



# CITY OF KENT, OHIO

## DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

To: Mr. Ruller  
Mr. Bowling  
Ms. Barone  
Mr. Giaquinto  
Chief Lee

Mr. Locke  
Mr. Roberts  
Chief Williams  
Ms. Susel

From: William Lillich  
Subject: Traffic Engineering & Safety Meeting on September 6, 2011  
TE&S 2011-06

1. PARTA Multi Modal construction  
The project has gone to bid. Once construction begins, some sections of Depeyster St. may need to be closed from time to time. Efforts will be made to efficiently re-direct traffic in the area.
2. Planning for the construction in the development area, to include PARTA, the Hotel, and the Fairmount development block.  
The engineering concern is the ability to provide the contractors sufficient area for deployment and staging. After a discussion of several alternatives, the staff concurred with a recommendation to narrow Haymaker to four lanes from just west of Willow, to just west of Depeyster. This will provide for use of the curb lane for development parking and staging. With this configuration, left turns will be prohibited for westbound traffic to south on Depeyster except for emergency vehicles. Opticom equipment will be utilized if possible.
3. Additional parking will be needed for construction workers, which may possibly be assigned to area parking lots like the City Hall lot, or areas that may be served by PARTA transit. More work is needed for this issue when the engineers meet with the developers and contractors. Suffice it to say that parking will be at a premium.
4. The committee discussed a temporary parking plan for the first block of E. Erie St. once the Acorn Alley 2 project begins occupancy. There was some concurrence with continuing center isle parking temporarily, unless the rebuilding of the street can be completed sooner.
5. The committee discussed the volume of traffic on N. Water St. once the Fairchild bridge is opened. The concern has to do with disrupting traffic with frequent special events if the volume of traffic is significantly increased. It was reported that the level of traffic that was anticipated by the planners did not indicate a substantial increase.

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 CAROLINA CHOCOLATE DROPS - SEPT. 21  
 DIRTY DOZEN BRASS BAND - SEPT. 22  
 FOLK ALLEY 'ROUND TOWN - SEPT. 23  
 PETER YARROW - SEPT. 25

**events schedule**

Carolina Chocolate Drops WED. SEPT. 21 8 P.M. University Auditorium at Cartwright Hall - \$25 Reserved / KSU Students \$15	buy tickets
Dirty Dozen Brass Band feat. Mo'Nego THURS. SEPT. 22 8 P.M. The Kent Stage - \$25 Reserved / KSU Students \$15	buy tickets
Folk Alley 'Round Town FRI. SEPT. 23 FREE	more info
Community Workshops SAT. SEPT. 24 11 A.M. - 5 P.M. FREE	more info
The Low Anthem feat. Sleepy Sun and David Wax Museum SAT. SEPT. 24 8 P.M. The Kent Stage - In Advance - GA \$20 / Students \$15 / KSU Students \$10. At Door - GA \$23 / Students \$18 / KSU Students \$13	buy tickets
Peter Yarrow feat. Seth Glier SUN. SEPT. 25 7:30 P.M. The Kent Stage - Gold Circle \$35 / Reserved \$25 / KSU Students \$15	buy tickets



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## TICKETS & SCHEDULE

CHECK OUT ALL KENT STATE FOLK FESTIVAL EVENTS:

Sept. 21	Carolina Chocolate Drops 8 p.m.	University Auditorium at Cartwright Hall 800 East Summit St., Kent \$25 Reserved / KSU Students \$15	GET TICKETS MAP IT
Sept. 22	Dirty Dozen Brass Band feat. Mo'Nego 8 p.m.	The Kent Stage 175 East Main St., Kent \$25 Reserved / KSU Students \$15	GET TICKETS MAP IT
Sept. 23	Folk Alley 'Round Town	FREE	
Sept. 24	Community Workshops 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	FREE	
Sept. 24	The Low Anthem Sleepy Sun and David Wax Museum 8 p.m.	The Kent Stage 175 East Main St., Kent In Advance - GA \$20 / Students \$15 / KSU Students \$10. At Door - GA \$23 / Students \$18 / KSU Students \$13	GET TICKETS MAP IT
Sept. 25	Peter Yarrow Seth Glier 7:30 p.m.	The Kent Stage 175 East Main St., Kent Gold Circle \$35 / Reserved \$25 / KSU Students \$15	GET TICKETS MAP IT

