



# The **TREE CITY** Bulletin

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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.



### **SIREN TESTING**

The City of Kent tests the siren system twice per month:

**1st Wednesday at 11:00 am**  
**3rd Wednesday at 6:30 pm**

The tests run for 3 minutes each time. In the event of a real emergency, the sirens will be set off 3 times for a total of 9 minutes.

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## City of Kent, Ohio

We are looking for residents like YOU!

### Join a Board or Commission

The City of Kent relies on volunteer boards and commissions as part of our governmental process. **Apply** for a Board or Commission and **join** your fellow residents in **shaping the future**.

Applications are always accepted and retained for one year. You may apply for more than one commission, but may only serve on one at a time. You must reside within city limits.

- Board of Building Appeals
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- Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council
- Fair Housing Board
- Loan Review Board
- Planning Commission
- Stormwater Review & Appeals Board
- Standing Rock Cemetery Board of Trustees
- Parks and Recreation

**Apply at:** [www.kentohio.org/184/Boards-Commissions](http://www.kentohio.org/184/Boards-Commissions)

#### Questions?

Contact the Clerk of Council's Office at [councilclerk@kentohio.gov](mailto:councilclerk@kentohio.gov) or 330-678-8007

**\*Subject to change based on timing and applications received after publication**

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## Kent's Special Events Make it a Special Place

By Dave Ruller, Kent City Manager

It's easy to appreciate Kent's pedestrian and bike (and scooter) friendly downtown in the warmer months but that appreciation is in short supply when the

wind chill drops and snowbanks rise. Grabbing a shovel, Main Street Kent and its devoted volunteers ventured into the great white north of downtown Kent and hosted Kent's first annual "Snow Day" on January 27th -- proving that there's no such thing as bad weather for a proper celebration.

Snow Day featured winter themed activities, crafts, sales, treats, and musical acts in downtown Kent. The event came about as an attempt to help support the downtown businesses that typically take a hit when the weather turns frosty -- and judging by the smiling faces of the attendees and local store owners, Snow Day cranked up the fun on the thermostat.



Fire pits and rockin' bands turned out plenty of heat but Mother Nature lent a helping hand with an unseasonably

warm day, and no rain. The event offered a wide selection of reasons to get out of the house and meander downtown. The timing was perfect since folks seemed especially ready to stretch their legs somewhere beyond the couch to the refrigerator after the self-imposed lockdown brought on by the polar vortex.

Kent's businesses and downtown organizations like Main Street and the Chamber have worked hard to build Kent's reputation as a destination in northeast Ohio, and for 10+ months of hospitable weather Kent lives up to that reputation hosting events big and small, with something for everyone to enjoy.

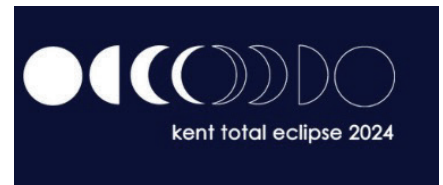
Kent's earned its reputation as a destination city but unlike a lot of "tourist" towns, Kent doesn't shut down when the weather turns -- there is no "closed for the season" option for Kent's businesses. During the off-season the bills keep coming even if the customers do not so it's critical that we make an extra effort to help keep the doors open for our favorite downtown businesses all year long.

Snow Day was a great example of an extra effort opportunity sponsored by Main Street and its partners, and thankfully the community responded by bundling up and showing up. Whether it's a community ice rink or Snow Day event, Kent's a community of all-weather fans.

Happy people downtown translates into happy downtown business owners. Thank you for spreading some happiness on our first Snow Day.

Speaking of attracting visitors to Kent, Main Street and the Chamber report that they are finalizing the details on aligning the stars -- or at least the sun and the moon -- to create a solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. To celebrate this astronomer's dream, they've created an equally impressive eclipse viewing extravaganza that will run all weekend leading up to the eclipse.

There's too much detail for me to list, so please visit the Kent eclipse web site and prepare to be inspired to dust off your solar eclipse viewing glasses: <https://www.kenteclipse2024.com/>



Something as big as a solar eclipse deserves its own marketing tag line and my favorite is, "Come Join us in the Path of Totality." And come, we expect they will, perhaps by the thousands. At least that's what State and County emergency planning reps are forecasting based on experience in other cities the last time an eclipse graced the skies.

