



The **TREE CITY** Bulletin

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Who To Call At The City of Kent...

Emergency – Police, Fire, Ambulance	9-1-1
After Hours Non-Emergency Concerns	330.673.7732
Building Division – <i>Building Permits</i>	330.678.8107
Income Tax Division	330.678.8103
Clerk of Council	330.678.8007
City Manager’s Office	330.676.7500
<i>Door-to-door solicitation, special event permits</i>	
Community Development Department	330.678.8108
<i>Economic development, housing rehab, zoning</i>	
Engineering Division – <i>Street and Sidewalk construction</i>	330.678.8106
Fire Department - Non-emergency	330.673.8814
Health Department	330.678.8109
<i>Animal bites, birth/death certificates, food service inspections, pest control</i>	
Parks & Recreation Department	330.673.8897
Police Department - Non-emergency	330.673.7732
<i>24-hour calls, stray animals</i>	
Police Department - Investigations	330.673.7733
Police Department - Administration	330.673.3221
Republic Services of Ohio Hauling, LLC - Residential Rubbish Removal.	1.800.247.3644
Recycling Center	330.678.8808
Service Department	330.678.8105
<i>Yard Waste Transfer Site, signs, traffic lights, street maintenance, trees, water/sewer problems</i>	
Utility Billing – <i>Water, sewer, stormwater and recycling bills</i>	330.678.8104

Trash Collection Reminder

Please be reminded that City Ordinance 521.08 states:

Collection Time Period: Each container placed at the curb or alley, and each other item set out for collection, shall be placed at the location no earlier than 7:00 pm of the day before collection, in the locality as established by the City’s Refuse and Recycling Contractor.

Container Retrieval: The empty solid waste receptacles and recycle storage containers shall be removed from the curbside by 7:00 pm the day collection has taken place.



Just a reminder, the City of Kent tests the siren system twice per month:

1st Wednesday at 11:00 am
3rd Wednesday at 6:00 pm

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Volunteers are needed to fill a number of Board and Commission positions. Please review the job descriptions below carefully. More applications and information is available at www.kentohio.org/boards/vacancies.asp **NOTE:** By statutory definition, "elector" means anyone of voting age and a resident of the City. The Kent City Charter Section 8.01 mandates that all appointments to City Boards and Commissions shall be electors of the City, with the exception of the Board of Building Appeals.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH August 30, 2016

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Volunteer. One (1) vacancy. Must be elector of the City. The board shall have a minimum of two (2) professionals practicing in one or more of the following fields: architecture, planning, landscape architecture, history or historic preservation, or urban design.

Term: Three year term commencing 09.18.16.

BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS

Volunteer. One (1) vacancy. One would serve as Alternate. Members of the Board shall hear appeals to decisions of the Building Official and appeals for variances to the requirements of the Code.

Term: Three year term commencing immediately.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Volunteer. One (1) vacancy. Responsible for appointing and supervising Health Commissioner, public nurses, clerks, physicians, and other persons as necessary. Responsible for passing regulations for public health, prevention of disease, and prevention and abatement of nuisances.

Term: One five-year term commencing on 09.21.16.

EQUALIZATION ASSESSMENT BOARD

Volunteer. Twelve (12) vacancies. Must be elector of the City as well as a property owner. Members of the Board shall hear objections to estimated special assessments for particular projects in the City. Boards for specific projects shall be selected, by lot, from the Assessment Equalization Board.

Term: Three-year terms.

INCOME TAX BOARD OF REVIEW

Volunteer. One (1) vacancy. Must be elector of the City. Members of the Board hear appeals on any ruling or decision regarding income taxation.

Term: Two-year term commencing on August 15, 2016.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Volunteer. One (1) vacancy. Must be elector of the City. Complete custody and control of the shade trees planted on any public street in the City in conjunction with the Kent City Service Department.

Term: One four-year term.

STORMWATER DISTRICT REVIEW AND APPEALS BOARD

Volunteer. One (1) vacancy. The Board will hear appeals regarding disputes brought by owners and non-owners concerning application of the city's Stormwater Utility Chapter and will have the authority to make adjustments to provide relief due to unique circumstances which reduce the burden of operating, constructing, repairing and maintaining the stormwater utility system.

Term: Two two-year term commencing immediately.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Volunteer. One (1) vacancy. Must be a resident of the City and possess some technical knowledge and/or strong understanding of environmental issues. The Commission is responsible for the examination of the current and proposed policies and programs and shall make evaluations on their environmental impact as well as their effect on the livability and sustainability of the community.

Terms: One three-year term commencing on 10.19.16.



Trick or Treat in Kent – Trick or Treat in Kent will be Sunday, October 30th from 3:00 - 5:00 pm.

Please remember to turn your front porch lights ON if you plan to participate.



Standing Up For Orlando and Each Other

By Dave Ruller, Kent City Manager

At City Council's June meeting, Council unanimously passed a motion asking the staff to script a letter on their behalf in support of the Orlando community and to make a public statement for acceptance and understanding of one another regardless of how we look, where we come from, or what we believe.

Council's letter (included below) was forwarded to the local newspapers and the *Orlando Sentinel*. The *Orlando Sentinel* responded with their gratitude and published the letter online and in print.

In the wake of tragedies like Orlando, there's an overwhelming urge to help but there's often few outlets to channel acts of compassion. As a result, most of the time we end up distraught by the incident and later discouraged by the futility of our response.

That's especially true for City staff and City Council members who take an oath to help people and are used to jumping in to fix things when things go wrong. Sitting idly by is not in the DNA of community leaders, even when the affected community isn't their own, which is why Kent City Council members started talking about what they could do in response to the Orlando tragedy.

Where do you begin when you're 1,000 miles away and the issues are complicated, emotional, and even controversial, all of which conventional political wisdom says to avoid. Ultimately City Council cared more about people than conventional wisdom which is why they voted to go public in their advocacy for Orlando and people of all makes and models.

Here's to hoping that enough small acts of kindness make a difference.

July 5, 2016

OPEN LETTER: Standing Up for Orlando and One Another

In the aftermath of the tragic shooting on June 12th in Orlando, Florida, the Honorable Mayor and members of the Kent City Council join the nation in disbelief, sorrow, and anger over the latest act of senseless violence motivated by prejudice and intolerance.

As Kent's City leaders we chose to serve on City Council to help make our hometown a better place and although Orlando is over 1,000 miles outside of Kent's City limits, we still felt inspired to do something, say something, to stand-up for people separated from us in miles but connected in spirit.

The Kent community knows that bad things can happen in good places and we offer this letter to show our support for the people of Orlando -- and we hope that by taking a public stand for universal acceptance we can in our own small way, diminish the hatred that leads to inexplicable acts of violence.

As Council men and women we know how hard it is to legislate civil behavior but the profound loss experienced in Orlando should be a wake-up call to community leaders everywhere to not let their hometowns be held hostage to the worn out political rhetoric that serves no public good in tearing us apart. Instead, let's champion our common ground, our shared humanity, and the fundamental rights of each and every one of us to live without fear because of where we came from, what we look like, or what we choose to believe in.

That's America at its best and that's what inspired our Founding Fathers over 200 years ago. That's more than our civic duty, it's a promise we make to each other every day. It's our turn to make sure we're all living up to that promise.

As a college town that celebrates its eclectic mix of residents, the Mayor and Members of Kent City Council are profoundly saddened by the acts of mass violence that have taken so many from friends and families, far too soon. Council mourns for those who have lost loved ones and for those who have been injured in body or mind by this tragedy.

