

**CITY OF KETTERING  
PARKS, RECREATION  
AND  
CULTURAL ARTS**

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**2019  
ANNUAL REPORT**



**CITY OF KETTERING**

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

# DIRECTOR'S LETTER



Dear friends,

2019 was definitely a whirlwind year, and the Kettering Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department (PRCA) achieved a lot of success through creative programming, strong facility operations and unique one-time events. The amazing department staff identifies innovative solutions to create successful experiences for all of

our cherished customers and the numerous volunteers that support our Advisory Boards and programs.

By the numbers, PRCA's programs touch many lives in the community. 2,226 classes were offered through the year providing positive experiences for 31,965 youth and adults. Frazee Pavilion, the region's best location for summer music, hosted 115,840 guests at over 36 ticketed events. The PRCA personal training staff conducted over 5,400 sessions at both the Kettering Recreation Complex and Kettering Fitness and Wellness Center facilities. Our Parks staff managed 6,157 athletic field and court reservations serving over 2,221 children participating in sports activities.

PRCA also had some notable new programs introduced and or completed in 2019. The Environmental Education Division established Kettering's first Archery program. Through the support of Cabela's Outdoor Fund and the Ohio Department of Wildlife, our department was able to purchase new equipment to support introductory archery programs. The first three sessions of classes were sold out with a waiting list. The new Archery program is an excellent example of the department's partnerships with private foundations to support our expanding environmental education programs.

*Bee Ambitious* was a 2019 public art mosaic project that covered 11 sidewalks in the Haverstick neighborhood. It was created by artist Jes McMillan to provide outdoor play space. McMillan led four community workshops where 372 participants created all of the mosaic tiles used in the sidewalk play spaces. *Bee Ambitious* received the first place award for outstanding achievement from the Ohio Parks and Recreation Association 2019 Award of Excellence in the Cultural Arts category.

PRCA's 2019 Annual Report reflects the broad community reach that touched thousands of people this past year through the amazing programs, services and facility offerings. Thank you, Kettering; your support of and investment in the PRCA Department makes Kettering our community to call home.

All the best,

*May Beth O'Dell*

## 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.



CITY OF KETTERING

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# YEAR IN REVIEW

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts have a lot to celebrate in providing safe, fun and enriching activities and spaces to Kettering residents. Here is a look at our program highlights!



**2,226**

Registered  
Classes Offered



**19,540**

Participants  
Enrolled



**12,425**

Youth Enrolled in  
Classes and Camps



**115,840**

Fraze 2019 Season  
Total Attendance



# AQUATICS

The aquatics offerings at the Kettering Recreation Complex include an indoor 25-meter pool open year-round, sauna, steam room, whirlpool, and 3-acre outdoor Adventure Reef Water Park open annually from Memorial Day to Labor Day. In 2019, the aquatics offerings served over 85,000 guests by offering water-based fun and learning for people of all ages and swim abilities.



**60,000+**  
Adventure Reef Water  
Park Attendance led  
to a 3-year record in  
drop-in revenue.



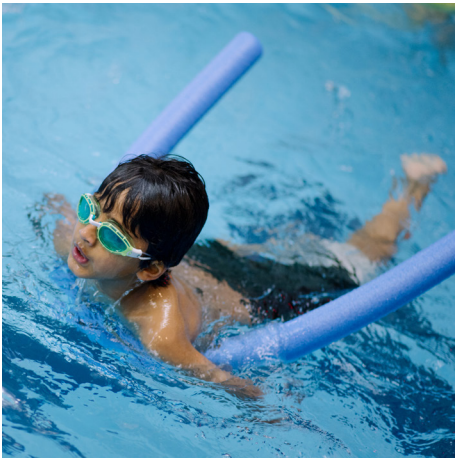
**85**  
American Red  
Cross Lifeguard  
certifications



**24,000+**  
Indoor pool  
attendance.



**2,000**  
Aquatic program  
enrollments.





Enrollment in youth classes and camps was nearly **1,400** while adult classes brought in over **1,200**, enrollments, contributing to a total attendance well over **22,000**.