We're all for promoting Kent as a destination but with numbers of potential eclipse visitors as high as 50,000 people, we've tempered our enthusiasm and are focused on preparing for how to optimize the fun and minimize problems. Frankly, 50,000 is an intimidating number when you consider how quickly the size of that crowd of caffeinated astronomers can overwhelm our streets, parks, sidewalks, grocery stores, and public bathrooms. Not to mention if there's any kind of emergency during the event.

We started our planning in the Fall of 2023 and we will continue until the RV and telescope has been packed up and exited our borders for their return trip home. This event is a true test of our scenario planning skills and pretty much the entire plan is a contingency plan because there's so many factors beyond our control.

There have been hours (days, weeks, months) of meetings to discuss traffic routing, detouring, parking, public safety substations, communications, technology, public restrooms, etc. It's a long list and if only 100 people show up it was great training but overcooked. If 20,000 people show up it could be a lifesaver, literally, so we plan for the worst and hope for the best.

A big part of our eclipse mission is to minimize the disruption for the residents that live here and will have to live through such an extensive event in their backyard. Please know that's a top priority but if 50,000 stargazers show up at the same time it's going to take patience and contributions from all of us to get through this with our sanity and safety intact.

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## Main Street Kent Update



**Main Street Kent** staff and volunteers have been busy planning events, promotions, beautification and public art projects and more, as we continue our work to make downtown Kent a fun, vibrant and thriving place. We look forward to lots of festivities and a beautiful downtown in 2024! Check out the

Kent Total Eclipse article for information about our plans in April, including the MSK 5K: Eclipse Edition; plus, plans are in the works for a fun, glow-in-the-dark Kent Eclipse bar crawl!

**Clean Up Kent** - Join us for our spring edition of Clean Up Kent on **April 20**. Check in at the gazebo (corner of W. Main St./Franklin Ave.) between 9-11am to choose a spot on the map, pick up trash bags, gloves, etc. Remove graffiti and stickers, clean up trash and help make our downtown look great!

**American Roots Music Festival** - Presented by Crooked River Arts Council and Wayside Furniture, this annual event will take place on **April 26**, featuring live music at multiple indoor and outdoor venues in Kent. <https://www.kentamericanroots.com/> Grab dinner downtown and make a night of it, or make it a weekend of it with an overnight stay at the Kent State Hotel.

**Crafty Crawl** - On Sun., **April 28** we're partnering with Bell Tower Brewing, North Water Brewing and MadCap Brew Co. to present the third annual Crafty Crawl, featuring our local breweries and dozens of area artists — crafty goods and craft beers, the perfect mix!

**Adopt A Spot** - Once the snow starts to melt, we'll see tulips and daffodils blooming in the flowerbeds surrounding Hometown Bank Plaza and Dan Smith Community Park. At the end of May, dozens of volunteers will be planting thousands of flowers in the beds throughout the downtown district. Plus, forty new hanging flower baskets will be hung from light posts, thanks to our city, our sponsors and many volunteer gardeners. Hanging baskets are generously sponsored by Smithers-Oasis. A full list of sponsors and volunteers can be viewed on the MSK website. <https://mainstreetkent.org/about/>

**Art & Wine Festival** - This signature MSK event, presented by The River Merchant, will return on Sat., **June 1**, featuring Ohio wineries, local food trucks/vendors, live music in two locations, and an incredible selection of art. Full details will unfold as the event approaches, so stay tuned to MSK social media and our website for information.



**Putt Around Downtown** - On **June 15**, our downtown businesses will set up miniature golf holes inside and outside their businesses, creating a special putt putt course for this event. Play golf with family and friends, and enjoy lunch and shopping along the way!

**Blues Fest** - On **July 13**, Crooked River Arts Council and Wayside Furniture will present this annual event, featuring live music at dozens of venues in Kent. Grab a DORA beverage and work your way around town to experience a great sampling of blues and rock in Kent. Musician bios, schedule and all details will be available at [kentbluesfest.com](http://kentbluesfest.com).

**Wizardly Weekend** - We are excited to bring the magic back to downtown Kent this summer on **July 19 & 20** with events, activities, decorations, photo opportunities and entertainment. Stay tuned to MSK social media and our website for details.