Our greatest strength as a community is rooted in the diversity of the people who call Kent home, and as public officials, we stand united in rejecting intolerance. We hope our stance will influence the decision-makers at the State and Federal levels to examine policies that will protect all populations, but more importantly, we hope our comments will remind everyone that we are at our best as small towns, big cities, and as a nation, when we stand together.

*Sincerely,
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Melissa Long, Council Member at Large
Robin Turner, Council Member, Ward 3
Roger Sidoti, Council Member at Large
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Heidi L. Shaffer, Council Member, Ward 5*

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City of Kent Administrative Offices and Council Chambers Relocated



Just a friendly reminder that a number of City departments have been moved from 325. S. Depeyster and E. Summit Street.

Budget and Finance

930 Overholt Road (Service Admin Complex)

City Manager

319 S. Water Street (Police Building)

Civil Service

930 Overholt Road (Service Admin Complex)

Clerk of Council

320 S. Depeyster Street (Fire Station)

Council Chambers

320 S. Depeyster Street (Fire Station)

Health Department

414 E. Main Street (SR 59)

Human Resources

320 S. Depeyster Street (Fire Station)

Law Department

319 S. Water Street (Police Building)

Mayor

320 S. Depeyster Street (Fire Station)

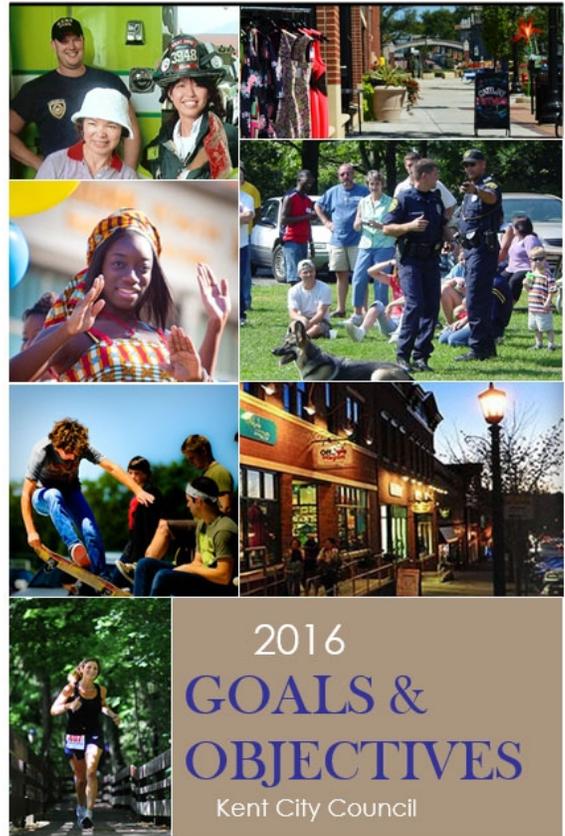
Utility Billing

930 Overholt Road (Service Admin Complex)

Standing Up For Orlando and Each Other

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Enjoyment of Kent's multi-cultural mix runs deep in Kent and is publicly stated as one of the community's top strategic priorities so that we never lose sight of it.



2016
GOALS & OBJECTIVES
Kent City Council

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Strategic Goal

Communities Within the City

"to strengthen the quality and enhance the value of neighborhoods"

Objectives:

- Strengthen and build effective partnerships with the City's diverse community; celebrate and capitalize on Kent's diversity.
- Provide services and programs for a multi-cultural audience.
- Increase awareness, participation and compliance with neighborhood code issues.
- Promote rehabilitation and sustainable infill development.
- Develop programs that encourage neighborhood based initiatives and planning.
- Partner with Kent State University to revitalize campus border neighborhoods.
- Seek programs that instill a sense of neighborhood pride.
- Strive to improve the rate of home ownership in Kent.
- Enhance neighborhood identities.





Home Heritage Concerts Series

Music will again be in the air in downtown Kent on select Thursday evenings through September 8th. Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket and join the growing number of music lovers in Hometown Bank Plaza in downtown Kent for great music and relaxation! All concerts are on Thursdays, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. *Rain dates are the following Thursday, if performer is available.*

September 8th

Western Reserve Community Band
(Tribute to 9/11 First Responders)
Kent Hometown Bank Plaza



Celebrate Portage - a project dedicated to invigorating a vibrant and exciting Portage County - is once again planning a **Community Volunteer Day**.

Join volunteers from across Portage County as they come together for a day of service. Community and social service volunteer projects will be available in communities across Portage County. Volunteers may join as an individual or sign-up their group.

Volunteers will be matched with projects, to be completed September 6th.

To sign-up or to submit a volunteer project for consideration please contact Portage County Treasurer Brad Cromes at bcromes@portageco.com. For more information please contact the Celebrate Portage! Steering Committee at admin@celebrateportage.org.



AUTUMN WORD SEARCH



September	Rake	E	L	H	F	A	L	L	N	E	E	W	O	L	L	A	H
Harvest	Football	L	C	A	V	E	T	E	R	A	N	A	F	A	E	L	I
Leaf	October	E	H	R	T	H	A	N	K	S	G	I	V	I	N	G	N
School	Homecoming	C	I	V	F	T	U	S	E	P	T	E	M	B	E	R	W
Chilly	Halloween	T	L	E	I	D	N	M	P	E	K	A	R	I	A	A	O
Labor Day	Veteran	I	L	S	A	G	N	I	M	O	C	E	M	O	H	R	N
Fall	Election	O	Y	T	F	O	O	T	B	A	L	L	O	O	H	C	S
Thanksgiving	Snow	N	L	A	B	O	R	D	A	Y	O	C	T	O	B	E	R
Autumn	Vote	N	M	U	T	U	A	J	W	K	B	V	O	T	E	Q	N
November	Pumpkin	F	R	E	B	M	E	V	O	N	G	P	C	A	N	D	Y
Columbus Day	Candy	C	J	P	U	M	P	K	I	N	L	S	H	R	S	J	R
		L	Y	A	D	S	U	B	M	U	L	O	C	Q	E	A	W

The Portage County Land Bank

Bridget Susel, Community Development Director

Ohio land banks were initially established in counties with high density residential areas and were formed as a mechanism for addressing some of the problems that were developing as a result of rising vacancy rates. But abandoned and blighted properties are not only a problem for big cities. Deteriorated and abandoned properties also are present throughout smaller communities and government officials everywhere struggle to address these vacant properties and the problems that they bring, including crime, safety hazards and adverse effects on the values of surrounding properties.

In 2012, the Portage County Commissioners authorized the formation of the County's first land bank in response to grant funding that was made available to land banks as part of the Moving Ohio Forward Program established through the State of Ohio Attorney General's office. The Portage County Land Reutilization Corporation (PCLRC) was awarded more than \$880,000 in Moving Ohio Forward grant dollars, which was used to leverage an additional \$328,000 in other funding. The combined total of more than \$1.2 million was used to demolish 129 vacant and abandoned properties throughout various Portage County communities.

While the Moving Ohio Forward programmatic results are significant, the program also generated additional ancillary benefits that were unlikely to occur without the grant. In Kent, for example, the Community Development Department staff identified a total of 17 blighted and abandoned properties for possible demolition through the Moving Ohio Forward program, but when the City's legal department initiated the needed filings to secure court-ordered demolition authority for the properties, eight of those properties, all of which had been vacant and left in a state of deterioration for years, were actively marketed for sale and purchased by new owners who then completed significant interior and exterior renovations to the properties.

