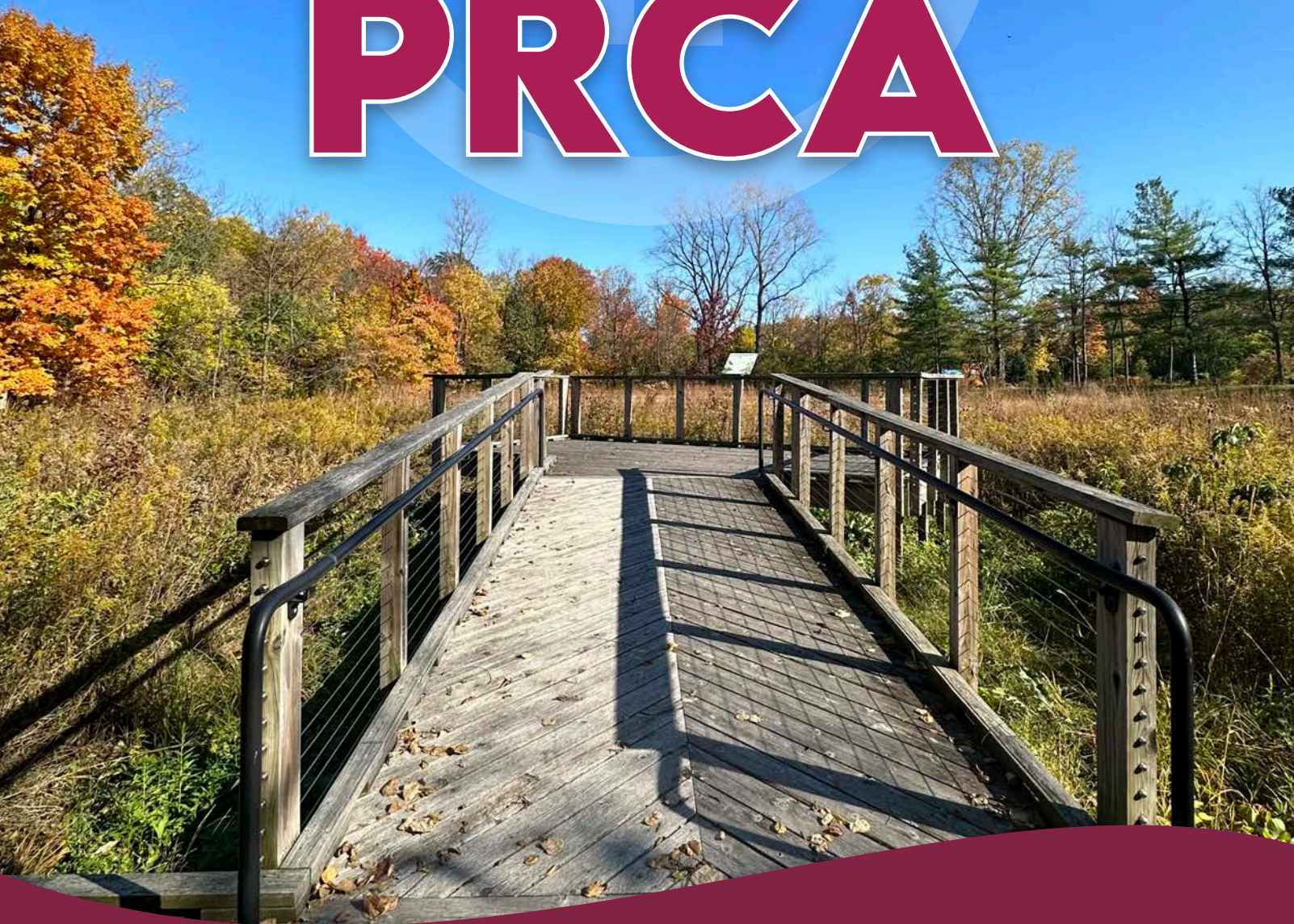


2023 ANNUAL REPORT PRCA



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MISSION

We are here to provide quality parks, recreation and cultural arts that make Kettering home.