Summer camps saw an increase of almost **12%** in enrollments over **2018**.



Launch of the Artist in Residence program in the Ceramic Studio and Rosewood Gallery.

# ARTS EDUCATION

Arts education is the core of Rosewood Arts Centre, with 466 class offerings and 64 artists from the region hired to teach and provide creative activities to the Rosewood community in 2019.

# ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

The environmental education program includes the Land Lab Nature Program with the Kettering City Schools and year-round classes, workshops and camps at Habitat Environmental Education Center.



**238**  
campers  
participated in  
nature camps.



**2,500+**  
Kettering School District  
youth (K-5) participated  
in Land Lab programs at  
Habitat Environmental  
Center for 2018-19.



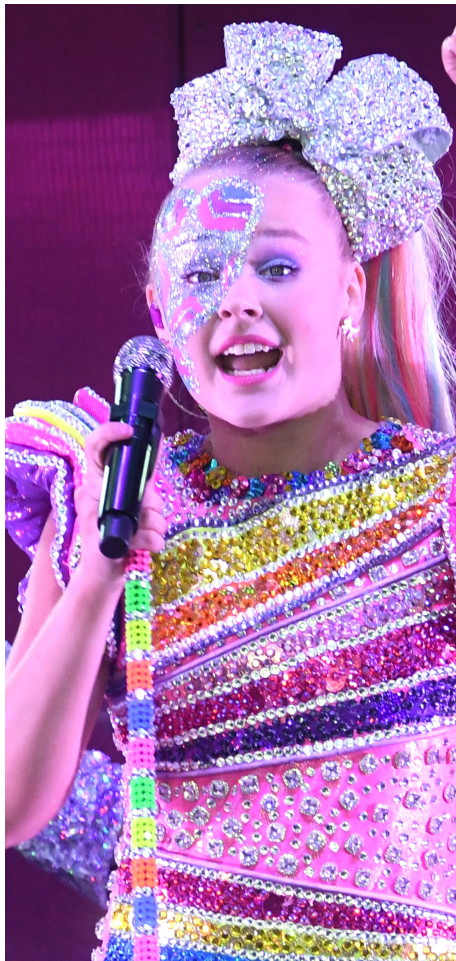
**300+**  
registered participants  
took environmental  
education classes and  
workshops.



# FRAZE PAVILION

Fraze Pavilion is southwestern Ohio's premiere neighborhood outdoor entertainment venue. In addition to a season of special performances, Fraze hosted several festivals and community events, including the annual Kettering Block Party!

Fraze hosted **11** free festivals and events with **75,500** people in attendance.



First time performances in Kettering by Charlie Wilson, Diana Ross, JoJo Siwa and Morrissey.



The 2019 season included **30** ticketed events with **80,340** ticketed/rental in attendance.

# FITNESS AND WELLNESS

The fitness centers at the Kettering Recreation Complex and the Kettering Fitness and Wellness Center (KFWC) include exercise studios, state-of-the-art equipment, a walking track, and dedicated staff. Classes, personal trainers, and additional education is offered in both locations. In 2019, KFWC began upgrading cardio equipment as a part of a new 5-year equipment replacement plan.



**5,400**  
Personal Training  
Sessions.

A-Zumba put the focus on heart health with a collaborative event at the Kettering Recreation Complex featuring free group exercise classes, a health fair, chair massage, lectures, cooking demonstrations and healthy snacks, with **489** participants.







**1,300+**  
enrollments in the  
Learn-to-Skate  
program.



**11,000+**  
Ice Arena guests.

The Ice Arena is home to Dayton Stealth Hockey, Beavercreek High School, Alter High School Hockey, South Dayton Figure Skating Club, Ice Force Synchronized Skating, Dayton Fangs Women's Hockey, Huff n' Puff Adult Hockey, University of Dayton Club Hockey, Wonder League and Wright-Patt Hockey Club.