**Kent Oktoberfest** - Save the date for **Sept. 21** as we plan for the annual Kent Oktoberfest, a growing community event complete with polka, dancing, stein holding competitions, German-inspired local food and lots of fun! We'll welcome back our three local breweries this year too, which makes it even better. Prost!

For information and updates about what's happening in downtown Kent, including events, activities, beautification projects and more, follow us on Instagram and Facebook, and subscribe to our e-newsletter. To contact Main Street Kent, call 330-677-8000 or email [info@mainstreetkent.org](mailto:info@mainstreetkent.org).

## The Economic Impact of a Total Solar Eclipse: A Look Back to 2017

By Eric Helmstedter - Economic Development Director

The last time a total solar eclipse could be seen from the contiguous United States was on Monday, August 21, 2017. Even then, viewing was limited, as the path of totality only crossed 14 states as it traversed from Oregon to South Carolina. Those eager to witness this celestial event poured into these states, and in doing so spent millions of dollars on travel, dining, retail, entertainment, and events.

Data collected after the eclipse of 2017 documented the influx of visitors to these states resulted in:

- 1.6 million traveled to and within South Carolina;
- 197,600 people traveled from out-of-state to Wyoming;
- Nebraska set a record for its greatest single tourist event with an estimated 708,000 visitors;
- Approximately 300,000 visited eastern Idaho;
- The small Oregon town of Madras' population swelled from 7,000 to 100,000+.

Not only are these numbers staggering, but also are consistent across all 14 states in the path of totality. It shouldn't come as a surprise that a 2017 post eclipse report from the University of Michigan estimated that "20 million adults traveled from their home area to another area to be able to watch the solar eclipse".

From hotels and motels to Airbnb rentals and campsites, lodging facilities were filled with eclipse tourists. Using data collected by its global hospitality data analytics division STR, CoStar reported that the day before the eclipse, 96.3% of the 135,908 rooms that fell within the path of totality from Oregon to South Carolina were occupied. In a 2017 article published by the Idaho Department of Labor, it was stated that "Airbnb said the upcoming eclipse caused a record-breaking number of sales throughout the path of the eclipse". Additionally, many of those who made overnight reservations booked multiple nights.

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I've seen a lot of good advice about staying home, stocking up on basic necessities, having your own household emergency and back up plans – including what to do if all of the cell towers are overwhelmed and those phones that we can't live without stop working. These are conversations I encourage you to have with your family members sooner rather than later. You're sure to get eyerolls but that's a small price to pay for a little extra peace of mind.

Multiple state and national web sites are listing Kent as one of the best places to view the eclipse so if people aren't drawn here by our reputation for great amenities and events, they're still going to find us. This is a great opportunity to show off the best of Kent and welcome people from around the world who decided to venture off and share this special planet earth moment with us in our hometown.

In Nebraska, for instance, officials reported visitors spent an average of 3 days in the state, which translated into revenue that is typically only seen with events such as the Super Bowl.

Lodging operators weren't the only financial beneficiaries, as visitors shopped at local retailers, dined at local restaurants, and attended special programs and events. After the eclipse of 2017, Forbes reported that "over the eclipse weekend, stores within totality saw a 16.2% increase in visitor traffic, with August 21st outperforming historical Mondays by 19.5". An economic impact study of the 2017 eclipse commissioned by the Wyoming Office of Tourism found that \$14,240,000 and \$4,510,000 were spent on food and beverage and recreation/entertainment respectively.

Once the numbers were in, the economic impact of the solar eclipse on the states within the path of totality was astounding. South Carolina was the frontrunner, with an estimated \$269 million spent on lodging and travel related expenses. Nebraska reported an economic boost of \$127 million in additional revenue, whereas Wyoming concluded an additional \$63.5 million was spent in the state because of the eclipse.

Given the numbers from 2017, it is undeniable that eclipse tourism is big business. Not only that, but it is a huge opportunity to showcase how great a community is to tourists in the hope that they return to visit in the future.