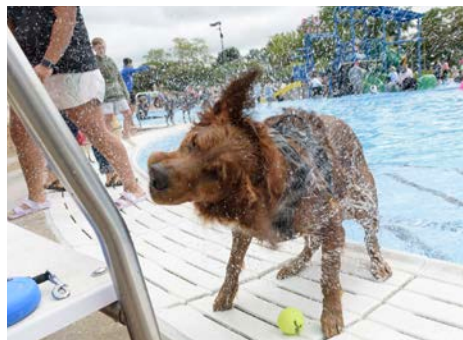


VISION

We envision an exceptional and engaging parks, recreation and cultural arts department that improves the quality of life for everyone in our community.

YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2023, the City of Kettering Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department saw a year marked by innovation, community engagement and significant milestones. This review highlights the key achievements and developments that shaped our journey throughout the year, showcasing our dedication to fostering a dynamic and inclusive community.







AQUATICS

Our robust Aquatics program offers water safety classes, water fitness and much more at the Kettering Recreation Complex's 25-meter indoor pool. In 2023, nearly 64,000 people visited our aquatics facilities and more than 1,600 purchased passes.

This year over **1,200** people enrolled in swim classes.



ARTS EDUCATION

Rosewood Arts Center's renovation was completed in 2023! This included Phase II, Phase III and major infrastructure work. The grand re-opening celebration was held in the totally revamped theater in December of 2023.

More than **8,500** children and adults participated in arts education programs at Rosewood, which offers over **270** classes in ceramics, dance, theatre, music, the humanities, photography, painting, printmaking, drawing, jewelry, glass and more.

Over **4,500** children attended art classes in 2023.



PUBLIC ART

The Rosewood Arts Center Renovation Dedication Ceremony was held December 2, 2023. As part of the center's renovation project, an artwork was selected for the entrance to Rosewood. Sujin Lim was selected out of 37 applicants; her work *Silver Linings* was voted on unanimously by the Art in Public Places Committee as an artwork that is welcoming, a destination artwork and something unique and special for the community.



ROSEWOOD GALLERY

Kettering's professional exhibition space, Rosewood Gallery, showcased a diverse array of exhibitions, featuring works from local and regional artists as well as those from across the nation. Highlights included the 33rd Annual Dayton-Area Works on Paper, *Earth Transformed 2023*, featuring renowned ceramic artists, and the 29th Annual The View Juried Landscape Exhibition. The gallery also hosted thought-provoking solo exhibitions, such as Carolyn Harper's *"Seeking Freedom: Portraits of Mass Incarceration"* and Benjamin Montague's *"Microplastics,"* addressing societal issues through art. The season concluded with *"In the Landscape"* by Meg Lagodzki and the *"Dayton/Kyoto Print Exchange: Everyday Life."*



Over **2,200** patrons viewed the work of exhibiting artists in 2023.

FRAZE

Fraze Pavilion hosted **25 ticketed events** and sold more than **56,000 tickets**. The season featured 6 first-time artists, including Nelly, Peppa Pig, We The Kingdom, Anne Wilson, Donny Osmond and the Gin Blossoms. There were also 9 free events and festivals that drew more than **31,000** to the venue.

The Frazee entertained over

80,500

guests in 2023.

frazee
pavilion



ICE ARENA

The Kettering Ice Arena is home to the nationally recognized Learn to Skate USA Program with offerings for any age, skill level and ability. More than **1,100 people** participated in Ice Arena programs in 2023.

In its first full year, the Ice Arena Pro Shop, which sells figure skating supplies, hockey equipment and skating accessories, sold **879 items**. Fifty-two of those were skates, with the rest being hockey equipment, accessories and apparel.



Over **10,500** people visited for open skate and rentals.



Parks Division staff completed over **945** hours of training in 2023.

PARKS

The Parks Division broke ground on Kettering's 22nd park in August – the long-awaited Gentile Nature Park! The 19-acre naturalized neighborhood park will open in the summer of 2024 and will include playground areas, two 100-foot ziplines, a one-half mile walking path and more.

The renovated and expanded John and Betty Meyer Pickleball Courts at Kennedy Park opened June 25, 2023. The courts were expanded from 6 to 12 and resurfaced. Kettering was also honored with the TreeCity USA award for the 41st consecutive time.

8,836

labor hours to complete all the mowing throughout Kettering parks, medians and properties in 2023.