The formation of the County's land bank also has provided a mechanism for addressing vacant and foreclosed upon properties that some private lending institutions want to donate for redevelopment. Since the onset of the mortgage crisis in 2008, the City of Kent's Community Development Department has received numerous calls from housing mortgage lending entities that have had abandoned properties

put back in their legal control through the foreclosure process, but that are in such a state of deterioration, re-selling the property would be a challenge so they want to donate it to the City. The City was unable to accept these properties because of legislative and financial constraints, but now with the land bank in place, such donations can be accepted, the dilapidated structures razed, and the parcels made available for productive re-use.



As the largest municipality in Portage County, the City of Kent has a representative on the PCLRC Board of Directors. To those unfamiliar with the workings of the land bank, the Board's redevelopment activities may seem slow, but substantive change takes time, whether it is through capitalizing on opportunities for individual in-fill lot residential construction, or assembling enough

land to allow for larger scale redevelopment. Land banks provide a unique opportunity to combine the public sector commitment to fostering greater neighborhood stability and positive community development, with the efficiencies and effectiveness available through a private sector non-profit corporation. The City of Kent is fortunate to have the Portage County Land Reutilization Corporation here and working to promote redevelopment and develop new initiatives that can turn once blighted properties, into viable opportunities for reinvestment.





Economic Development 4-1-1

By Tom Wilke, Economic Development Director

Local Business Resources

Generally speaking, the primary goal of economic development is to create and retain jobs by helping businesses to either locate in the area or to grow if they are already here. Our region is fortunate to have several resources dedicated to this effort including yours truly and I offer you a brief overview of each of them.

City of Kent

The city has a low interest revolving loan fund that can be used in conjunction with local bank financing to invest in most business related assets necessary for startups or expansion projects.

There are three Community Reinvestment Areas (CRAs) in the city. If a new commercial structure is built or an existing commercial structure is expanded, part of the property taxes on the improvements may be eligible for exemption.

The Downtown Façade Loan/Grant Program provides an incentive for the owners of our downtown buildings to make improvements in their facades such as awnings, signage, windows and doors. As the name of the program suggests, the incentive is the form of a combination of loans and grants.

The City assists with site selection by maintaining a list of all the available commercial properties with as much information as is available on each of them.

I can help with these programs and can be reached at 330.676.7582 or wilket@kent-ohio.org.

Portage Development Board

The Portage Development Board (PDB) is a 501 (C)(3) private non-profit organization which consists of a Board of Directors and a nine-member Executive Committee. PDB's responsibilities include providing assistance to industrial Realtors, builders, local industries and local communities in an effort to maintain and improve the economic base in Portage County.

The Portage Development Board connects its customers to resources that can assist in starting a business, expanding its markets, and utilizing its human and capital resources more effectively. PDB can also help find capital to purchase sites and buildings; build buildings; buy and upgrade machinery and equipment, and even find working capital. Additionally, the Portage Development Board can help connect a company to resources that can help enhance their existing workforce or help locate additional skilled workers.

Portage County Port Authority

The Portage County Port Authority (PCPA), created by the Portage County Board of Commissioners, provides an additional economic development tool for Portage County.

Because of its tax-exempt status, the Portage County Port Authority can pass savings on to economic development projects. That makes more projects possible. The PCPA can also loan money at competitive rates and terms, acquire and sell property to economic development projects, issue revenue bonds for port authority facilities, and much more. For more information on the Portage Development Board and the Portage County Port Authority visit our website at www.portagedevbd.org.

Ohio Small Business Development Center

The Ohio Small Business Development Center (SBDC) network is the state's premier technical assistance program for small business. SBDCs provide no cost confidential, in-depth, one to one counseling to businesses that currently have less than 500 employees. Additional services include workshops and other training on topics of importance to businesses, e-counseling, technical assistance, loan package guidance and information on federal, state and local regulations and programs.

The SBDC serving Kent is hosted by the Summit-Medina Business Alliance located in Akron. Susan McGann, a Certified Business Advisor, assists Kent residents from a satellite office provided by the City's Department of Community Development at 930 Overholt Road. She can be contacted at 330.678.8108 or via email at smcgann@akronsbdc.org. McGann has been working with the SBDC and Kent-based businesses since 2008.

The Ohio Small Business Development Center network is part of a partnership between the US Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Ohio Development Services Agency.

Akron SCORE

Akron SCORE's mission is to utilize the business knowledge & skills of its volunteer counselors to successfully guide entrepreneurs & existing small businesses toward their goals in Medina, Portage, Summit and Wayne Counties. The Akron chapter was formed in 1965 and has 70 counseling professionals with diverse business backgrounds. During 2014, Akron SCORE provided services to more than 3,000 clients through face-to-face counseling and the 100 business workshops it conducted. All services provided by this SCORE chapter are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL.

SCORE's mentors, comprised of active and retired business men and women, provide clients with free and confidential business counseling. Counseling can be conducted at the client's place of business, at our chapter headquarters, by telephone or via email.

SCORE mentors and representatives from the local business community conduct a variety of regularly scheduled, low-cost educational workshops that provide valuable information and techniques necessary for establishing and managing a successful business. Contact SCORE at 330.379.3163 or akronscore81@aol.com.

Hear A Siren...Move To The Right

By Scott Simmons, Kent Fire Department

If you or someone you love is in need of emergency assistance, you want help to get there right away. Did you know that there is one thing everyone can do to help the firefighters provide this emergency assistance as quickly as possible? It is as simple as Moving to the Right for Sirens and Lights!

Every year in the US, there are almost 16,000 collisions involving fire department emergency vehicles while responding to or returning from incidents. These collisions result in over 1,000 firefighter injuries and almost 50 deaths.

Many people panic or simply do not adhere to the rules of the road for approaching emergency vehicles. The law is very specific; drivers must yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle, and failure to do so can cause serious accidents or delays in ambulances, fire engines and fire trucks arriving at the scene of an emergency. Firefighters are careful to avoid vehicle collisions by driving slowly when traveling against traffic, or coming to a complete stop at intersections. However, the cooperation of ALL vehicles on the roadway is essential.

There are some simple rules to follow when you are on the road and encounter an emergency vehicle:

DO:

- ★ Stay calm
- ★ Pull to the right and come to a complete stop.
- ★ If you are traveling on a high-speed road or if there is no room to stop, slow down as much as possible.
- ★ If you are in the left lane, pull over into the right lane as traffic in the lane to your right moves over.
- ★ If you cannot move to the right because of another vehicle or obstacle, just stop. Your action will let the driver of the emergency vehicle know what you are doing and allow the driver to anticipate where to drive.
- ★ When an emergency vehicle approaches you from behind while you are stopped at an intersection, stay where you are unless you can pull to the right.
- ★ On a 4-lane highway or street without barriers, both sides of traffic should pull to the right.
- ★ Be careful when driving by or around a motor vehicle accident or any situation where emergency vehicles are parked and the firefighters are working.
- ★ Drivers should stay at least 500 feet behind emergency vehicles.



DON'T:

- ★ Don't panic.
- ★ Don't play your radio so loudly that you are unable to hear sirens.
- ★ Don't stop in the middle lane when there is room to pull to the right.
- ★ Don't pull to the left in the center lane or left turn lane. Don't race ahead to make the green light or turn before the emergency vehicle gets there.
- ★ Don't turn quickly to the left onto a street or driveway.
- ★ Don't drive through a red light or stop sign when an emergency vehicle approaches from behind.
- ★ If the emergency vehicle is traveling on the opposite direction of a divided highway or street, you do not need to pull over.
- ★ Don't disregard the presence of the emergency vehicle by continuing to drive.



Citizen Action Center

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- Make a service request

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Special Event Planning

By Captain Jim Prusha, Kent Police Department

A number of City sponsored special events occur throughout the year in Kent which take considerable planning and resources from city staff members. Examples include Oktoberfest, Heritage Festival, Art and Wine Festival, Grill for Good, Earth Day, International Festival, Festival of Lights, Dog Days of Summer, several running races/duathlons/triathlons, and parades.