# ICE ARENA

The Kettering Ice Arena is home to a nationally recognized Learn to Skate USA Program with offerings for any age, skill level and ability. In addition to lessons, skaters can also enjoy a variety of opportunities such as adult skates, youth and homeschool skates, open skates and even drop in stick times where guests can hone their hockey skills.

# PARKS

The Parks Division oversees 21 parks throughout the city, including basketball, volleyball, tennis and pickleball courts, playgrounds, fishing ponds, and much more. In 2019, Parks dedicated over 7,700 hours to mowing parks, medians and facility grounds!

**983**

trees, saplings and shrubs were planted within public parks, medians and facilities.



**758**

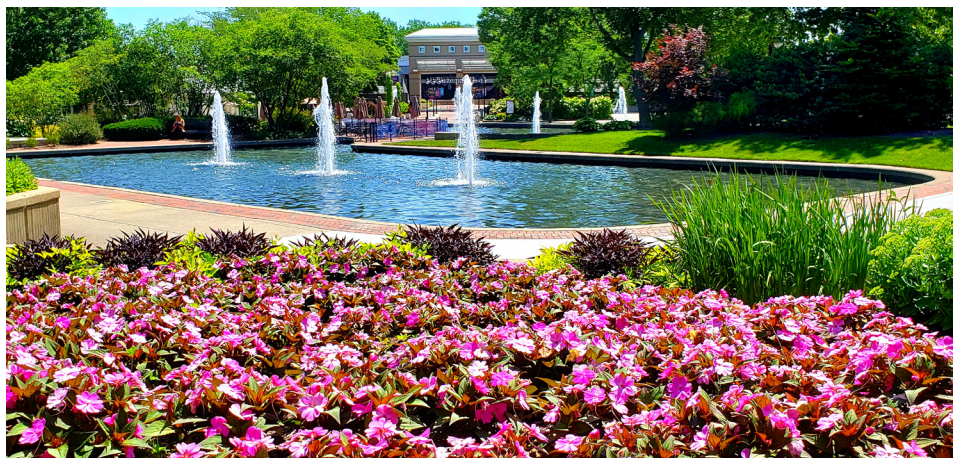
shelter reservations

Kettering was awarded the status of being a Tree City USA for the 37th consecutive year.



**6,157**

athletic fields and court reservations managed, with over 2,221 kids participating in athletic programs.



# RECREATION

In 2019, the Senior and Adult program divisions were merged into one division with the goal of building on successful ongoing programs and creating new, engaging programs for the largest and growing population in Kettering. The Youth and Family area gave the Kettering community an opportunity to explore, play, imagine and learn throughout 2019.

**8,554**  
Senior Drop-in Sports  
and Golf League  
attendance.

Senior Transportation  
Services drove  
**31,000** miles  
providing more than  
**4,000** one way  
rides, supported by over  
**1,000** volunteer hours.



**547**  
Bingo Bonanza  
participants — a 37%  
rise in attendance.



**1,643**  
Recreation Camps  
participants with  
**22** new camps.



**350**  
people attended  
Touch a Truck with  
**20** vehicles.



# ROSEWOOD GALLERY

Kettering's professional exhibition space, Rosewood Gallery, featured regional and national artists in a wide range of media. In 2019, the gallery hosted eight solo exhibitions and four juried exhibitions.

**154** artists were featured from Ohio, Arkansas, Alabama, Indiana, West Virginia, Michigan, Kentucky and Pennsylvania.



The Rosewood Photo Club was launched and meets monthly for people of all skill levels.



Special programs included a series of artist-led workshops, preschool storytime and book club programs with the Dayton Metro Library.



**2,000+** visitors experienced *Works on Paper*, *The View Landscape Exhibition*, *HWD Sculpture Exhibition* and *Art Ed: An Art Educator's Exhibition*.



Local artists and students from Kettering City Schools, Dayton Public Schools and Wright State University were featured in the inaugural Print Exchange Portfolio.