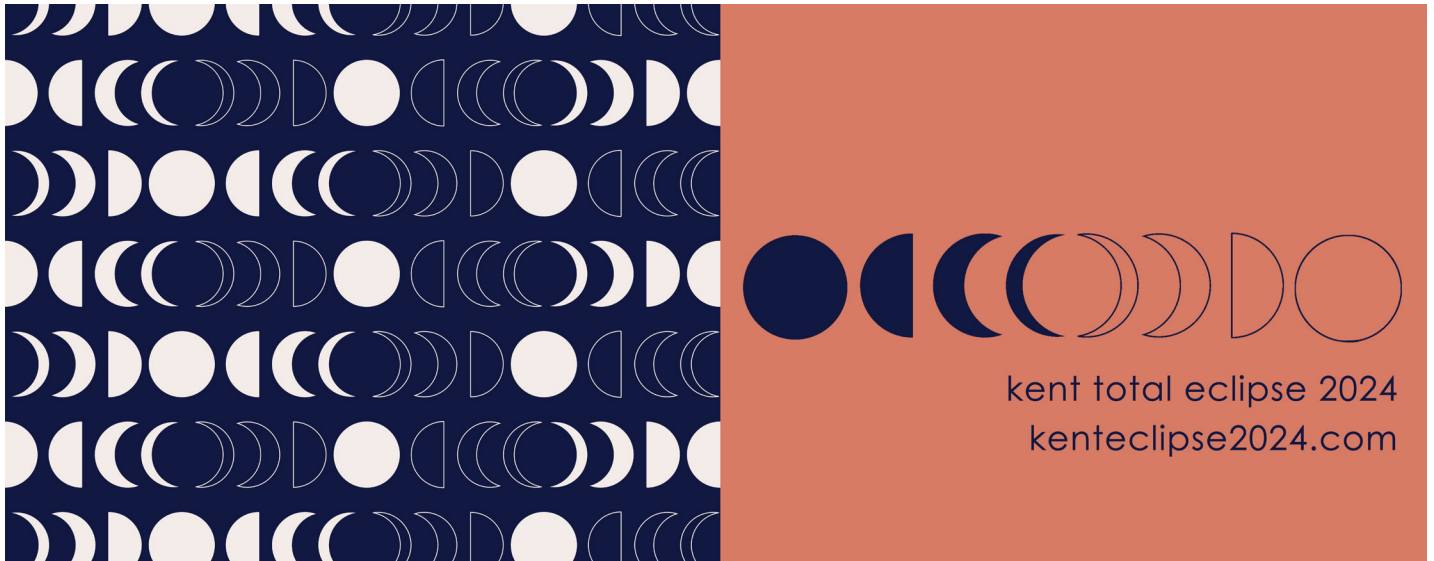
So, don't be left in the dark! Mark your calendars and prepare for this rare and memorable event in Kent, OH! More information can be found on the Kent Eclipse website at: <https://www.kenteclipse2024.com/>. Be sure to check back often as details will be shared as they are made available. You can also follow the event on Facebook at Off the Wagon – For the Young at Heart, the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce, and Main Street Kent.



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## Total Solar Eclipse 2024

Nicholas Shearer - Chief of Police



On April 8, 2024, we will experience a once in a lifetime event here in Kent. The last total solar eclipse in our region occurred in 1806 and the next one will not occur until 2099. Because of the infrequent nature of these natural events, we are expecting people from all over our region to come to Kent to view this natural phenomenon. City of Kent staff have been working in conjunction with Main Street Kent and the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce to plan for all residents and visitors to have an enjoyable and safe eclipse experience. Our goal is for all residents and visitors to the City of Kent to have a safe and enjoyable experience.

Anytime there are large events that bring people together, our police department prepares to provide for the safety of everyone in attendance. We have spent a great deal of time meeting with other city staff and reviewing after action reports from other areas of the country that experienced a total solar eclipse in 2017. What we have learned is that people will come to Kent. We are planning to see our population double or triple on April 8th. As you can imagine, that will cause increased traffic and congestion in the downtown area. One of our primary concerns related to the eclipse is to keep traffic moving in an orderly fashion.