Many of these annual events help identify Kent as the unique and vibrant city it is today.

Event sponsors must obtain a permit from the City Manager's Office no earlier than one year before the event and no later than one month before the event. City Council approval is needed for new events and for those lasting more than three hours. The planning for these special events can be substantial. Consideration is given to profit vs. non-profit entities, the location, duration and affected disruption (businesses, roads closed, detours, noise levels generated, etc.) of the general public and public conveniences. The process for planning an event is guided by Kent City Ordinance 316 and generally facilitated through the police department administration.

Many considerations must be made before a special event permit is approved including: access to businesses and residences, alcohol consumption (*requiring a liquor permit*), anti-discrimination provisions, fire prevention/suppression, health department inspections and licensing for food vendors, restroom facilities, first aid kits, hand washing stations, hours of set-up/operation/clean-up, proof of liability insurance by the sponsor, neighborhood approval, noise limitations, pavement protection, security, and trash/recycling. These considerations must be made for the protection of the general

public and to enable Kent City Council to make an informed decision for permit issuance based on the nature of the event.

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) describes the event and the services that may be required of the City. Services that may be required are provided by the police, fire, health, and service departments for many of the special events. City employees provide services to ensure these events are safe and minimally disruptive. Services provided include health inspections, fire safety inspections, road blockades, police security, utility connections, street sweeping, etc. Some events require substantial city resources which also require cost estimates as a provision for council's approval.

Many of these events are held in the newly redeveloped downtown area. They typically proceed without any issues and participants have a great time. This is partially due to the extensive planning and preparation that event sponsors and city staff members take in order to accomplish a successful special event. We are proud of our city and work cooperatively with community members in order to celebrate our community.



Furnace Replacement & Hot Water Tank Replacement

FREE to Qualifying Households

By Dan Morganti, Grants & Neighborhood Programs Coordinator

The Kent Furnace Inspection and Targeted Replacement Program is available to income-eligible homeowners living within Kent City limits. This program provides:

1) **FREE** furnace inspections, cleaning, tune-up, repairs and *possible furnace replacement*; 2) *possible replacement* of hot water tank and/or installation of expansion tank; 3) one combination carbon monoxide/smoke alarm and additional smoke alarms, as needed; 4) referral to additional energy conservation programs; and 5) *energy conservation education* to further increase energy efficiency and reduce heating costs. **Replacement of an inefficient furnace is one of the simplest and most effective ways to reduce your impact on the environment and your contribution to global warming.**

The Community Action Council of Portage County operates this program through a grant from the City of Kent Community Development Department. Licensed heating and plumbing contractors obtain permits and inspections issued by the City of Kent Building Department. In order to qualify for the program, you must (1) own and occupy your single family home, (2) meet low-to-moderate income guidelines, and (3) complete the application and provide all required documentation. Elderly applicants, disabled applicants, and families with minor children are given priority. *The program is designed to offer a one-time service.* To obtain additional information and an application, e-mail Gloria Haven at ghaven@cacportage.net or Lisa Clement O'Dell at lclement@cacportage.net, call 330.297.1456, visit our website on-line at www.cacportage.net, or stop by in person at Community Action Council, 1036 W. Main St. in Ravenna, open 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.



Kent Police Department

If you are interested in the progress of the new police station, please visit

www.kentpd.org

for regular updates.



Child Immunization Clinics Held Monthly

Is your child fully immunized? Immunizing children on time is the best protection against dangerous childhood diseases. Vaccines protect children against potentially disabling and life-threatening diseases such as hepatitis B, pertussis (whooping cough), diphtheria, tetanus, haemophilus influenzae B, pneumococcal infections (meningitis), measles, mumps, rubella, rotavirus, chicken pox, polio, and human papilloma virus.

The Kent City Health Department works closely with the Portage County Health Department to provide child immunizations every month.

- When:** Every 3rd Wednesday of each month
3:00 - 5:00pm
- Where:** 414 East Main Street
- Who:** All children, 2 months- age 18 years
- Cost:** \$10 per shot, FREE to those who can't pay!
Medicaid, Buckeye, Care Source, and United Health accepted

Immunization Schedule

Recommended Age	Vaccine
Birth	Hep B
2 Months	DTaP, Hep B, Hib, PCV, Polio, Rotavirus
4 Months	DTaP, Hib, PCV, Polio, Rotavirus
6 Months	DTaP, Hep B, Hib, PCV, Rotavirus, Flu
12 Months	Hep A, MMR, Varicella
15 to 18 Months	DTaP, Hep A, Hib, PCV, Polio
4 to 6 years	DTaP, MMR, Polio, Varicella
11 to 18 years	Meningococcal, HPV, Tdap, Hep A

Fall 2016 Brush Collection Program

The City of Kent's Central Maintenance Division collects brush at the curb twice each year. The 2016 Fall Brush Collection Program will commence **Monday, October 3rd**.

Brush will be collect in the NORTHEAST section	Monday, October 3 rd to Friday, October 7 th
Brush will be collected in the SOUTHEAST section	Monday, October 10 th to Friday, October 14 th
Brush will be collected in the NORTHWEST section	Monday, October 17 th to Friday, October 21 st
Brush will be collected in the SOUTHWEST section	Monday, October 24 th to Friday, October 28 th

Please see pages 20 and 21 to reference your street's location.

Residents are asked to please place brush at the curb or edge of street before the first Monday of their street's scheduled collection period to ensure collection.

Crews will make only one pass down each street during the scheduled collection period

Please place your brush at the curb prior to the first Monday of your collection period, as there will not be a second pass in your neighborhood. Chipping crews will spend a maximum of thirty minutes at each residence. Residents that miss the collection or have an excessive amount of brush will be responsible to dispose of their brush on their own. It may be taken to the City Yard Waste Transfer Site located on Plum Street near the entrance to Plum Creek Park.

Placement of brush should be on the tree lawn and close to the curb or the edge of pavement with the cut ends facing the street. If possible, leave the brush in longer lengths, brush that is too long may be placed lengthwise. Stacked brush must not block the sidewalk or extend onto or over the roadway pavement. Stacked brush containing foreign objects will not be collected. City crews will notify homeowners by placing a notice on their door for any piles of brush that are refused because it is not stacked properly or contains foreign debris. Once the pile of brush has been rejected it must be corrected immediately or the removal will become the responsibility of the homeowner to dispose of.

If a commercial contractor has been hired to trim or remove trees, the contractor is responsible for the brush removal and it is not to be placed at the curb.

Please note the beginning date of the Brush Collection Program for your location and make sure to place brush to be chipped at the curb prior to the start date for your neighborhood.

Brush is collected at the curb during the months of May and October each year. During the remaining months residents can take brush to the City of Kent Yard Waste Transfer Site on Plum Street near the entrance to Plum Creek Park.

If you have questions or comments please call the Service Department at 330.678.8105.



BRUNCH BUNCH `16

Portage County's famous charity fundraiser,
Thanksgiving morning – 8:00 am - Noon

CHARITY LIVE AUCTION and endless coffee,
cider and doughnuts

Kent State University Hotel & Conference Center

Proceeds benefit:

- Kent Social Services Hot Meals ♦ Center of Hope
- Coleman Adult Day Services ♦ The Ben Curtis Family Foundation

For more information or to donate an item for the live auction and/or support the event with a monetary donation, please contact Michelle Hartman at 330.815.4315 or mhartman43@aol.com

Fall 2016 Leaf Collection Program

The 2016 Leaf Collection Program will commence October 31st and end December 9th!
Leaves will NOT be picked up during the Spring of 2017.