# SPORTS

The 2019 year was another successful one for athletic activities. Participation increased in youth basketball, soccer and sports camps. Adult leagues remained strong, including continued growth in the adult basketball program. We offered several new youth pre-season camps for basketball and soccer and all filled up to capacity.

**475**

Adult Sports Teams  
with more than  
**4,000** players.



**1,800**

Youth Sports players

**900**

Sports Camps  
attendance.



**300**

attended Youth and  
Adult Judo

**275**

attended Youth and  
Adult Fencing.



**255**

Volunteer Youth  
Sports coaches.



# SPECIAL EVENTS

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts organizes several special events throughout the year, including new ones and favorites, bringing thousands of people together to learn new skills, experience a new place or program, and have fun!



Fraze continued to partner with the Miami Valley Restaurant Association to host the *Taco Fiesta, Kickin' Chicken WingFest, BaconFest* and *Festival of the Vine*.

**7,000**  
attendees at *Art on the Commons* in Lincoln Park, with

**2,500**  
at the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting, and

**200**  
participated in *Walk and Bike the Arts*.



Events at Rosewood and Habitat Environmental Center included *Comic Book Studio Day, Rosewood Spring Dance Revues, A Rosewood Holiday Arts Festival* and *Art on the Playground*.



**750**

Theatre goers attended *The Magic Harmonica and Other Fanciful Tales* and *Charlotte's Web* presented by Kettering Children's Theatre in the Rosewood Theatre.



**25,000**

attended Go 4th!  
at Delco Park.



**1,000**

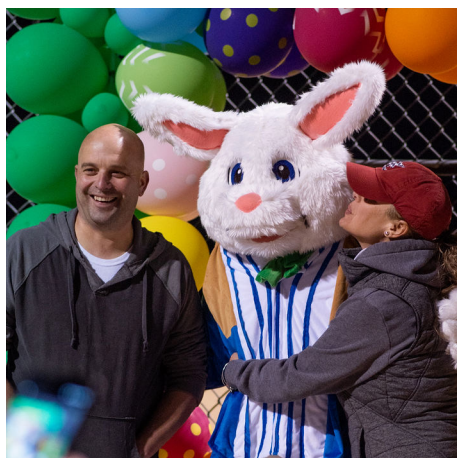
people attended *HoneyFest* at Delco Park

**225**

youth participated in the *Annual Fishing Derby* and

**900**

enjoyed the *Optimists Kids Day in the Park*.



The Recreation Complex and Polen Farm events included *Bubblefest*, *Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt*, *Movie Nights in the Park*, *Fun for Little Ones*, *Breakfast and Brunch with Santa*, *Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt* and the *New Year's Eve Family Bash*

Polen Farm hosted the Kettering Civic Band's 60 Anniversary *Summertime*, *Sousa and Sundaes* concert series with 600 attendees.

# ACCESSIBILITY, INCLUSION AND OPPORTUNITY

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts and the City of Kettering are committed to accessibility, inclusion and finding opportunities to reach our Kettering residents. PRCA works closely with the City of Kettering's Inclusion and Compliance 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 advocating for accessibility within our programs and facilities.

Adventure Reef Water Park was home to Water Park Wednesday, a program implemented to remove the financial barriers of attendance for Kettering youth wishing to participate in the recreation opportunities at the Adventure Reef Water Park



Kaleidoscope: Art and Nature on Wheels presented art activities to thousands of children in over a dozen locations throughout Kettering. New in 2019, Kaleidoscope partnered with Bogg Ministries Mobile Meals to present art activities at summertime block parties for Kettering. Kaleidoscope also continued to partner with the *Summer Fun at the Trails* camp at the Trails of Oak Creek. Both programs provide food to residents facing food insecurity.

The Kettering Giving Tree program served more than **420** school-aged children in 2019. Led by the Kettering Recreation team, this program works closely with school counselors, Kettering families in need and community members to help to provide a wonderful holiday to children in our community.



