kentshire Drive. This family-owned and operated business is centered around faith, integrity and relationships to provide personalized holistic focused senior care. Welcome to Kettering!



Optimized Senior Living

It's a beautiful day to enjoy the outdoors! Representatives from the City of Kettering, City of Centerville, along with Centerville-Washington Park District, Kettering Moraine Oakwood Chamber of Commerce and Bike Miami Valley gathered to celebrate the completion of the Hewitt Avenue Bikeway Connector. This ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrates the partnership between two wonderful cities to accomplish this essential connection between Iron Horse Trail and Bigger Road Trail over I-675. We hope you enjoy it, too!



Hewitt Avenue Bikeway Connector

We Care Arts Celebrates 40th Anniversary

For 40 years, We Care Arts has empowered artists living with disabilities. The Berkley Center, located at 3035 Wilmington Pike, is a community landmark offering hope to more than 1,400 clients.

Mayor Peggy Lehner had the opportunity to recognize We Care Arts and present Executive Director Katie Neubert with a certificate during an artist-client picnic to celebrate the organization's 40th anniversary.

The organization was originally founded in 1983 by Kettering resident Terry Schalnaf in a Lutheran church basement. Through various programs and services, We Care Arts has provided a platform for individuals to express themselves creatively and gain confidence in their abilities. The organization offers a variety of classes, workshops and events for artists of all skill levels and recognizes the unique power of artistic expression and they are committed to utilizing art and community as a healing force.

For over 40 years, We Care Arts has impacted countless individuals and their families. Through its programs, the organization has helped individuals gain a sense of purpose, form meaningful connections with others, and develop important life skills.

Their impact on Kettering can also be seen at the retail store featuring art and gifts, located at Town & Country Shopping Center. For information regarding We Care Arts programming go to www.wecarearts.org.

Mayor Lehner presents We Care Arts Executive Director Katie Neubert with a certificate commemorating on its 40th anniversary



Congratulations to 5 Kettering Businesses Named "Fast 50: Fastest Growing Companies"



The City of Kettering was proud to learn that five businesses in our City were named a "Fast 50" by the Dayton Business Journal and will be recognized at an awards reception in August. The "Fast 50" is an annual ranking by the publication that celebrates companies in the greater Dayton area that are achieving tremendous growth. The five Kettering companies recognized with this honor are:

- Day Air Credit Union
- Hot Head Burritos
- Flagel Huber Flagel
- Select Signs
- Heapy Engineering

Neighborhood Pride

The City of Kettering has completed its 35th year of the Neighborhood Pride Program! 2023 has proven to be another exciting year to showcase homes and businesses that exemplify the Kettering Community! Out of hundreds of nominations that are received and reviewed by Neighborhood Pride committee members, these properties are the ones that demonstrate significant improvement or upkeep to their properties year after year. Mayor Peggy Lehner will recognize all award winners on September 26th at the City Council Meeting. Thank you to all award winners for sharing your Kettering pride with the impeccable care of your home or business.

This program would not be possible without the time, talent and commitment of the Neighborhood Pride Committee! Thank you to co-chairs Rob Jahn, Gail Carone, Mark & Carol Messer and committee members Jim Bolton, Chuck Dickerson, Pat Ferguson, Gale Heller, Del & Ginny Herbeck, David Buhrman and Brian Moore, Greg Sherwood, Donna Speers, Kathy Waker and Maureen Willits. Your involvement is appreciated and is vital to the success of the Neighborhood Pride Program!



June District 8 Neighborhood Pride recipient

Make A Difference Day

Make A Difference Day is Saturday, October 28 from 9 a.m. to Noon. There will be several opportunities to make an active difference in our community. For individuals looking to spend time outside, join us in the South Van Buren Neighborhood to lend assistance to residents in our Cities of Service community. Tasks include general litter pick up, raking, light weeding and pruning, and other outdoor miscellaneous tasks (no work on ladders). We will also be expanding the rain garden that was installed last year at Van Buren Park (Scottsdale Dr.). Thanks to grant funding from Keep Montgomery County Beautiful, a second set of native plants will be installed. If you prefer to stay inside, head

over to Christ United Methodist Church (3440 Shroyer Rd.) to make greeting cards to send to active service men and women thanks to Blue Star Mothers, or make holiday place mats for area nursing homes.

If you are unable to participate that day, card kits will be available to pick up starting Monday, September 18 from the Volunteer Office. Please call (937) 296-2433 for details. Everyone is welcome to participate in these activities! To help us plan for refreshments for the in-person activities, and to receive details about where to meet if you would like to participate in our neighborhoods, please sign up at our events page found at www.ketteringoh.org/volunteer-special-events.



Kettering Leadership Academy Class of 2023

Congratulations to the 2023 Kettering Leadership Academy graduates! We wish you much success as you take on future leadership roles within our community!

The primary goal of the Kettering Leadership Academy (KLA) is to build a resource of community leaders on a continuing basis. The Academy is designed to identify, educate and develop potential community leaders; expand leadership potential; enhance the quality of life in our community; and provide access to leadership and personal growth opportunities.

In September, the class members began their KLA experience with an overnight retreat comprised of classroom activities, outdoor learning experiences, leadership

development and team building exercises. Participants met once a month to learn about local government, education, health care, volunteering, public safety, history and our business community. Participants were required to design and complete a project addressing a need in our community.

The Academy was created in 2003 by Councilman Bruce Duke and administered by Volunteer Office staff. To honor the work Councilman Duke has given to this program, the Bruce Duke Fellowship fund was created to provide assistance to

potential candidates without sufficient funds the opportunity to participate. An important part of KLA is to recruit a diverse group of participants to provide a variety of perspectives on the challenges our community faces, and this fund will help ensure this remains true. Over 75% of KLA graduates serve in some capacity in our community, and develop projects that have long lasting impact.