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*Friday, September 23 at 36 Venues*

- 157 LOUNGE**  
157 S. Water Street  
**COURTNEY BERGMAN**  
singer/songwriter  
7-8 p.m.
- RYAN HUBERT AND EMILY BATES**  
singer/songwriter/  
harmonies  
8:30-10:30 p.m.
- ACORN ALLEY**  
154 E. Main Street  
**JIM GILL WITH CATHY MILLER**  
acoustic folk  
Noon-1:30 p.m.
- LOW WATT RADIO**  
Americana/roots/rock  
2-3:30 p.m.
- THE STEELHEADS**  
Americana/blues/roots  
4-5:30 p.m.
- ROGUES OF RAFFERTY**  
traditional Irish folk  
6-7:30 p.m.
- HONEYTOWN**  
Americana/bluegrass  
8-10 p.m.
- TOM EVANCHUCK**  
acoustic/indie/folk rock  
1:30/3:30/5:30/7:30 p.m.
- ANTHONY'S CAKES**  
128 N. Water Street  
**ANDREW BONNIS**  
singer/songwriter  
1-3 p.m.
- PAUL BAUMGARDNER**  
singer/songwriter  
3-5 p.m.
- BISTRO ON MAIN**  
1313 W. Main Street  
**PEGGY AND BRAD**  
jazz/blues/novelty  
8-11 p.m.
- BLACK SQUIRREL GALLERY**  
609 N. Mantua Street  
**ANNE E. DECHAT**  
Americana/roots/folk  
7:30-9:30 p.m.
- BREWHOUSE PUB**  
244 N. Water Street  
**HIVE ROBBERS**  
folk/indie  
8:30-11:30 p.m.
- DOMINICK'S**  
147 Franklin Avenue  
**RIO NEON**  
folk/jazz/swing/ragtime  
7:30-10:30 p.m.
- DOWNTOWN GALLERY**  
141 E. Main Street  
**LAKE FOLK**  
folk/Americana  
5-7 p.m.
- EMPIRE**  
135 E. Main Street  
**THE OHIO CHORO CLUB**  
traditional/Brazilian  
7 p.m.
- EUROPE GYRO**  
107 S. Depeyster Street  
**KENT SHINDIG**  
old-time jam  
5-8 p.m.
- THE UNCANNY XELA**  
experimental folk  
8 p.m.
- FIREFLY**  
124 S. Water Street  
**ASHLEY BROOKE TOUSSANT**  
acoustic folk  
8 p.m.
- FRANKLIN SQUARE DELI**  
108 S. Water Street  
**JON MOSEY**  
acoustic blues  
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH OF KENT**  
5915 Rhodes Road  
**ADAM COBO**  
singer/songwriter  
7:30-8:30 p.m.
- BILL AND ALICE WARD**  
folk/acoustic  
8:30-10 p.m.
- KATIE'S KORNER**  
1412 S. Water Street  
**GOLD HEART**  
bluegrass/harmonies  
6:30-7:15 p.m.
- 8:15-9 p.m.
- KENT FREE LIBRARY**  
312 W. Main Street  
**STUDENT SHOWCASE**  
acoustic  
3:30-5:30 p.m.
- KENT PRESBYTERIAN**  
1456 E. Summit Street  
**SMOKIN' FEZ MONKEYS**  
jig/folk/jazz  
7:30-9:30 p.m.
- THE KENT STAGE**  
175 E. Main Street  
**HILLBILLY IDOL**  
Americana/alt. country  
10 p.m.
- KENT YOGA AT THE SILK MILL**  
145 S. River Street, Suite 5  
 **CRAIG WISE AND FRIENDS**  
a kirtan group  
5:30-7 p.m.
- LAST EXIT BOOKS**  
124 E. Main Street  
**LL COOL BRANCH**  
original music/curious covers  
2:30-3:30 p.m.
- GALGOZY ZELENY DUO**  
original music/  
traditional style  
7:30-10 p.m.