# SUPPORT

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts is proud to work closely with so many community partners to ensure residents have vibrant and enriching experiences in our parks, facilities and programs. We would like to thank the many individuals, foundations, corporations and community partners that make programs possible.

## FOUNDATIONS

Community Fund for Kettering  
The Dayton Foundation  
Joan W. McCoy Art Memorial Fund  
Kettering Dor-wood Optimists  
Kettering Parks Foundation  
Thomas Schiff Foundation

## STATE AGENCIES

The Ohio Arts Council  
The Ohio Facilities Construction  
Commission

## PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP

5 Point Cloggers  
91.3 WYSO  
937 Party Bus  
Bath Fitter  
Brookdale Kettering  
Chick-fil-A Kettering  
City BBQ  
Dayton Daily News/Cox Media  
Dayton Art Solutions  
El Rancho Grande  
ETix  
Eudora Brewing  
Farmer's Insurance: Jim Berlon  
Flying Ace Express Carwash  
Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley  
Hamburger Wagon  
HarborChase of Beavercreek  
Heartland of Kettering  
Heidelberg Distributing Co.  
Humane Society of Greater Dayton  
Jean's Pup Pup & Kit Cat Pet Care Service, LLC  
Kingston of Miamisburg  
Kenzie's K9 Design

Kettering Health Network  
Kettering Medical Center  
Kingston Healthcare  
LaRosa's Pizzeria  
Mark Fornes Realty  
MediGold  
Miami Valley Dance Company  
Miami Valley Pit Crew  
Miami Valley Regional Planning  
Commission  
The Modern College of Design  
Waker Plumbing  
Oak Creek Terrace  
Pepsi  
Poelking Lanes  
Robert K. Jones Insurance  
Richens Timm Academy of Irish Dance  
SICSA  
Solar Flare Heating & Air  
Southdale Elementary ORFF Orchestra  
Special Occasions Party Supply  
State Farm Insurance: Linda Nervis  
USA Tire & Auto Service Center  
Vibrant Home Health Care, Inc.  
Wood Glen  
Vibrant Home Health  
Village at the Greene  
Visual AIDS

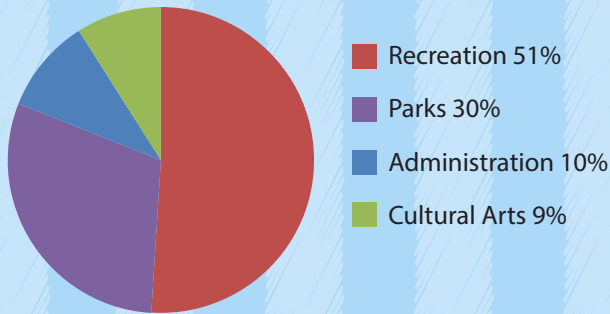
## PROGRAM PARTNERS

Five Rivers MetroParks  
American Red Cross  
Archer's Tavern  
Area Agency on Aging  
Brookdale Kettering  
City of Kettering Board of Community  
Relations  
City of Kettering Police Department  
Christopher's Restaurant and Catering

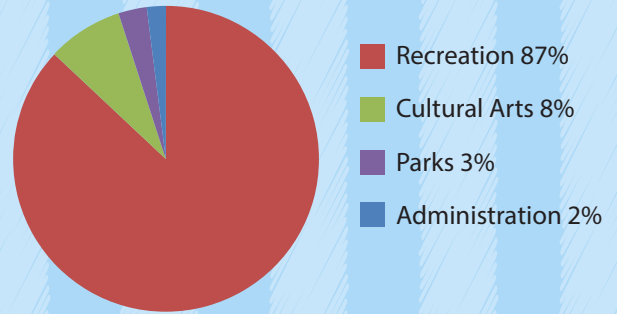
Cornell Studio Supply  
Culture Works Dayton  
Curl Troy  
Dayton Fangs Women's Hockey  
Dayton Metro Library  
Dayton Stealth  
Dayton Society of Artists  
East Kettering Recreation Club  
Easter Seals  
Fairmont Career Tech Program  
Fairmont High School Swim Team  
First Kettering Amateur League  
Gem City Comic Con  
Heartland Hospice  
Heartland of Kettering  
Hospice of Kettering  
Huff N Puff  
Humane Society of Greater Dayton  
Ice Force  
Kettering Amateur Baseball Commission  
Kettering BMX  
Kettering City Schools  
Kettering City Swim Team  
Kettering Health Network  
Kettering Youth Football and Cheer  
Organization  
Meadowlark Restaurant  
Metro Soccer Club  
Miami Valley Communications Council  
Miracle Ear  
Montgomery County Health Department  
Red Tail Photography  
Town and Country Shopping Center  
USA Hockey  
USA Skating  
Wright State University  
Wheat Penny Oven & Bar  
Washington-Centerville Public Libraries  
Wonder League  
Woodlawn Cemetery