For additional information about KLA, please contact Volunteer Administrator, Dawn Kirchner at 296-2531.



Kettering Leadership Academy

*Back row (L-R): Amy Schrimpf, Brian Greenlee, Daniel Koons, Rick Willits
Front row (L-R): Jessica Stickel, Amanda Harold, Don Bennett, Chris Land,
Laurie Koncan, LaSue Juniel*

Not pictured: Valerie Dupler and Brittany Erwin

City of Kettering Shred Day



**Saturday, October 21
9 a.m. to Noon**

**Fairmont High School Parking Lot
3301 Shroyer Rd.**



Rosewood Renovation Enters its Final Phase

The third and final phase of Rosewood's renovation is officially underway! Updates to the painting and drawing studios, the theater and the establishment of a community printmaking studio are coming soon.

The Rosewood darkroom is now complete and re-opened over the summer! Accessibility improvements were made to the space. To celebrate the re-opening, Rosewood hosted a very special Darkroom Photo Camp for ages 12 – 14. Participating youth learned to take photos using 35mm film cameras, as well as process film and print from their own negatives in the Rosewood darkroom.

A newly dedicated glass and metals studio is expected to open by December 2 with programming starting in January 2024.

Also scheduled for December 2 is A Rosewood Holiday Arts Festival! During the event from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., we will prepare for the opening of our community print studio by hosting Leesa Haapapuro, an Artist in Residence. Haapapuro will host a variety of workshops around the local area for community members to help create a work of art entitled 'Passages,' based on William Carlos Williams' epic poem *Asphodel, That Greeny Flower*. Through ongoing community workshops and open studio hours in Rosewood's forthcoming community printmaking studio, the poem will transform into an ongoing visual artwork displayed along the halls of Rosewood Arts Center through the spring of 2024. We hope you'll attend A Rosewood Holiday Arts Festival to lend a hand – all are welcome!

The new community accessible printmaking studio will offer year-round programs and activities and engage new ways to appreciate, see, make and learn about prints and printmaking. Led by a team of

professional printmakers, the studios will be outfitted with specialty equipment for intaglio and relief printing, as well as silk screens. Knowledgeable faculty and staff round out the Rosewood print studio experience as they provide in-class instruction and assist those wishing to start from scratch or improve their existing skills.

Our community print studio, painting and drawing studios and artist studios are anticipated to be complete by the end of 2023. We can't wait to unveil these new spaces and share them with everyone. The theater renovation is underway with walls, a new stage and accessible fixed seating under construction! The theater is also expected to be complete by the end of the year.

Rosewood's outdoor spaces are being finalized as well. Landscaping for the Rosewood entrance will be finished this fall. We will be incorporating a new public artwork into this landscaping, with artwork installation scheduled for spring 2024.

If you're planning to head out to Rosewood this fall (and we hope you are!), please take note of the following renovation-related closure dates. The Rosewood facility will be closed for construction from August 28 to September 10 and again from November 1 to December 1. Feel free to contact Rosewood at 937-296-0294 before you visit if you would like clarification on building hours.

We're thrilled to be nearing completion on this major transformation and look forward to hosting the community in an updated and more accessible space. Stop by Rosewood and see us soon!



The 'Passages' project was made possible by Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District's Artist Opportunity Grant administered by CultureWorks with additional support from the City of Kettering's Rosewood Arts Center. For updates and further information regarding the Rosewood Arts Center Renovation Project, please visit www.playkettering.org/rosewood.



Discover Membership at the Charles I. Lathrem Senior Center

The Charles I. Lathrem Senior Center (CIL) offers a wealth of opportunities for activity, education, connection and fun for active adults ages 55+.

The CIL is located on the campus of the Kettering Recreation Complex, so members also have access to the attached swimming pool, fitness room, gymnasium, walking track and ice arena for discounted fees.

Still looking for a reason to join? According to recent research conducted by the National Council on Aging, older adults who belong to senior centers learn to manage and delay the onset of chronic disease and experience measurable improvement in their physical, social, spiritual, emotional and economic well-being. The majority of them also report receiving helpful information,



lifelong learning and acquiring new skills that contribute to their continued independence.

The CIL has enjoyed a number of upgrades to its interior spaces over the past year. Updates to its adjacent outdoor spaces are currently underway. The refreshed outdoor area will include a new shelter, additional seating, a renovated shuffleboard court, an outdoor fireplace, a pollinator garden and adult swings. All of these renovations are made possible by a generous gift from the Doug Lathrem family.

Stay active. Stay connected. Join us today! Find complete details, including membership rates, by calling 937-296-2480 or on our website at www.playkettering.org/cil-senior-center.

Kettering Ice Arena Reopens on August 22

Our 2023-2024 Kettering Ice Arena season is almost here. We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back as hockey, Learn to Skate USA lessons, figure skating and open skate get underway. Enjoy a fresh calendar of public skates, plus our popular holiday-themed skates. We hope to see you on the ice starting Tuesday, August 22!



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

EcoFest 2023

Saturday, September 16
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Lincoln Park Civic Commons

Wag-O-Ween

Saturday, October 28
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Kettering Recreation Complex

Holiday Arts & Crafts Show

Saturday, November 11
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Lathrem Senior Center

Mayor's Tree Lighting & Santa Paws

Friday, December 1
6 – 8 p.m.

Lincoln Park Civic Commons

Rosewood Arts Center presents

A Rosewood Holiday Arts Festival

Saturday, December 2
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Rosewood Arts Center

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Property Maintenance Hotline 937-296-3286
Recreation Complex/Water Park/Pool 937-296-2587
Rosewood Arts Center 937-296-0294
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