

DIRECTOR'S LETTER



Kettering Friends,

This is the time of year when families experience cabin fever. Don't let the weather stop you from enjoying our parks. As it starts to warm up, take time to walk the trails in our parks, fish one of our stocked ponds and enjoy outdoors as spring arrives.

Speaking of trails, we invite you to our grand opening of

the improved Pondview Park on April 30, from noon to 1:30 p.m. We are excited for you to see the changes we have made which include accessible trails and new nature learning stations. Over the past year, \$5.3 million have been invested in helping people of all abilities get up close to nature. A major portion of the funding was made possible through an Access to Recreation Grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Additional support was provided by The Dayton Foundation and the Midwest Community Foundations' Ventures.

We also invite you to attend an open house at the Kettering Recreation Complex on April 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. We will be sharing the plans to improve the Recreation Complex including a new fitness center and major changes to the water park. We will have staff available to answer your questions. We anticipate construction beginning in August 2010. The best way to stay up-to-date on all of our construction projects is to visit www.ketteringoh.org.

We want you to be part of an exciting public art project in two Kettering parks. As part of the renovation plans, residents are invited to help design and create two original works of art in Kennedy and Wenzler Parks. Local artists Tess Little, Kaethi Seidl and Beth Holyoke will lead residents through the process of creating community hands-on permanent works of art. The final installations will provide the community with a memorable and creative experience that will remain in place for the public to enjoy for years to come. Call Rosewood Arts Centre at 296-0294 for information on how to participate in this exciting public art project.

There are many opportunities for you to be involved in the exciting changes ahead for our parks and facilities. We hope to see you out and about!

Mary Beth Thoman

FACILITIES AND HOURS

The following hotline numbers offer recorded information 24 hours a day.

DEPARTMENT HOTLINE296-2500
INCLEMENT WEATHER HOTLINE296-3282
FRAZE CONCERT HOTLINE.....297-3720

KETTERING RECREATION COMPLEX ...296-2587
2900 Glengarry Drive, Kettering, OH 45420

BUSINESS HOURS:

Monday - Saturday9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday.....11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

FACILITY HOURS:

Monday - Friday6 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday.....7 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sunday (ending May 23, 2010).....11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday (beginning May 30, 2010).....11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

KETTERING ICE ARENA.....296-3293
2900 Glengarry Drive, Kettering, OH 45420

**KETTERING FITNESS & WELLNESS CENTER293-4FIT
293-4348**

3351 Shroyer Road, Kettering, OH 45429

Monday - Friday6 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday.....7 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sunday (ending May 23, 2010).....11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday (beginning May 30, 2010).....11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

CHARLES I. LATHREM SENIOR CENTER.....296-2480

2900 Glengarry Drive, Kettering, OH 45420

Monday - Thursday8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday.....8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday.....9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sunday.....12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

ROSEWOOD ARTS CENTRE296-0294
2655 Olson Drive, Kettering, OH 45420

Monday - Thursday8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday.....8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday.....9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

FRAZE PAVILION296-3300
Fraze Concert Hotline297-3720

695 Lincoln Park Boulevard, Kettering, OH 45429

www.fraze.com

Monday - Friday9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

PARKS MAINTENANCE CENTER296-2486
3170 Valleywood Drive, Kettering, OH 45429

Monday - Friday8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

POLEN FARM.....435-5787
5099 Bigger Road, Kettering, OH 45440

BUSINESS HOURS:

Monday - Friday9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Evenings and weekends by appointment. During other hours, you may leave a voice mail and a coordinator will get back to you.

KETTERING CONNECTION ... A PLACE FOR SENIORS.....296-3330

Town & Country Shopping Center Main Atrium

M & F.....8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
T-W-Th.....8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Department Administrative Office.....296-2454
Kettering Government Center, North Building

3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering, OH 45429

Monday - Friday8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department is to enhance the quality of life for all Kettering residents and to distinguish Kettering as a community of choice.

VISION STATEMENT

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department is committed to strive for excellence, focus on innovation and provide positive experiences for all users.

KETTERING PARKS FOUNDATION



The City of Kettering is committed to providing recreational opportunities to all Kettering area residents without regard to economic circumstances. For this reason, a financial assistance program is available for qualifying families or individuals through funds provided from the Kettering Parks Foundation. If you have wanted to participate in recreational activities but couldn't because of financial circumstances, we encourage you to contact the administrative office at 296-2454 for more information.

Inquiries and requests are strictly confidential. More information on the Parks Foundation and Financial Assistance applications can be found on the website at: www.ketteringparksfoundation.org.

CANCELLATION OF ACTIVITIES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

When Kettering City Schools are closed, then all registered programs are canceled. This includes appointments for our transportation program. The center is still open to card groups, billiard players, the lunch program and activities not requiring an instructor. Please call the center after 3 p.m. for determination on whether evening classes will be held as scheduled.

GIFT CERTIFICATES

A great gift idea for any occasion! Purchase gift certificates for most of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts programs. Purchase certificates at any recreation facility.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The City of Kettering Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department is committed to providing recreational opportunities to all Kettering residents without regard to economic circumstances. Many families in Kettering would love to participate in our programs but simply cannot afford the classes.

You can help make a difference. On the registration form, you will be able to make a donation to the scholarship program when registering. These funds will be distributed based on family income to Kettering residents. Imagine removing financial barriers so a child can go swimming this summer or for a senior to receive transportation to participate in programs.

If you have questions regarding the scholarship or to apply for assistance, please call 296-2454.

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ACTIVITIES GUIDE

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in volunteering for the Kettering Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department contact the City's Volunteer coordinator at 296-2433.