Leaf Collection Crews will be assigned to each quadrant of the City to pick up leaves on a continual basis throughout the scheduled program. The Leaf Collection Truck will make one pass down each street in your quadrant and will then repeat the same route throughout the scheduled collection period.

LOOSE LEAVES

Residents are asked to rake leaves to the curb regularly as they accumulate. Please rake leaves to the curb, but not into the street. If there is not enough room for loose leaves on the tree lawn in front of your home, please bag your leaves and call the Service Department at 330.678.8105 to request a pickup. Ordinance 311.01 prohibits placing debris on streets and sidewalks to prevent accidents. Leaves placed in the street can block storm sewers resulting in flooding and property damage. If you hire a landscape contractor to blow your leaves to the curb, please be sure they do not blow leaves into the street.

Do **NOT** mix other items with your leaves (*branches, trash, grass clippings, dirt or other foreign objects*). The City will reject your leaves if these guidelines are not followed, and will place a notice on your door. When the foreign objects are removed from the leaves, crews will return to collect your leaves as early as possible.

Brush is picked up during the month of October. Please refer to the Brush Collection schedule on page 12. Brush left on the curb during the Leaf Collection Program will NOT be picked up by City crews. Please keep in mind that loose leaves are only collected during the Fall of each year. Loose leaves will NOT be collected by City crews in Spring of the following year.

BAGGED LEAVES

If you prefer to bag your leaves, please place them on the curb and call the Service Department at 330.678.8105 to request a bagged leaf pickup. The deadline for bagged leaf pickup requests is Friday, December 9th.

LEAF DROP OFF

If you prefer to haul your own leaves, you may take them to the Yard Waste Site, located at the entrance to Plum Creek Park. Please remember to empty the bags and take them with you when dropping leaves at the site. See page 16 for Yard Waste Site details, and hours of operation.

Please remember that the Leaf Collection Program ends December 9th, and the City will NOT pick up leaves after this date!

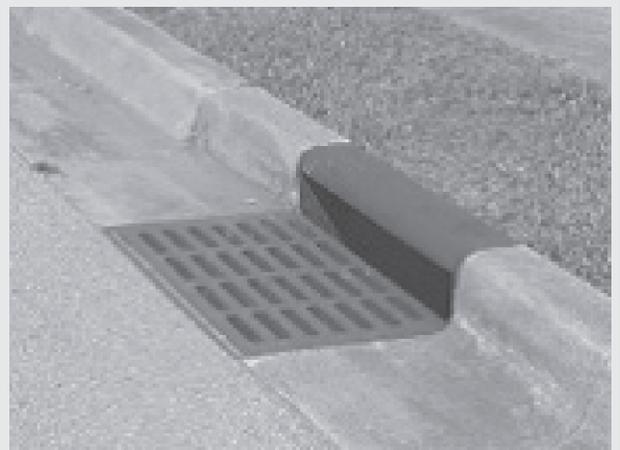
If you have any questions regarding leaf collection, please call the Service Department at 330.678.8105.

How can you help keep catch basins clean?

The grates of catch basins can become clogged with leaves, litter, snow and ice especially in the fall and winter. When you are clearing your sidewalk or driveway, dispose of waste in trash receptacles instead of sweeping it into the gutters or catch basins. Monitor and clean catch basins in the fall when the trees are shedding their leaves. Please do not rake or blow leaves from your yard into the street, rake leaves away from the edge of pavement and catch basins.

The best time to inspect the catch basin in front of your house or business is prior to a rain event. When the forecast calls for heavy rainfall or snow and ice, remove debris from the catch basin before a storm. After a storm, maintain the openings to catch basins by clearing away any snow or ice. Pile shoveled snow and ice where it can be absorbed into the ground.

The City relies on residents to help keep streets safe and catch basins clean. A blocked storm drain is a common cause of street and/or yard flooding. If you see a catch basin filled with debris below the grate, or if you cannot clear the basin near your property yourself, notify the Service Department at 330.678.8105. Please do not attempt to remove a catch basin grate, only the debris on top of the grate.



Composting 101: Spoil Your Garden Rotten

Brought to you by the Kent Sustainability Commission

Composting is cheap and easy, and it turns almost half of your garbage into plant food! Try raking it over your grass and spreading it around shrubs, trees, and flowers. Or dig it into the soil of vegetable beds before you plant. Compost has a high pH with high levels of nutrients that many plants crave.

Do-It-Yourself compost bins can be created from typical household items, making them extremely affordable. It's an easy project if you remember the basic elements needed for compost to thrive: moisture, oxygen, and warm temperatures. Please refer to City Ordinance Chapter 93 I on composting for more information such as container regulations and more.



Do's: Alternate nitrogen-rich greens and carbon-rich browns.

Great greens

Vegetable peelings
Rotten fruit
Coffee grounds

Tea leaves
Rinsed, crushed eggshells
Pet hair, to help discourage rodents

Best browns

Dry leaves, grass, and plant stalks
Shredded newsprint or brown paper
Cut-up cardboards

Other paper (unbleached paper towels, napkins, etc. not greasy)
Dryer lint! Use biodegradable fibers like cotton.

Don'ts: Avoid adding

Oils and fats, bread products, rice and pasta, sauces, dairy products, nuts, fish and meat, or bones. These will cause odor problems and attract pests.
Weeds with mature seeds. When you spread the compost, you'll spread the weeds too.
Treated wood products. These may contain harmful chemicals.

Tips

In the kitchen

Cut food scraps into smaller pieces for faster decomposition.
A glass or metal container for collecting kitchen waste won't hang onto odors the way plastics do. A tight-fitting lid will keep the fruit flies out.

Outside

Select a level, partially shaded spot with good water drainage for your bin. Place it about 1 ft. away from walls, fences, bushes, doors, and windows.
Whenever you add a food layer (green or eggshells), top it with browns.
The beneficial microorganisms in your compost pile need oxygen. Leave lots of air space in your bin, and mix the contents every week or two.
Collect dry leaves and grass in a separate, dry container. Then you can add them year-round.
Compost is generally ready to use after a few months.

Did you know?

Organic waste that ends up in the landfill will decompose without oxygen and produce methane, a greenhouse gas.

Draft Authorization Form for Utility Bill

Save check writing, postage and/or personal trips to City Hall!

3 Simple Steps to Automatic Bill Payment...

1. Clip, complete and sign this form
2. Enclose a **VOIDED** check or saving deposit slip
3. Mail to: **City of Kent Utility Department**
930 Overholt Road
Kent, Ohio 44240

I authorize the City of Kent Utility Billing Division to automatically deduct the monthly payment of my utility bills from my checking/saving account on or about the **15th** of the month. If the 15th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, my account will be charged the previous Friday for the amount of my utility bill.

I understand that I control my payments. Should I decide to discontinue this payment service, I agree to notify the City of Kent in writing, at least **10 days prior** to the billing date.

I have read the above statements and fully understand that by signing this agreement, I authorize the City of Kent to debit and/or credit my checking/savings account as necessary to reconcile my utility payment.

Signature	Date	Daytime Phone Number
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Name _____
as it appears on your bill

Name _____
If other than as it appears on your bill

Mailing Address _____

Account Number _____
as it appears on your bill

Service Address _____
as it appears on your bill

Financial Institution _____

Checking/Saving Account Number _____
Include a voided check when using a checking account, or a deposit slip for savings account only

Office Use Only	Entered (<i>initials</i>) _____	Date _____
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CUT & MAIL to: City of Kent Utility Division – 930 Overholt Road – Kent, Ohio 44240

Yard Waste Transfer Site Info

Located at the entrance to Plum Creek Park

Day and hours of operation:

Open everyday during daylight hours

Pick-Up of Mulch RESIDENTS ONLY!