- THE LOFT**  
112 W. Main Street  
**CLEVELAND FATS**  
blues  
8-11 p.m.
- LOGUS BOOKSTORE**  
976 W. Main Street  
**STONEWATER**  
guitar/hammered dulcimer  
4-6 p.m.
- MIKE'S PLACE**  
1700 S. Water Street  
**BRIAN LISK AND THE UNFORTUNATES**  
singer/songwriter  
8:30-11 p.m.
- MUGS BREW PUB**  
211 Franklin Avenue  
**BRANDI WHITEHORST  
AND BRIAN FELTNER**  
Americana  
5-6 p.m.
- COALTOWN**  
Americana/blues/roots  
7-8 p.m.
- A BAND NAMED ASHES**  
indie  
9-11 p.m.
- OHIO MUSIC**  
124 E. Main Street  
**RANDY HORVATH**  
singer/songwriter  
4 p.m.
- SHIVERING TIMBERS**  
folk rock/experimental/blues  
6:30-8 p.m.
- THRIFT STORE COWBOYS**  
ambient/gothic/roots  
8:30-10 p.m.
- THE PUB**  
142 W. Day Street  
**KERRY KEAN**  
singer/songwriter  
5-7 p.m.
- THE GRAND JIGORS**  
blues and more  
10 p.m.-Midnight
- PUFFERBELLY LTD**  
152 Franklin Avenue  
**ZACH**  
folk rock/acoustic  
6:30-9 p.m.
- RAY'S PLACE**  
135 Franklin Avenue  
**MO' MOJO**  
zydeco/Americana/jam band  
9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.
- RIVERSIDE WINE**  
911 N. Mantua Street  
**WENIGER AND SIMON**  
eclectic/electric folk  
9 p.m.-Midnight
- THE RUSTY NAIL**  
7291 State Route 43  
**UP TIL 4**  
folk rock/blues  
7-10 p.m.
- SCRIBBLES COFFEE CO.**  
237 N. Water Street  
**DAVID ULLMAN**  
singer/songwriter  
8 p.m.
- STANDING ROCK CULTURAL ARTS**  
257 N. Water Street  
**THE MAYFIELDS**  
bluegrass  
8 p.m.
- STONE TAVERN**  
110 E. Main Street  
**THE SINGULAR GOES ACOUSTIC**  
indie  
10 p.m.
- VENICE CAFE**  
163 Franklin Avenue  
**THE KIDNEY BROTHERS**  
blues  
7-9 p.m.
- HEY MAVIS**  
Americana/roots/folk  
9:30-11:30 p.m.
- WATER STREET TAVERN**  
132 S. Water Street  
**THE SPEEDBUMPS**  
indie  
8-11 p.m. (Patio)
- TWISTOFFS**  
rock folk  
7 p.m. (Main Floor)
- JOE GRUSHECKY  
AND THE HOUSEROCKERS**  
gritty folk rock  
9:30 p.m.
- WOODSY'S MUSIC**  
135 S. Water Street  
**BRADY'S RUN**  
traditional string music  
7-9 p.m.
- ZEPHYR PUB**  
106 W. Main Street  
**IAN PENTER**  
blues  
6-8 p.m.
- MIKE LENZ**  
blues  
8-10 p.m.
- PATRICK SWEANY**  
blues  
10 p.m.-1 a.m.

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**For Immediate Release**

**Contact:** Stephen Colecchi  
Chair, Board of Directors  
Portage Development Board  
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**Portage Development Board Names President**

RAVENNA, Ohio, September 7, 2011 – The Board of Directors of the Portage Development Board announces the appointment of Bradford R. Ehrhart as President of the newly formed Portage County based economic development organization.