5,451

labor hours associated with maintenance of trees in Kettering parks, medians and properties. This includes trees being pruned, mulched, removed, planted, staked or treated.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

The environmental education program includes the Land Lab Nature Program with the Kettering City Schools and classes and workshops at the Habitat Environmental Education Center. This year, over **2,500 students** from the Kettering City Schools participated in the Land Lab Program.



Over **2,000** people attended the second annual EcoFest to learn about conservation from more than 30 area organizations, doubling the attendance from year one.



RECREATION

The Recreation team offered programs for adults, youth and families, with over **5,000 participants** enrolled in programs. Thanks to the generosity of our community, the annual Giving Tree program served **526 children** in 2023. Ten Kettering City Schools participated and **26 volunteers** logged over **125 hours** of time to make the program a huge success.

In addition, several special events offered throughout the year drew crowds. Highlights included the **Adult Egg Hunts** (303 participants, \$6,900 in donations), **Juneteenth** (400 participants), **Canine Cannonball** (125 dogs), **Candy Cane Hunts at Polen** (300 participants) and many more.

Over **2,201** kids attended camps at the Recreation Complex this summer.

CHARLES I. LATHREM SENIOR CENTER

The CIL Center offered services, programs and events for Kettering's seniors. In 2023, there were more than **24,000 visits** to the CIL and **1,392 passes** were sold. Nearly **3,400 people** enrolled in adult and senior programs at the Senior Center.

Over **2,109** transportation rides were provided to Kettering seniors covering **35,589 miles**.



2023 TOTAL RECREATION VISITS:

63,375
AQUATICS

149,907
FITNESS

24,622
CIL MEMBERS

10,081
GYMNASIUM

44,789
COMBINATION
PASSES

10,522
ICE ARENA

18,669
GROUP EXERCISE

11,896
TRACK



FITNESS AND WELLNESS

The Kettering Recreation Complex (KRC) and Kettering Fitness and Wellness Center (KFWC) had nearly **150,000 visits** to their facilities this year. The fitness team has continued to offer virtual programming post-pandemic with **1,162 people** joining us for ZOOM group exercise in 2023.



507

patrons were recognized for utilizing the fitness facilities more than 100 times in 2023.



SPORTS

We continue to evolve our sports programming for youth and adults to offer new opportunities and improve the experiences. In 2023, we held our first Pickleball Tournament on the courts at John F. Kennedy Park and it was a smash! More than **40 teams** competed across a wide range of age groups.

Youth Soccer was moved to Delco Park to allow for a better playing experience as well as expansion. Nearly **500 kids** enrolled in the spring and fall sessions! Some improvements were also made to our Youth Volleyball program. We invested in new equipment and training for our volunteer coaches. Almost **150 players** enrolled for the spring and fall seasons combined!

Over **2,500** participants played sports in Kettering in 2023.



Kettering Youth Basketball enrollment **increased**

16%

in 2023 to 552 players.



SPECIAL EVENTS

A new event was introduced in 2023 and it was a big hit! Habitat Environmental Center partnered with Eudora Brewing Company for an addition to **TreeFest** and our Arbor Day festivities. Following planting during the morning of TreeFest, **Tree Love** was held at Eudora in the afternoon. The brewery unveiled a special Arbor Day beer and several stations were available to learn about the environment and sustainability. The family-friendly event was so popular it ended up being Eudora's most profitable day of the entire year!

Go 4th! took place at Delco Park on Tuesday, July 4th with live music, food trucks, bounce houses and the best fireworks in the Miami Valley. An estimated **60,000 people** attended the annual event.

Kids Day in the Park featured **20 organizations** and entertained more than **600 attendees**.

Special events like that are a key component of the work of PRCA. Between the CIL, the Kettering Recreation Complex, Rosewood Arts Center and the Habitat Environmental Center, we offer dozens of opportunities to participate in free and fun programs every year. Some other noteworthy events include the **Adult Egg Hunt**, **Touch a Truck**, **Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt**, **Youth Fishing Derby**, **EcoFest** and more!



The 41st annual Youth Fishing Derby welcomed

325

youth to Delco Park.





OUTREACH

We welcomed a new member of the Marketing and Communications Team in 2023, as Tabby Priaux came on board as a part-time communications coordinator. Our marketing initiatives expanded our reach, shining a spotlight on the remarkable achievements and offerings across our diverse programs and facilities.