There is no charge for mulch if loaded by hand (when available)

Drop-Off yard Waste Rules

Non-residents are NOT permitted on the site
No charge for City residents to drop off yard waste
No commercial use of site is permitted
Unauthorized equipment prohibited on premises

The City of Kent Yard Waste Regulations

Transfer Site is available to all Kent residents and monitored by video camera to protect against regulation violations and non resident use. When asked by City of Kent staff, residents using the YWTS shall present proof of residency (drivers license or current water bill). Unauthorized equipment is prohibited on premises.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO EMPTY BAGS OF YARD WASTE

Materials List

Please review **BEFORE** attempting to deliver to the site!

Accepted

Brush
Grass
Firewood
Leaves
Weeds
Any type of yard waste

NOT Accepted

NO lumber or wood pallets
NO construction debris
NO trash of any kind
NO logs/stumps
NO full trees
NO large root balls
NO railroad ties

Yes!

No!

If you have any questions regarding the Yard Waste Transfer Site, please call 330.678.8105

Tips for Discarding your Unwanted Medications

Have you ever wondered what to do with your unused, unwanted or expired medications? Don't allow your medicine cabinet to become cluttered with unusable, unnecessary medications. There are easy, safe ways to dispose of all kinds of medications.

One option is to mix unused pills, capsules and liquid medications with an undesirable substance such as kitty litter or used coffee grounds. Place the mixture inside of a sealable plastic bag or other container, and throw the sealed container away with your weekly trash.

Another option is to use the 24-hour drop box designated for unwanted medications located behind the Kent Police Department at 319 S. Water St. This drop box allows residents anonymity when disposing of unwanted/unused medications. The drop box does not accept injectable solutions or needles, nor does it accept illegal

substances such as marijuana or methamphetamines.

Be sure to scratch off all personal information on your prescription labels before you throw them away to ensure that your health information remains private.

DO NOT flush unused medications unless the label specifically instructs you to do so!

If you are still unsure of how to dispose of your unused medications, ask your local pharmacist.

Source: *How to dispose of unused medicines. (2013). US Food and Drug Administrative Home Page. Retrieved September 19, 2013, from <http://www.fda.gov/forconsumers/consumerupdates/ucm101653.html>*

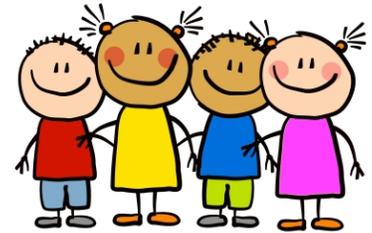




www.kentparksandrec.com

KPR Lil' Learners Preschool Taking Registrations!

Cost: \$25 to hold your spot.
 First day of school - September 6th – Limited space is available so don't wait.
 The preschool program is for 3-5 year olds, 5 days a week - 9:00 am - 12:30 pm.
 Cost: \$195/month-resident; \$203/month-non-resident



YOUTH PROGRAMS - Sports...Education...Cultural Arts

August Programs

KPR Kidz Club - Taking registrations. \$20 registration fee. The program offers before and after school care for K-6th grades in Kent City Schools. Daily and weekly rates available. Call KPR office for more information - 330.673.8897.

September Programs

Kids Nite Out - September 3rd
 4-11 year olds. 6:00 - 10:00 pm. Theme: "Open Mic Night"
 Cost: \$14 resident; \$16 non-resident for the 1st child.
 Each additional child: \$8 resident; \$10 non resident

Babysitter Training for 12-16 year olds – September 3rd
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Cost: \$60. Training will take place at the Kent Rec Center - 1115 Franklin Ave.
 Register by September 2nd. Take the first 20 to register.

Martial Arts Session 5 (8 weeks) - September 14th - November 2nd
 Cost: \$60 resident; \$68 non-resident. Wednesdays - 6:00 - 7:00 pm
 Kent P&R Fitness Center

October Programs

Kids Nite Out - October 1st
 4-11 year olds. 6:00 - 10:00 pm. Theme: "Boo at the Rec"
 Cost: \$14 resident; \$16 non-resident for the 1st child.
 Each additional child: \$8 resident; \$10 non resident

October Youth Creative Arts Classes – Fall Fabrics – October 3rd, 10th & 17th
 5:00 - 7:00 pm – Old Jailhouse in Fred Fuller Park. Cost: \$20

Youth Basketball – Kindergarten - 6th grade
 Deadline to register: October 14th
 Cost: Kindergarten - 3rd grade: \$46 resident; \$54 non-resident
 4th - 6th grade - \$57 resident; \$65 non-resident





ADULT PROGRAMS

Communicable Disease Training - Open to the public - October 15th
Review - 9:00 am - Noon (\$20); Full Course - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (\$30)
Register online at kentparksandrec.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sidewalk Cinema - August 26th - Hometown Bank Plaza. At dusk, bring your family, a blanket and watch a movie on the large, blimp screen. Co-sponsored by Standing Rock Cultural Arts.

23rd Annual Art In The Park Festival

September 10th - 10:00 am - 6:00 pm & September 11th - 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Fred Fuller Park on Middlebury Road. FREE Parking. FREE Admission. Over 100 artists display and sell their work from many mediums: Glass, Jewelry, Metal Work, Photography, Pottery & Ceramics, Wall Art, Wood and Fiber. Live Music. Demonstrations. Children's Activities and Great Food can also be found at this spectacular family event.

KPR FITNESS CENTER - 1205 W. Main Street - Kent, Ohio 44240

Hip Hop Hoops Session 4 - September 7th - November 12th
8-16 years old. Cost: \$60-\$65

Indoor Spinning & SpinMaxx Classes - Classes taught by Bill Volchko, a cycling enthusiast and five-time Ironman competitor. Spinning Classes are Tuesday and Friday - 8:00 am. SpinMixx Classes: Saturday - 4:30 pm (spinning and lifting). Call 330.673.8897 for information.



Home Canning Safety

Jeff Neistadt, Health Commissioner

Home canning is an excellent way to preserve garden produce and share it with family and friends, but it can also be extremely risky or even deadly if not done correctly and safely.

It's summer, and home gardeners are harvesting the delicious produce they've been growing. Home canning is a great way to preserve your garden goodies. But beware: if it's done the wrong way, the vegetables you worked so hard for could become contaminated by a germ that causes botulism, a serious illness that can affect your nerves, paralyze you, and even cause death. Use the tips below to ensure that your home canning is done properly so you can enjoy your delicious vegetables for months to come.

Use proper canning techniques

Make sure your food preservation information is always current with up-to-date, scientifically tested guidelines. Don't use outdated publications or cookbooks, even if they were handed down to you from trusted family cooks. The USDA has a complete guide to home canning which can be found by googling The National Center for Home Food Preservation.

Use the right equipment for the kind of foods that you are canning

Always use a properly sized pressure canner that meets USDA recommendations for pressure canning when canning low-acid vegetables (like green beans, potatoes and corn), meat, seafood and poultry. Pressure canning is the only recommended method for canning low-acid foods. Do not use boiling water canners for low-acid foods because they will not protect against botulism poisoning.

Low-acid foods have pH values higher than 4.6. They include red meats, seafood, poultry, milk and all fresh vegetables except for most tomatoes.

Make your home-canned vegetables safe

- ✎ Use a recommended pressure canner that holds at least four one-quart jars sitting upright on the rack.
- ✎ Be sure the gauge of the pressure canner is accurate.
- ✎ Clean lid gaskets and other parts according to the manufacturer's directions
- ✎ Vent the pressure canner before pressurizing and follow recommended cooling steps.
- ✎ Use up-to-date process times and pressures for the kind of food, the size of jar, and the method of packing food in the jar.