There are several things we would like you to know if you plan to enjoy this event here in Kent:

- Plan for traffic-you are likely to get caught in a traffic jam, especially after the eclipse. Plan extra time to get anywhere you need to go.
- There will be a first aid station and designated reunification site downtown. If you are injured or lose a member of your party, city staff will be available to help you. Make sure all the people in your party know where to go if they get separated from you.
- Parking will be limited-if you live close enough to walk downtown, I encourage you to do so.
- There will be increased roadside parking in our neighborhoods. Understand that this is temporary and will dissipate as the eclipse activities come to an end.
- Have a plan to view the eclipse.

As I mentioned, we want everyone who chooses to view the eclipse in Kent to have a safe and enjoyable time. Our police department will have increased staffing on April 8th to help provide a safe environment. We ask that if you are traveling through the city on April 8th, you do your best to keep moving and not stop your vehicle in the roadway to view the eclipse. We know there will be increased traffic and we will be working to do everything we can to keep cars moving to avoid traffic jams as much as possible. We expect traffic delays, and it is important that you expect this, too. Please plan for these delays and leave yourself plenty of time to get where you are going. Again, I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable eclipse experience on April 8th right here in Kent.

## KCHD - Total Solar Eclipse Safety Preparedness

Joan Seidel – Health Commissioner

A visible total solar eclipse does not happen very often in Kent, in fact the last one was in 1806 and the next one will be in 2099. Unless you are fortunate enough to travel around the world to watch these events, you may want to have plans to watch from Kent. Some will say, “What’s all the fuss,” others may say, “It won’t affect me,” and still others may reflect on the fact, “Spring in northeast Ohio is often cold and can have snow and or rain.” I hope after reading all the articles in the Tree City Bulletin you will consider how special this celestial happening will be. Even if it is cloudy, we will experience darkness in the middle of the afternoon. Also, Kent Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Kent are planning something fun and amazing each day from Friday, April 5th through the big day of the total eclipse on April 8th.

When anticipating a special event some level of planning usually precedes it. Whether written down or only in our thoughts we make some kind of checklist noting how things could be arranged to make it easier and less hassle. Think of going on a vacation, planning a wedding, a holiday meal, or even a tail-gate party. We contemplate, what we have, what we need, who will be there, what route to take, what to eat and drink, and even what to wear. The Kent City Health Department (KCHD) wants its residents to think ahead about the 2024 total solar eclipse, what would make participating more fun or conversely what could be done to avoid potential problems. The city has been meeting and discussing plans since September 2023, we have been meeting together to discuss concerns and logistics. Not everything about this event can be controlled but we are least discussing contingencies and “what ifs.”

The City of Kent wants its residents to have a spectacular time during the activity packed four-day weekend. We have been planning for over 8 months and a portion of our plans always address what would make it easier for our residents who want to participate. We expect a very large crowd of people to be in Kent. It is challenging to predict precisely, but the State tells us to expect the population of Portage County to triple Monday, April 8th. Realistically more will come to the west side of the county rather than the east because we will be closer to totality. It may be hard to fathom thousands of people coming to Kent for an eclipse, but 10,000 people came to the first Harry Potter Fest and 25,000 people typically attend Heritage Festival. In addition, the State and other national organizations have been highlighting Kent as a place to watch the eclipse. So just as we notice an increase in energy level and traffic when the students come back to town, we will notice the influx of eclipse viewers. To make this event more fun and less frustrating KCHD would like our citizens to consider the following:

1. Stay informed [www.kentohio.org](http://www.kentohio.org) where updates will be posted as well as links to other sites with activities.
2. Use your knowledge of Kent, there will be many activities happening downtown in the days leading up to the eclipse, can you walk, carpool, ride a bus? Parking may be limited, and roadways will be congested, especially after the eclipse on the 8th as people leave the area.
3. Know where you will watch the eclipse. Do you want to be with all the others on the Esplanade and the Main Street Bridge or do you have a great view for you and your family from your backyard?
4. Obtain NASA approved safety glasses, **never** look at the Sun without protecting your eyes, even if it is dark from totality.
5. Prepare at home. Have three to four days of food on hand at your home, fuel up your car Thursday or Friday to avoid potential lines at gas stations. Get prescription refills before Monday or have enough on hand to last until Tuesday.
6. Practice patience: the weather, large crowds, and people unfamiliar with Kent may make it very hectic between April 5-8th 2024.
7. PLEASE only use 911 for true emergencies, do not call first responders to ask when events are taking place. Please visit the official website [Home | Kent Eclipse 2024](#).
8. Do not be surprised if cell service is sluggish on the 8th as there will be more people in the area making increased demands on cell towers.