Ehrhart has over 25 years of experience in economic development and has served since 2005 as Executive Director of the Clarion County Economic Development Corporation in Clarion, Pennsylvania. From 1991-2005 he served as Assistant Director of the Penn-Northwest Development Corporation in Mercer, Pennsylvania.

Stephen Colecchi, President and CEO, Robinson Memorial Hospital, and Chair of the Board of Directors of the Portage Development Board stated “Brad was selected after an extensive search process that included candidates from across the country. The Search Committee was very impressed with his experience and success in economic development, his outgoing personality and his commitment to work in a collaborative manner with both the public and private sector. He has worked for organizations very similar to the Portage Development Board. We believe that he is an excellent choice to serve as our first President. We are very excited to have Brad on board.”

Ehrhart received his Bachelor of Arts in History and Economics from Duquesne University in 1982 and a Master’s of Science in Public Management and Policy from Carnegie-Mellon University in 1984.

Ehrhart noted “Portage County, with its great mix of business and higher education, has great potential for economic growth. I look forward to developing the relationships with businesses, resource partners, and contributors that will help the county realize its potential.”

Ehrhart will begin his duties on September 26, 2011.

The Portage Development Board became operational on February 1, 2011 as a result of an agreement with the Board of Portage County Commissioners. Pursuant to this agreement the Portage Development Board has agreed to perform all economic development activities on behalf of Portage County as authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 307.07.

The Portage Development Board has been established as an Ohio not-for-profit corporation and has been granted tax exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service.

The Portage Development Board has already been very active in business expansion and attraction initiatives including projects in Streetsboro, Aurora, Kent and Ravenna. Colecchi noted "at the end of the day the key measure of our success will be job creation working with both existing businesses and new businesses willing to start and locate in Portage County. Brad will play a key role in leading our efforts. All of us who live, work or do business in Portage County have a vested interest in the success of the Portage Development Board. We look forward to working with all businesses in Portage County to help create needed jobs for our community."

The Portage Development Board has also recently launched a new website at [www.portagedevbd.org](http://www.portagedevbd.org).

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**Bradford R. Ehrhart**

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 Hermitage, Pennsylvania 16148  
 Cell Phone: (724) 977-1434  
 E-Mail: bradehrhart@hotmail.com

**SUMMARY**

Innovative and aggressive Economic Development Professional with over 25 years of progressive experience at state and local levels working with customers to locate, expand, stay, and start-up in Pennsylvania seeks a leadership position with an economic development agency.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE****August 2005 to Present - Executive Director, Clarion County Economic Development Corporation, Clarion, PA**

- Responsible for the mission of a private non-profit county level agency with an annual budget of \$150,000 and manages an administrative employee. Reports to a 15-person board of directors made up of contributing members of the corporation.
- Developed new marketing campaign for corporation including new logo, web site, newsletter, e-mail marketing, expanded marketing events, and new literature.
- Responsible for corporation's public relations efforts which includes public speaking, giving press interviews, and writing press releases.
- Develops new revenue sources for corporation and recruited new members and contributors.
- Supervised and trained professional staff that was responsible for the execution of the Business Retention and Expansion Program and the delivery of workforce development services to the corporation's customer base in Clarion and Forest Counties.
- Supervised the completion of infrastructure to the 77-acre Clarion County Commerce Center, a project that the corporation has been working on since 1999.
- Leader in efforts to improve state and local business climate. Lead efforts to stop tolling of Interstate Route 80 in Pennsylvania to save local businesses and to keep area attractive for new business. Currently leading efforts to keep county attractive to Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Play. Efforts include organizing educational events for the general public and meeting with drillers and support industry to identify needs and to develop responses to meet needs.
- Agency recognized as partner of the year for the Northwest Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission (2007), Regional Center for Workforce Excellence (2007) and by the Clarion Area Chamber of Business and Industry (2006).
- Serves as vice president of the Advanced Regional Communications Cooperative to expand broadband telecommunications in Clarion and Forest Counties, serves on the board of the Northwest Pennsylvania Keystone Innovation Zone, and participates on the action committee for the Pennsylvania Technical Assistance Program.
- Assists companies in locating and accessing economic development programs in Clarion County. Projects include packaging loans to help companies to start-up, stay and grow in Clarion County, developing training plans and obtaining funding to carry out those plans for 5 companies, referring companies to resource partners for energy assistance and product development, and successful grant writing for a community planning project.
- Developed a common drywall recycling program for Factory Built Housing Industry Partnerships.