GROUP OVERNIGHTER

Bring your group to the KRC for a night of fun. Fridays are reserved for overnight group rentals of the gym, multipurpose room and meeting rooms. The hours are 10 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Saturday. Call 296-2587 and ask for the Rental Coordinator.

HOLIDAY AND FACILITY HOURS

Holiday	Date	KFWC	KRC	CIL
Easter	April 4	Closed	Closed	Closed
Memorial Day	May 31	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Closed

KRC and KFWC Facility Hours

Mon. – Fri.	6 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Sat.	7 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Sun.	11 a.m. – 8 p.m. (through Sunday, May 23, 2010)

CIL Facility Hours

Mon. – Th.	8 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Fri.	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sat.	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Sun.	12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

CHILD CARE HOURS

While you enjoy our programs, we will provide safe, healthy and nurturing care for your child. Our nursery is staffed with mature individuals trained in standard first aid and CPR. Nursery services are available to parents engaged in activities at the Kettering Recreation Complex (including the adjacent outdoor track), Kettering Fitness & Wellness Center, Rosewood Arts Centre, Polen Farm, and the Ice Arena. Please stop by and check us out. For more information, call 296-2587.

Hours: Effective April 1, 2010 – Friday, May 21, 2010 (Summer hours begin Monday, May 24, 2010)

M – F: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 Sat.: 8:45 a.m. – noon
(Through May 1, 2010 Only)

M - Th Evenings: 4:20 – 8 p.m.

Special Hours: May 31 Memorial Day Closed

Ages: Infant through 10 years

Cost: \$2.50/hour for first child
 \$1/hour for each additional child
 A babysitting card is available for \$18.50 for 10 hours of child care and may be purchased at the front desk. A minimum of 30 minutes will be charged per visit. There is a 2-hour time limit per visit.

Location: Kettering Recreation Complex

ACCESS TO ALL

If you are a person with a disability and would like more information and support for accessibility of programs and facilities, please give us a call at 296-2587. Leisure assistance may be scheduled upon request.

PROGRAM INSTRUCTORS

If you have a specialty to share, we want to work with you to develop new programs. We're always looking for instructors in the following areas: after-school programs for youth, fitness, teen programs, leisure classes and the arts. If you're interested, call 296-2587.

www.ketteringoh.org

CODE OF CONDUCT

Upon entering a City of Kettering recreation facility and/or grounds, you are a participant of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department's program and, therefore, required to abide by the rules of the department. Your cooperation and consideration of these rules will help ensure all participants' enjoyment at our programs. For Code of Conduct details, visit www.ketteringoh.org.

FAIR SHARE POLICY

The Kettering resident or person working in Kettering makes a significant contribution to the financing and operation of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department. The City property tax and income tax are paid whether or not the individual participates or uses the facilities of the department. The fair share concept is intended to apportion to non-residents an equalized fee, so that they contribute to the overall financing of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department on an equitable basis with the resident. It is hoped that this policy will give not only equitable treatment, but also a better understanding of fees and overall financing to both residents and non-residents. For more information on verifying resident status, see page 69.

FACILITY RENTALS

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department makes many of its facilities available for rent. Consider these possibilities when planning your group's meeting, party, retreat or other activity.

- Kettering Recreation Complex and Charles I. Lathrem Senior Center—Consider holding your meeting, private party or reception at the Kettering Recreation Complex or Senior Center. We offer a variety of room sizes. Call 296-2587.
- Group Overnight or After Prom — Bring your group to the KRC for a night of fun. During fall, winter and spring, Fridays are reserved for overnight group rentals of the gym, multipurpose room and meeting rooms. The hours are 11 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Saturday. Call 296-2587.
- KRC Gymnasium — Groups may rent half of the gym or the entire gym for a per hour fee. Call 296-2587 and ask for the Fitness/Sports Coordinator.
- KRC Main Pool — The KRC Main Pool may be rented during various hours after open-swim sessions. Rates vary according to residency and group needs. See page 21 or call 296-2587.
- Kettering Ice Arena — The arena is available for rent during various hours. Hours and rates vary. Call 296-2587.
- KRC Lockers — Lockers are available for rent. The fee is 25¢ per day or \$25/resident and \$39/non-resident for a one-year locker pass. Call 296-2587.
- Towels — Towels may be rented at the KRC for 50¢ per visit or \$32/resident, \$48/non-resident for a one-year pass. Call 296-2587.
- Rosewood Arts Centre — This facility offers both large and small rooms for rent at a per-hour rate of \$30 to \$45 for residents and \$60 to \$85 for non-residents. The hourly fee for the theatre is \$45 for residents and \$85 for non-residents. Non-profit organizations may qualify for slightly lower rates. In addition, Rosewood offers private studio space for \$70 a month (resident) and \$110 a month (non-resident).
- Rosewood Lockers — Lockers are available for \$5 a month for residents and \$6 a month for non-residents or on a six-month pre-pay plan for \$20 residents and \$25 for non-residents.
- Southdale Center — Kettering residents may rent this facility at 3036 Bellflower (behind Southdale School) for \$45 for the first hour. Each additional hour costs an additional \$20. Rates for non-residents are higher. Call 296-2486 for more information.
- Picnic Shelters — Seven shelters in four Kettering parks may be reserved for use between April 1 and Oct. 31. Shelters must be reserved in person at the Parks Maintenance Center, 3170 Valleywood Drive. See page 63 for more information or call 296-2486.
- Picnic Kits — Kits that include a volleyball and net, four badminton rackets, two shuttle cocks, a softball and bat, whiffle football, utility ball, Frisbee and whiffle ball and bat may be rented for your special outing. For more information, call 296-2486.

Registration starts now! See page 68.