Special marketing campaigns included a focus on the changes at the renovated Rosewood Arts Center, fitness patron and staff spotlights, individual features of Kettering parks, unique recruiting efforts and surveys to get resident feedback on updates to Pondview Park.

Our followers on social media jumped

12%

in 2023 to

19,214

combined on Facebook, Instagram and X.



AWARDS

Volunteer coaches make sports leagues go at PRCA and in 2023 one of our coaching stars was honored with the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association Youth Sports Coach of the Year award. Dan Bogan won the honor after coaching more than **17 sports teams** and mentoring young athletes in PRCA sports programs during his career. **8 PRCA staff members** earned their Certified Park & Recreation Professional certification in 2023. The City of Kettering was designated a Tree City USA community for the **41st** consecutive year.

ACCESSIBILITY, INCLUSION AND OPPORTUNITY

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts and the City of Kettering are committed to accessibility, inclusion and finding opportunity to reach our Kettering residents. PRCA works closely with the City of Kettering's Compliance and Inclusion Manager to educate the staff on working with all individuals, including offering program modifications as requested by patrons with disabilities. Over the next several years, our goals include reaching new participants who may not be aware of our inclusivity mission, and advocate for accessibility within our programs and facilities.

In 2023, PRCA offered the following:

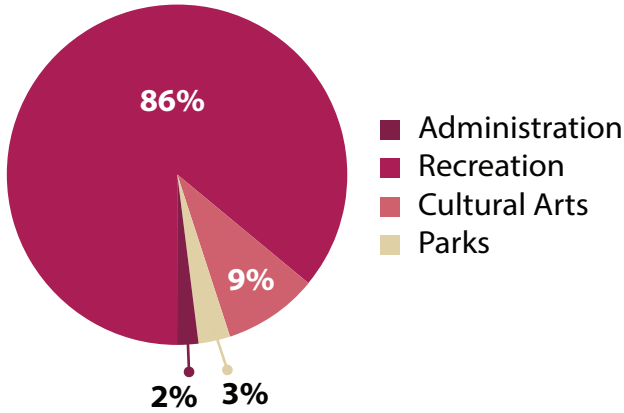
- Thanks to the generosity of our community, the annual Giving Tree program served **526 children** in 2023. Ten Kettering City Schools participated and **26 volunteers** logged over **125 hours** while assisting with the program.
- The PRCA team and volunteers continued to work with AARP to provide free tax services to seniors, filing **953 returns** and logging **2,300 volunteer hours**.
- The CIL transportation program continues to provide senior transportation to medical appointments, shopping, hair appointments, banks and pharmacies. In total for 2023, we provided **2,109 rides**, covering **35,589 miles**.
- The Kettering Recreation Complex and Kettering Fitness and Wellness Center hosted classes and activities through the Free Friday program each month, and Rosewood Arts Center offers free drop-ins for special studio use.
- Several dozen participants learned basic water skills during the free World's Largest Swim Lesson.
- Rosewood's free Art on the Playground festival was a big success.
- Rosewood Arts Center is host to the United Rehabilitation Services of Greater Dayton Academy Vocational Training Program, a transitional job training program for individuals of all ages and abilities.
- Instructors and staff continue to work closely with participants with modifications, including in dance, camps, and other recreational activities
- In partnership with Kettering City Schools, PRCA sponsored 3 free Community Hot Dog Roasts. A total of **2,500 community members** attended.



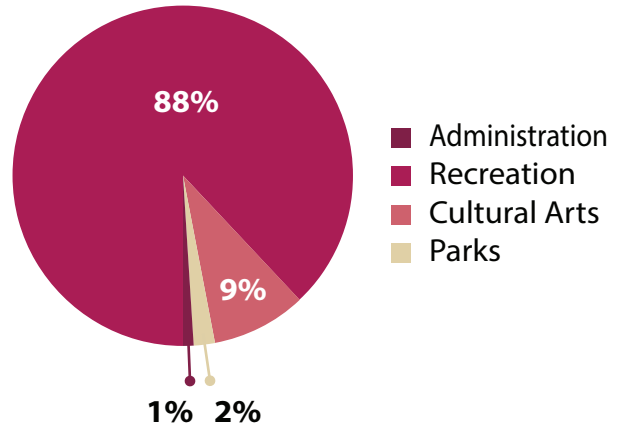
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

PRCA revenues continued to increase in 2023, as program enrollments, fitness memberships, rentals and more returned to pre-pandemic levels. The department's capital improvement projects (CIP) included the Rosewood Arts Center renovation with support from the Cultural Facilities Fund administered by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission and the pickleball courts project with support from the Kettering Parks Foundation.