**July 1991 to June 2005 - Assistant Director, Penn-Northwest Development Corporation, Mercer, PA**

- Lead for 113 company projects that resulted in over \$300 million in new investment resulting from new location, expansion, retention or start-up of wealth generating establishments in Mercer County, PA. Activities include lead generation, site/facility selection, loan/grant packaging, and coordination of resource partners.
- Led development of the 100-acre Jackson Commerce Park. Activities included securing state financing and project coordination.
- Promoted to Assistant Director in 1995 due in part for accomplishments during the Grove City Factory Shops project, a \$40 million development that employs over 1,000 persons.

- Responsible for Mercer County's Business Calling Program/Business Retention and Expansion Program since 1991. Activities include visiting an annual average of 235 wealth generating establishments, identifying customer needs and issues and coordinating with resource partners to meet these needs, and analyzing and reporting on call program findings.
- Designed and developed corporate marketing brochure, county industrial directory, and county workforce resource directory and assisted in the development of the corporation's Business Assistance Center brochure.
- As county loan program administrator from 1993 to 1998, packaged and received approvals for \$2.44 million in loans for 26 company projects. In addition, developed and conducted a customer satisfaction survey, wrote guidelines for a county infrastructure loan fund, and rewrote county loan program guidelines in 2002 to include working capital investments for select technology companies.
- Wrote and administered two grant applications for a total of \$78,000 to fund an internship program for two years.
- Communication duties included fund raising, public speaking, and hosting a monthly live radio talk show.

**July 1985 to July 1991 - Manager, European Investment/Policy Analyst, PA Department of Commerce, Harrisburg, PA**

- Managed foreign investment projects in Pennsylvania that resulted in 25 new establishments, 12 expanded establishments, and one joint venture.
- Developed an outreach program on existing European operations in the state.
- Developed a database of Pennsylvania firms that were interested in joint venture with foreign firms.
- Prepared tax comparison data and marketing material for business attraction efforts.
- Published an article entitled "Profiles of State Welcome/Information Centers" in the *Pennsylvania Travel Review* Volume 7 Number 1.

**July 1984 to June 1985 - Pennsylvania Management Intern, PA Department of Transportation, Harrisburg, PA**

- Recommended alternative methods to select transportation engineers.
- Published an article entitled "Zoning Hearing Board's Costs, Fees, and Practices" in the *Pennsylvania Department of Community Affairs' Reports* Volume 15 Number 3.
- Participated in team project studying the consolidation of Pennsylvania's inorganic laboratories that resulted in a limited consolidation.

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**ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Development Bond Finance Course Certificate of Completion, Council of Development Finance Agencies, September 2008.
- Active member of the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association since 1997.
- Served on the program committee for Leadership Shenango, a leadership education program in Mercer County. Awarded Service award in 2001 and mentor of the year award in 2005.
- Economic Development Finance Specialist Certification, October 1991, The National Development Council, New York, NY.
- Export Specialist Training Certification, April 1991, American Graduate School of International Management, Glendale, AZ.

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**EDUCATION**

**Masters of Science in Public Management and Policy, Carnegie-Mellon University, 1984**

- Research Assistant for a NIMH study mental health policy at local, state, and national levels.
- Researcher and writer for award winning team project on condition of Mill Towns in southwestern Pennsylvania.