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

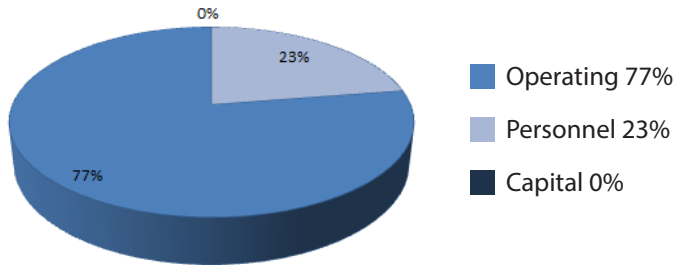
2019 TOTAL EXPENSES \$11,046,671



2019 TOTAL INCOME \$3,731,011



## 2019 FRAZE PAVILION EXPENSES



**\$3.7 MILLION**

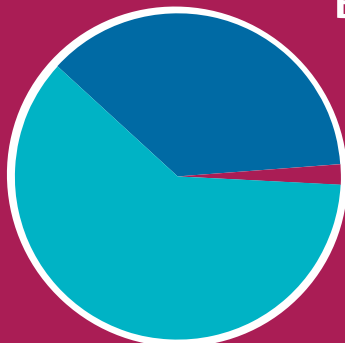
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL  
ARTS DEPARTMENT 2020  
PROJECTED REVENUE

**\$11.7 MILLION**

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL  
ARTS DEPARTMENT APPROVED  
2020 EXPENDITURES



## BREAKDOWN OF 2020 PRCA EXPENDITURE CATEGORIES BY BUDGET PERCENTAGE



37% OPERATING EXPENDITURES

2% CAPITAL EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURES

61% PERSONNEL EXPENDITURES

# 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!

## ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

Gerald Busch, Eva Buttacavoli, Susan Byrnes, Connie Campbell, Stefan Chinov, Tess Cortés, Meghan Dillon, Bruce Duke, Pete Horan, Linda Lombard (Chair), Terry Welker. PRCA Staff: Shayna V. McConville

## KETTERING ARTS COUNCIL

Laura Arber (Vice President), Susan Bennett, Sue Ellen Boesch, Christian Davell, Meghan Dillon (Secretary/Treasurer), Sandra Doninger, Gine Elliott, Pat Higgins (President), Tracy McElfresh, Thom Meyer, Pene Miller, Terry Schalnat. PRCA Staff: Shayna V. McConville

## LATHREM SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

Karen Schmitt (Chair), Edna Vanderkarr (Vice Chair), Gail Carone (Secretary), Jan Crosby, John Schmitt, Lisa Fields. PRCA Staff: Jennifer Giessler, Drew Corbett, Chris George, Vickie Carraher

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# OUR TEAM

## 2019 PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS LEADERSHIP

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Lindsey Whitley, Secretary

Ryan Davis, Administration and Special Projects Superintendent

Shauna Lewallen, Recreation Superintendent

Shayna V. McConville, Division Manager of Cultural Arts

Gary Schussler, Parks Superintendent

Rachel Sherwood, Frazee Pavilion Operations Manager

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Barry Sanders, Parks Manager

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