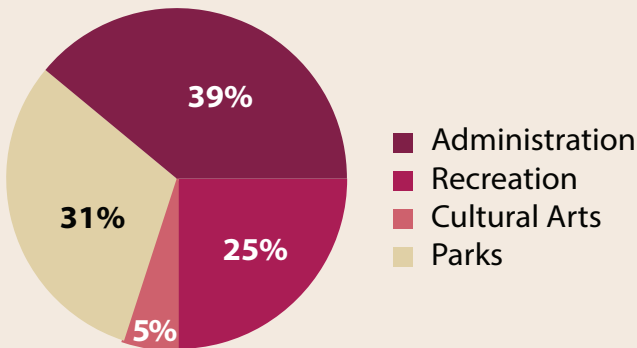
2023 TOTAL PRCA INCOME \$3,393,072



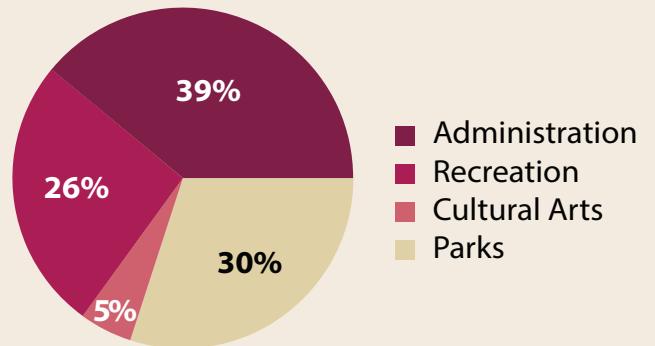
2023 BUDGETED INCOME \$3,375,000



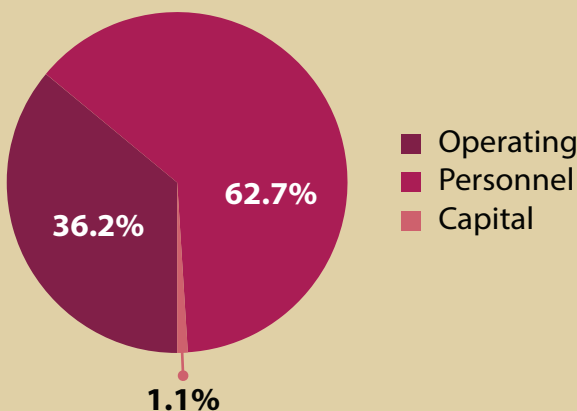
2023 TOTAL PRCA EXPENSES \$10,786,400



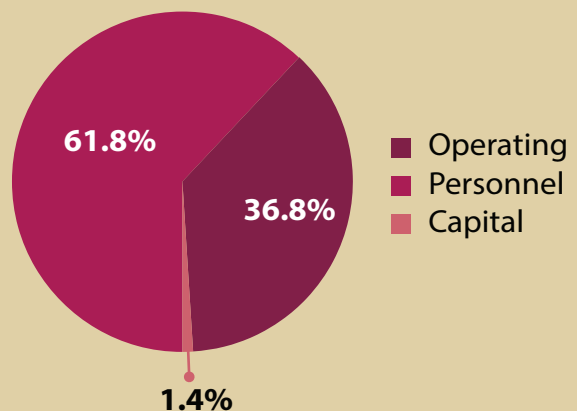
2023 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES \$11,821,270



BREAKDOWN OF PRCA EXPENSES



BREAKDOWN OF FRAZE EXPENSES





SUPPORT

January 1 – December 31, 2023

PRCA is thankful to the many individuals, foundations, corporations and community partners that make programs possible.

FOUNDATIONS

Community Fund for Kettering
The Dayton Foundation
Kettering Parks Foundation

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The Ohio Arts Council
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ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts is committed to providing high quality experiences to our residents. Several advisory committees comprised of dozens of volunteers work closely with PRCA staff on programs, special projects and much more!

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