The Moon will start to move in front of the Sun about 1200 noon and should be passed by 4pm. The eclipse pinnacle will last just 3 minutes, but the good memories from a total eclipse can last a lifetime. These websites can provide additional detail:

[Total Solar Eclipse 2024 Ohio — Great American Eclipse](#)  
[Ohio Total Solar Eclipse | Emergency Management Agency](#)  
[Solar Eclipse 2024 | Ohio Department of Natural Resources \(ohiodnr.gov\)](#)  
[Solar Eclipse 2024 | Cleveland Museum of Natural History | Cleveland Museum of Natural History \(cmnh.org\)](#)  
[Total Eclipse Festival 2024 | Great Lakes Science Center \(greatscience.com\)](#)



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## TELEHEALTH, URGENT CARE or EMERGENCY ROOM?

Joan Seidel – Health Commissioner

As much as our friends and family may love us, they cannot always provide the level of care we might need. Our primary care physicians, or family doctor, know us pretty well if we are an established patient, but sometimes we cannot get into see them as quickly as we might like. What are your options? Telehealth visits might be one way to be seen more quickly. Telehealth became more prevalent during the COVID pandemic and has remained a great way to have minor concerns addressed. However, sometimes we need to be in person to receive the correct level of care.

Urgent Care Centers and Emergency Departments (EDs) help at times like these; They provide in person assessments and can do lab work or other diagnostic testing that can help in receiving a diagnosis and treatment. They provide two levels of care and so have a different focus.

In a true-life threatening emergency 911 should be called and paramedics can start lifesaving treatment and get you to the ED quickly. They should not be called for minor events, we want and need them for the big medical issues like stroke, heart attack, seizures, or traumatic injury.

An ED is open 24/7 and they provide care around the clock. They are staffed for complex and critical needs and have the backup of many support departments that can assist and work together to save a life. Again, we only want to use EDs when we really are in need of this level of care. Care in the ED can be very expensive and so for minor concerns a lower level of care is more appropriate and affordable.

Urgent care helps fill the need to be seen without delay for minor issues that are troubling, but not on the same level as an emergency. Typically, urgent cares have limited hours reflecting the level of problems that should be seen there. Their charges are more in keeping with the type of minor problems that should be seen in these facilities.

If you are uncertain where to go, please look at the graphic below, it can help guide you:

This graphic was produced in collaboration with Association of Black Women's Physicians (ABWP).







While the answer isn't always simple, knowing the difference between emergency care and urgent care could save your life in a medical emergency. In the city of Kent there are currently no EDs.

The closest ED is in Ravenna at University Hospital Medical Center.  
There are additional EDs in Akron - Summa Health and Cleveland Clinic Akron General or Childrens Medical Center.

There are several urgent care centers close by.  
UH Urgent Care - 1005 East Main Street, Kent  
Summa Health Stow-Kent Urgent Care - 3825 Fishcreek Road, Stow  
Cleveland Clinic Kent Express Care - 4494 OH 43 Kent  
Crystal Clinic Quick Care Kent - 2007 OH-59 for bone related injuries like breaks and strains  
Well Now Urgent Care OH -14 Streetsboro

Some retail pharmacies have walk in type clinics where you can schedule an appointment to be seen by a nurse practitioner:  
Walgreen's Health Hub 320 South Water Street  
CVS Minute Clinic 500 South Water Street Kent

**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHERE TO GO?**

WHEN TO GO TO URGENT CARE	WHEN TO GO TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM
 Minor injuries Fever or flu symptoms	 Uncontrolled bleeding Chest pain
 Minor sprains or strains Upper respiratory tract infection	 Acute respiratory distress Medication overdose
 Urinary tract infection Skin rashes	 Large open wounds Severe head injury

**CALL 911 IN THE CASE OF A LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY**

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Association of Black Women Physicians

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## Kent State University Hosts Free Electronics Recycling Event

**Free Electronics Recycling:**  
**February 28, March 6, 13, & 20**

The 2024 E-Cycle Drive at Kent State University is open to students, faculty, staff and the community of Kent. Electronics recycling will be open on February 28, March 6, 13, and 20 from 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Kent State University R-17 Parking lot, between S. Willow Street and S. Lincoln Street. Members of both the campus and community can recycle used electronics through Infinite Electronics Recycling, LLC, an R2 certified recycler, where materials are handled in an environmentally and socially responsible way.