**Bachelor of Arts in History and Economics, Duquesne University, 1982**

- Mediated consumer complaints with the Better Business Bureau of Western Pennsylvania.



# KENT FIRE DEPARTMENT AUGUST 2011 MONTHLY INCIDENT REPORT

## FIRE RESPONSE INFORMATION

	CURRENT PERIOD			YEAR TO DATE		
	2011	2010	2009	2011	2010	2009
Summary of Fire Incident Alarms						
City Of Kent	47	52	54	339	371	396
Kent State University	10	17	16	130	112	130
Franklin Township	8	6	12	93	97	72
Sugar Bush Knolls	0	0	1	1	0	1
<b>RESPONSES</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>599</b>
Mutual Aid Received by Location						
City Of Kent	0	0	2	3	5	11
Kent State University	0	0	0	0	0	0
Franklin Township	0	1	0	0	7	3
Sugar Bush Knolls	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
Mutual Aid Given	5	6	5	32	34	30
<b>TOTAL FIRE INCIDENTS</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>629</b>

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE INFORMATION

Summary of Medical Responses						
City Of Kent	185	194	204	1557	1577	1554
Franklin Township	32	31	25	223	223	232
Kent State University	22	20	16	186	191	168
Sugar Bush Knolls	0	2	0	5	9	3
Mutual Aid Given	2	9	2	16	29	18
<b>TOTAL RESPONSES</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>1975</b>
Mutual Aid Received by Location						
City Of Kent	1	2	2	10	9	27
Franklin Township	0	0	1	2	1	8
Kent State University	0	0	0	2	0	3
Sugar Bush Knolls	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Total Fire and Emergency Medical Incidents</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>2584</b>	<b>2643</b>	<b>2604</b>





## CITY OF KENT, OHIO

### DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

To Dave Ruller, City Manager  
From Bill Lillich  
Subject: City of Kent cell phone regulations  
Date: August 25, 2011

Mr. Ruller,

In order to respond to the Health & Safety Committee agenda item, I have compiled an update of literature and available materials regarding legislation to regulate cellular phone use while driving. Attached is a list of some of the highlights, and copies of a couple of the smaller papers on the subject.

Unfortunately, it is difficult to develop a strong recommendation on the subject. It is clear that there is some impairment to driving while using a cell phone. But compared to other driver distractions that lead to traffic crashes cellular phone use is much less frequent than other behaviors. The literature speaks of concerns for eating, talking, drinking, smoking, radio adjustment, or other common distractions while driving. But recently, with the advent of advanced personal electronic communications devices (PECD), the concern has grown to a much greater extent.

It is clear that although the number of jurisdictions that properly exercise some regulation of cellular phone usage while driving has increased, the extent of that regulation is still somewhat small. Some of the jurisdictions in this state that have such regulations apply them with little frequency or consistency. In many of the jurisdictions, even when a traffic crash occurs, a more general ordinance violation is applied as it is much easier to prosecute than a cellular phone violation.

In the City of Kent, the level of transient motorists presents a greater concern for enforcement, as many drivers are from other areas or are transient and may not receive proper notice that use of a personal electronic communications device is a violation in our community. And even when the use of such a device is suspect as a causative factor in a crash, some other violation is often more simpler to prove, which makes data gathering and proof more difficult to accomplish. Also the impact of local regulations can be a complication, as indicated from a recent Worthington City Council discussion,

“Worthington’s City Council rejected a proposal to ban handheld cell phone use by drivers on July 18. One lawmaker feared the city image would suffer if it handed out tickets to unknowing non-residents (as in a speed trap) while another said the legislation smacked of “a police state.”