What is botulism?

Botulism is a rare, but serious illness caused by a germ called *Clostridium botulinum*. The germ is found in soil and can survive, grow, and produce toxin in a sealed jar of food. This toxin can affect your nerves, paralyze you, and even cause death. Even taking a small taste of food containing this toxin can be deadly. Botulism is a medical

emergency. If you have symptoms of foodborne botulism, seek medical care immediately. Symptoms may include the following:

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Double vision | Difficulty swallowing |
| Blurred vision | Dry mouth |
| Drooping eyelids | Muscle weakness |
| Slurred speech | |

Protect yourself from botulism:

When in doubt, throw it out!

Home-canned foods could be contaminated but look, smell and taste normal. If there is any doubt about whether safe canning guidelines have been followed, do not eat the food.

Home-canned food might be contaminated if:

- ✎ The container is leaking, bulging, or swollen
- ✎ The container looks damaged, cracked, or abnormal
- ✎ The container spurts liquid or foam when opened
- ✎ The food is discolored, moldy, or smells bad

If you suspect home-canned food might be contaminated with the germs that cause botulism, throw the food away immediately.

- ✎ If any of the food spills, wipe up the spill using a recommended bleach solution (1/4 cup unscented bleach for each 2 cups of water).
- ✎ Never taste home-canned food to determine if it is safe. Do not taste or eat foods from containers that are leaking, have bulges or are swollen, or look damaged, cracked, or abnormal.
- ✎ When you open a jar of home-canned food, thoroughly inspect the food. Do not taste or eat foods that are discolored, moldy, or smell bad. Do not eat food from a can that spurts liquid or foamed when it was opened.
- ✎ Do not open or puncture any unopened cans, commercial or home-canned, if you suspect contamination.

Outbreaks and Home-Canned Vegetables

Home-canned vegetables are the most common cause of botulism outbreaks in the United States. From 1996 to 2014, there were 210 outbreaks of foodborne botulism reported to CDC. Of the 145 outbreaks that were caused by home-prepared foods, 43 outbreaks, or 30%, were from home-canned vegetables. These outbreaks often occur because home canners did not follow canning instructions, did not use pressure canners, ignored signs of food spoilage, or were unaware of the risk of botulism from improperly preserving vegetables.

The largest botulism outbreak in over 40 years occurred last summer in Ohio from home canned potatoes used in potato salad at a church potluck. The attendee who prepared the potato salad with home canned potatoes reported using a boiling water canner, which does not kill the botulinum spores, rather than a pressure cooker, which does eliminate the spores. Over 29 individuals were hospitalized in the outbreak with one death.

City of Kent

NORTHEAST

Brush & Leaf Collection 2016

Anna Avenue
 Beechmont Place
 Beechwold Drive
 Birchwood Circle
 Brady Street
 Burns Court
 Burr Oak Drive
 Carthage Street
 College Avenue, E & W
 College Court
 Columbus Street
 Costley Court
 Crain Avenue
 Cuyahoga St
(East of Hudson Rd)
 Dandel Street
 Davey Avenue
 Day Street, E & W
 DePeyster St, N
 Dominion Drive
 Doramor Street

Edgewood Drive
 Elizabeth Court
 Elmwood Drive
 Erie Street, E & W
 Fairview Drive
 First Ave
(1600 block only)
 Frances Drive
 Franklin Ave
(North of Summit)
 Gatun Street
 Glad Boulevard
 Graham Avenue
 Grant Street, E & W
 Harvey Street
 Highland Avenue
 Holly Drive
 Horning Road
 King Avenue
 Lake Street
 Lincoln St, N

Linden Road
 Lock Street
 Luther Avenue
 Main Street, E
 Mantua Street, N
(North of Crain)
 Marvin Street
 Mason Avenue
 Miller Avenue
 Needham Avenue
 Oakwood Drive
 Orchard Street
 Overlook Drive
 Perry Street
 Pleasant Avenue
 Portage Street
 River Bend Boulevard
 River Edge Drive
 River Park Drive
 Riverside Court
 River Trail Drive

Roscoe Drive
 Rustic Bridge Drive
 Rustic Knoll Drive
 Sherman Street
 Standing Rock Avenue
 Starr Avenue
 Steele Street
 Stinaff Street
(East of Hudson Rd)
 Temple Avenue
 Tonkin Street
 University Drive
 Virginia Avenue
 Walter Street
 Water Street, N
 Willow Street, N & S
 Wilson Avenue
 Wolcott Avenue
 Woodhill Drive
 Woodside Drive

City of Kent

SOUTHEAST

Brush & Leaf Collection 2016

Allerton Street
 Artemis Drive
 Athena Drive
 Avondale Street
 Beal Court
 Benjamin Court
 Berkeley Street
 Beryl Drive
 Bowman Drive
 Burnett Road *(5439 only)*
 Cedar Street
 Chadwick Road
 Cherry Street
 Currie Hall Parkway
 DePeyster St, S
 Dodge Street
 Elm Street, E & W

Franklin Ave
 Hall Street, E & W
 Harris Street
 High Street
 Ivan Drive
 Joyanne Court
 Lincoln St, S
 Loop Road
 Mae Street
 Maple Street
 Marigold Lane
 Martinel Road
 Meloy Road
 Mogadore Road
 Morris Road
 Oak Street, E & W
 Olympus Drive

Overholt Road
 Pine Street
 Primrose Lane
 Rellim Drive
 School Street, E & W
 Shaw Drive
 St. Clair Avenue
 Statesman Place
 Summit Street, E & W
 Sunnybrook Road
 Valleyview Street
 Vine Street & Court
 Walnut Street
 Water Street, S
 West Street
 Williams Street, E & W
 Willow Street Ext, S

City of Kent SOUTHWEST

Brush & Leaf Collection 2016

Ada Street
Akron Boulevard
Beech Street
Brentwood Drive
Carol Drive
Chelton Drive
Chestnut Street, S
Colleen Drive
Deidrick Road
Denise Drive
Elno Avenue
Emich Drive
Eton Road
Francis Street, N & S
Gale Drive

Gardenview Street
Garrett Street
Garth Drive
Gill Drive
Grove Avenue
Hampton Road
Hughey Drive
Irma Street
Janet Drive
Jessie Avenue
Judith Street
Laurel Drive
Lawrence Court
Leonard Boulevard
Longmere Drive

Louise Street
Lower Drive
Manchester Avenue
Mantua Street, S
Main Street, W
Marilyn Street
Meadow Drive
Meredith Street
Middlebury Road
Munroe Falls-Kent Road
Norwood Street
Overbrook Drive
Parmalee Street
Paulus Drive
Pearl Street, S

Prospect Street, S
River Street
Roosevelt Avenue
Sheri Drive
Short Street
Silver Meadows Boulevard
Spaulding Drive
Stow Street
Sunrise Boulevard
Suzanne Drive
Tallmadge Avenue
VFW Parkway
Yacavona Drive