Materials permitted at E-Cycle Drive include: computers, monitors, ipads, tablets, mice, keyboards, printers, scanners, flatscreen TVs, VCRs, DVD players, cell phones, phones, AV equipment, cords, string lights, gaming consoles and controllers, and kitchen appliances smaller than a microwave. Kitchen appliances larger than a microwave are NOT accepted at E-Cycle Drive. Large drop offs by local businesses are accepted but must be scheduled in advance. Call 330-672-8704. For a complete list of accepted items and more information about E-Cycle Drive visit: [tinyurl.com/KSUElectronics](http://tinyurl.com/KSUElectronics).

E-Cycle Drive is hosted by Kent State University's University Facilities Management and the Office of Sustainability. The public electronics recycling drop-off event contributes to Kent State University's standings in the Campus Race to Zero Waste competition. This is the 15th year Kent State is competing in Campus Race to Zero Waste. For more information visit: [www.kent.edu/sustainability](http://www.kent.edu/sustainability).

**FLASHES  
RECYCLE  
ELECTRONICS**

**FREE OPEN TO CAMPUS + COMMUNITY**

### **Electronics Drive**

**FEB. 28, MARCH 6, 13, & 20 • 7:30AM - 3:00 PM**  
**KSU R-17 PARKING LOT**  
**between S. Lincoln St. & S. Willow St.**

**You can recycle anything with an electrical component!**

- computers & monitors
- mice & keyboards
- ipads & tablets
- printers & scanners
- flatscreen TVs, VCRs, DVD players
- cell phones, phones & AV equipment
- cords & string lights
- gaming consoles & controllers
- kitchen appliances smaller than a microwave  
*(microwaves allowed)*

**Large drop offs by local businesses are accepted, but must be scheduled in advance. Call 330-672-8704**

**[tinyurl.com/KSUElectronics](http://tinyurl.com/KSUElectronics)**

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## Kent Fire's Eclipse Plans

By Jamie Samels, Fire Chief



The Kent Fire Department has been meeting with City officials and local business owners for the last few months to coordinate planning and safety for the solar eclipse event in Kent. This “once in a lifetime” event will hopefully bring everyone together to celebrate and experience a safe community weekend. The fire department takes a lot of pride in being prepared to help the community out whatever the situation. Of course, with the expected visitors, that can make for a busy event.

So, to be as prepared as possible, we will have additional Firefighters/

Paramedics working on the day of the eclipse in case our call volume substantially increases. In the downtown area we plan on having an EMS crew to help get to our patients quickly. If fire trucks are needed in crowded areas for an emergency, we simply ask for your awareness to safely move to the other side of the roadway. Since early April has unpredictable weather conditions, we often get calls for heat or cold related emergencies. This is a good reminder to dress accordingly, especially if accompanied by children and the elderly. Also, NASA advises that you need special glasses or viewing lenses if you plan on looking directly at the eclipse. Using normal sunglasses, binoculars, telescopes, or anything “without specialized eye protection for solar viewing” will cause a severe eye injury.

Lastly, large crowds sometimes result in getting separated from your family and friends. As we ask for your help in keeping each other safe, we want you to always be mindful of the whereabouts of children. There will be an information booth near the hometown plaza and our Paramedics will have a presence downtown. We want the Kent community to be confident that we are here if you need us and together we will have a safe and memorable experience on April 8th!



# The TREE CITY Bulletin



## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### KIDS NIGHT OUT

Dinner, gym games, music, arts & crafts, computers, video games, and a movie are all included.

WHEN: Mar 2nd, April 6th, May 4th

TIME: 5:30 - 9:30PM

WHERE: Kent Rec Center

WHO: Ages 4 - 11

COST: See website for complete details



### SPRING BREAK CHILDCARE

Bring a daily lunch and warm clothes for outside play!

WHEN: Mar 25th - 28th

TIME: 6:30AM - 6:00PM

WHERE: Kent Rec Center

WHO: K-6th grade

COST: Daily Rates Available - see website for complete details

### BABYSITTER TRAINING

American Red Cross Babysitting Course; certificates will be provided with the successful completion of the course.