With these thoughts in mind, it becomes difficult to make a recommendation regarding the enactment of an ordinance prohibiting cell phone use while driving. But after some thought, I am submitting the following possible actions, listed in terms of priority:

1. Take no legislative action until more traffic safety research is recognized, and a broader national standard is established.
2. Take no legislative action until more traffic safety research is completed, and a broader State of Ohio standard and statute is established. This might also include a resolution to the legislature encouraging the development of a standard state-wide regulation on use of all ORCD's while driving.
3. Post advisory signs at the city limits on primary roadways cautioning drivers not to use cell phones while driving, but not establishing any traffic offense.
4. Adopt a secondary offense ordinance, in which there is no authority to stop a driver using a cell phone as a primary offense, but if the phone use causes some other offense, an officer could write a violation in conjunction with the primary violation citation.

This is a difficult matter due to the frequency of cellular phone use. But we're just not sure how much total impact the City of Kent can have on the issue compared with statewide application of uniform standards.

Respectfully  
submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William C. Lillich". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

William C. Lillich  
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Research observations relating to the use of electronic communications devices while driving

1. Recent research indicates the following facts on legal limitations on cell phone use.
  - i) Ten states and two territories prohibit hand-held phone use while driving. All are now primary violations.
  - ii) Nineteen states prohibit phone use while operating a school bus.
  - iii) Other than the school bus limitation, all reported restrictions only apply to hand-held use.
  - iv) Thirty-four states and two districts ban text messaging for all drivers, with this activity being a primary violation in thirty-one of them.
2. In Ohio several communities have created bans of the use of hand-held phones, including Cleveland, Brooklyn, Toledo, Columbus, Delaware, Belpre, Berea, and Zanesville. Most of these bans do not include hand-held phones.
3. A 1997 article in the New England Journal of Medicine concluded that the use of cellular phones in motor vehicles is associated with a quadrupling of the risk of a collision during the period of the call. (Redelmeier & Tibshirani, V336:453-458).
4. The use of cell phones in a hands-free mode is not considered safer than hand-held devices while driving. (Strayer, Drews, & Johnson, *Injury Insights*, National Safety Council, February/March 2003).
5. "... conversing on a hand-held or hands-free cell phone led to significant decrements in simulated driving performance .... the cellular phone use disrupts performance by diverting attention to an engaging cognitive context other than one immediately associated with driving." (Strayer, Drews, Albert & Johnson, "Does Cell Phone Conversation Impair Driving Performance?", National Safety Council, March, 2002).
6. Numerous studies have concluded that driver inattention is the predominant cause of dangerous driving behavior, although cellular phone use is reported as a minor portion of the driver inattention. The data that supports this type of "distraction-related accidents is not yet clear in regards to cell phone causation. NHTSA, September, 2003 (as reported in "Mobile phones and driving safety,")Wikipedia.
7. Some analysis has been undertaken to determine the various causes of driver distraction, with cellular phone use less than that many of the other quantified criteria. The reliability of this reporting is somewhat suspect at this time. (See "The Role of Driver Distraction in Traffic Crashes," AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, May, 2001.
8. In an article entitled "Ban Cell Phones While Driving, Safety Council Says," the National Safety Council has taken the following position:

"... the council examined more than 50 scientific studies before reaching its decision (to recommend a ban on cell phone use while driving). One was a study by the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis that estimates 6 percent of vehicle crashes, causing about 2,600 deaths and 12,000 serious injuries a year, are attributable to cell phone use." "Hands-free cell phones are just as risky as hand held phones," she added.
9. Notes on local application:

Previously, local regulations, although lawful, were seen to create enforcement problems due to the limited ability to inform a transient motoring public of a local restriction. Where local regulations exist, the enforcement is sometimes sporadic, although no longer limited by application of the "secondary offense" nature of the regulations.
10. *Hands Free Info. com reports on two pending pieces of legislation in Ohio:*

HB 99 "Would prohibit the driver of a motor vehicle from texting on an electronic wireless communications device." The House approved this legislation in June, and it is expected to be considered by the Senate this fall.

SB 35 "... seeks to prohibit the use of handheld communications while driving (hands-free operation would remain permissible)."