City of Kent NORTHWEST

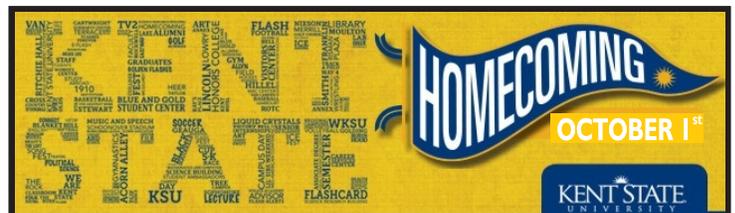
Brush & Leaf Collection 2016

Adamle Drive
Admore Drive
Adrian Drive
Allen Drive
Bruce Drive
Bryce Road & Way
Catlin Court
Chestnut Street, N
Clarkview Circle
Cottage Gate Drive
Crestview Circle
Cuyahoga St
(West of Hudson Rd)
Deleone Drive
Delores Drive
Earl Avenue
Edgewater Circle
Erin Drive
Evergreen Drive
Fairchild Avenue
Fieldstone Drive
Forest Drive
Gougler Avenue
Governors Circle
Harold Street

High Ridge Lane
Hollister Drive
Hudson Road
Kevin Drive
Lakewood Circle
Longcoy Avenue
Lowell Drive
Majors Lane
Mantua Street, N
(Main to Crain)
McKinney Boulevard
Michaels Drive
Nathan Drive
Naturewood Circle
Newcomer Road
(East side only)
Nicholas Drive
Nottingham Circle
Park Avenue
Pearl Street, N
Phillip Drive
Pioneer Avenue
Prospect Street, N
Quay Boulevard
Randall Drive

Red Fern Circle
Robert Drive
Rockwell Street
Rollins Circle
Roy Marsh Drive
Shady Lakes Drive
Shorewood Circle
Stonewater Drive
Stinaff Street
(West of Hudson Rd)

Sunset Way Circle & Blvd
Verona Avenue
Whetstone Drive
Whitewood Drive
Whittier Drive
Windward Lane
Woodard Avenue
Wrens Hollow Circle



**Kent State University
Homecoming Parade
10:00 am**

**Homecoming Game
Kent State vs Akron
3:30 pm**

Facts from Utility Billing.....

Did you know that estimated water/sewer bills rise monthly? If you are experiencing estimated reads, contact us so that we may correct the problem.

If your water/sewer bill is delinquent by 2 months and you receive a door tag for disconnection, a \$10 fee will be charged. If your water is shut off for non payment, there will be a \$30 reconnection fee.

Excessive usage on your water billing may be the result of a leak. If you think you may have a leak in your home, please contact us and we will have a service worker come to your home and check it out. If a leak is found, the city offers a leak adjustment with proper documentation.

Payments are accepted by mail, in our lobby and in our after hours drop box. The drop box is checked daily, and payments are posted that same day. Please keep in mind when making online payments through your bank, we are not set up to receive payments electronically, therefore, there is a delay in our receipt of the payment.

If we can be of assistance to you, please call us at 330.678.8104.



Happy Birthday Marvin Kent!

Help Celebrate Marvin Kent's 200th birthday when the Kent Historical Society presents The Historic Kent Town Tour on September 17th and 18th.

Marvin Kent was born September 21, 1816 and all the homes and other sites on this year's tour connect to the Kent family history. The ticket booklet will have many interesting facts about the eight different historic sites included on the tour and will showcase some of the Kent family's history in America, which traces back to before the Revolutionary War.

The public can participate by volunteering to help with the tour, by becoming a tour sponsor or by placing an advertisement in the booklet. Tickets will be available for purchase at several different locations later in the summer. For more information call 330.678.2712 or visit online at www.kentohiohistory.org.



DOWNTOWN PARKING METERS...

Info you should know!

- Parking is FREE after 5:00 pm until 9:00 am.
- Parking is FREE on weekends.
- Meters accept credit cards, quarters, dimes, and nickels.
- No pennies please!



Download the City's free smartphone app!



To download simply search "City of Kent" or "Kent Ohio" in your app store, go to the site below, or scan the QR code!

<http://fastappz.com/apps/kentohio.html>

[Available for Apple, Android, & Blackberry]



At Main Street Kent, we're continuing our efforts to revitalize, promote, and beautify downtown Kent. Keeping things fresh, fun and exciting in the downtown district is key to keeping the flow of people into downtown, and attracting visitors from other areas to see what's so special about our city. Arts, music, events, booming business and entertainment districts, and an amazing community make Kent an uncommon, unmistakable place. We don't want to keep this secret; no matter who is hosting the event, we do our best to spread the word about all good things happening in downtown Kent!

Haymaker Farmers' Market Every Saturday, rain or shine, from 9am to 1pm (until October 29th.) Portage County's oldest "producers only" farmers' market is located in the municipal lot at the corner of Franklin Ave. and Summit St., under the market mural on the Haymaker Overpass. The market offers a wide variety of locally grown and produced items from fresh fruits, vegetables, and grass-fed meats to jams, honey, and fresh bread. You'll also enjoy fresh-brewed coffee, live music, food demos, and other community goodness. <http://www.haymakermarket.com>

Dog Days of Summer On Saturday, August 20th, from 11am to 4pm, come to the Hometown Bank Plaza and surrounding streets and bring the dogs along for this one! Enjoy live music, beer, food, free frisbees, contests and more, all in support of The Madonio Family Animal Welfare Trust. <http://madonio-animal-trust.org/images/dog-days2016>

Art in the Park On Saturday, **September 10th** & Sunday, **September 11th**, head to Fred Fuller Park for this hugely popular arts event including art exhibitors, a children's art area, live music and gourmet food! Event and parking are FREE -- details at <http://www.kentparksandrec.com/annual-events/art-in-the-park>.

'Round Town Music Festival On Friday, **September 16th**, plan to spend the night perusing 30+ venues in downtown Kent for free, live music! Plot your course in advance so you can see all your favorite bands, and be sure to leave time for dinner out on the town. Live music will take place indoors, outdoors, and all over town, so be sure and check out the full entertainment line up, musician bios, venue map, and more at: <http://www.kentroundtown.org>.



Kent Oktoberfest On Saturday, **September 17th**, Main Street Kent will throw the third annual Oktoberfest from Noon - 10pm in downtown Kent! Plan on spending the day on Franklin Ave., sampling German foods and seasonal beers, and enjoying live entertainment from: Polka Revolution and the German Family Society Dancers during the first half of the event, then Armstrong Bearcat's classic rock and blues and another band or two -- for the second half! Full details at www.mainstreetkent.org.

Historic Kent Town Tour - On Saturday, **September 17th** & Sunday, **September 18th** The Kent Historical Society will present the Historic Kent Town Tour. The tour will honor Marvin Kent's 200th birthday and highlight contributions of the Kent family to the town's transformation from Franklin Mills to Kent. The tour sites include: Patton House, Marvin Kent Home, Clapp/Woodward Home, Wells Sherman House, Erie Depot (Tower Tour), Erie Yards, Marvin Kent Train Car, and Charles Kent Home. Tickets go on sale August 20 at McKay Bricker Framing, Hometown Bank, Sue Nelson Designs, and the Kent Historical Society (\$20 each/cash or check only). For more information call 330.678.2712 or visit online at kentohiohistory.org.



Kent Creativity Festival On Saturday, **September 24th**, this inaugural event will take place and everyone can be an artist! On the Lester A. Lefton Esplanade, between Rockwell Hall and downtown Kent, this is a great opportunity for people of all ages and skill levels to come together to create, share and explore the creation of all forms of art. Enjoy live entertainment, food, art and more from 11am-5pm. Full details available at www.kent.edu/kcf. (Note: Main Street Kent will not hold the International Festival on this date, as previously planned.)

Be sure and save these dates, too!

Family Friendly Halloween (trick-or-treat at downtown businesses) Friday, Oct. 28th

Downtown Kent Annual Halloween Sat., Oct. 29th

For more information about Main Street Kent, our downtown businesses, events, art scene and more, please visit www.mainstreetkent.org or call 330.677.8000. Enjoy Kent!

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