WHEN: May (Call for more details)

TIME: 9:30AM - 3:00PM

WHERE: Kent Free Library

WHO: Ages 12 - 16

COST: \$65



### KPR KIDZ CLUB

Before and After school programming for Kent students.

WHEN: Kent City School's School Year

TIME: **AM CARE:** 6:30 - 8:30AM; **PM CARE:** 3:15 - 6:00PM

WHERE: Davey Elementary and the Kent Rec Center

WHO: K-6th graders

COST: Weekly & Daily Rates available - see website for complete details (\$10 Registration Fee)

### LIL' LEARNERS PRESCHOOL

KPR's happy, healthy, and safe preschool environment.

WHEN: September - May

TIME: Mon-Thurs, 9AM - 12:30PM

WHERE: Roy Smith Shelterhouse

WHO: Ages 3 - 6

COST: Weekly Rates Available - see website for complete details (\$25 Registration Fee)





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## YOUTH PROGRAMS CONT.

### YOUTH SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

KPR's Sports Summer Camps include Track, Tennis, Volleyball, Soccer & more!

**WHEN:** Varies - Between May 6th & Aug 8th  
**TIME:** Varies - See website for more details  
**WHERE:** Varies - See website for more details  
**WHO:** Varies - Between K & 8th Grade  
**COST:** Varies - See website for more details



### YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

Summer Camps include KPR Kidz Camp at the Kent Rec & Davey, Junior Adventure Camp, and more!

**REGISTRATION:** Opens to the public April 2nd!  
Check our website for additional details on each camp available, for ages preschool through 6th grade.



### "ON TARGET" FENCING

All equipment included.

**WHEN: SESSION 2**  
April 6th - May 18th (no class on May 11th)  
**TIME: BEGINNERS:** Sat, 2:00 - 3:30PM;  
**INTERMEDIATE:** Sat, 3:30 - 5:00PM  
**WHERE:** Kent Rec Center  
**WHO:** 7+  
**COST:** \$80 Resident / \$90 Non-Resident

### MARTIAL ARTS

Cost does not include uniform.

**WHEN: SESSION 2:** May 8th - June 26th  
**SESSION 3:** Aug 28th - Oct 16th  
**TIME:** Wed, 6:30 - 7:30PM  
**WHERE:** Kent Rec Center  
**WHO:** Ages 7+  
**COST:** \$75 Resident / \$85 Non-Resident

### KENT TENNIS LESSONS

**WHEN: SESSION 1:** June 9th - July 21st (No lessons July 7th)  
**SESSION 2:** July 28th - September 8th (No lessons Sep 1st)  
**TIME: 5-7 YEAR OLDS:** 3:15-4 PM, Sundays  
**BEGINNERS:** 4-5 PM, Sundays  
**ADVANCED:** 5-6 PM, Sundays  
**WHERE:** Kent Roosevelt Tennis Courts  
**WHO:** Ages 5 & Up  
**COST:** \$50 Resident / \$60 Non-Resident

### RIDERS TENNIS LESSONS

**WHEN: SESSION 1:** June 10th - June 26th  
**SESSION 2:** July 8th - July 24th  
**TIME: BEGINNERS:** 6-7 PM, Mon & Wed  
**ADVANCED:** 7-8 PM, Mon & Wed  
**WHERE:** Kent Roosevelt Tennis Courts  
**WHO:** Ages 8-18  
**COST:** \$60 Resident / \$70 Non-Resident





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## ATHLETIC PROGRAMS



### KENT YOUTH CROSS COUNTRY

**WHEN:** Aug 26th - Mid October  
**TIME:** 5:30-6:30 PM, Mon & Thur  
**WHERE:** TBD  
**WHO:** 3rd - 6th Grade  
**COST:** \$60 Registration Fee  
**REGISTRATION:** Opens May 6th



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### ADULT EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE

The Adult Egg Scramble, presented by Ray's Place Kent, is back in 2024! Come out to collect easter eggs and win prizes, ranging from gaming systems to local business gift cards and more.

**WHEN:** Friday, March 29th  
**TIME:** Check In: 5:30-6:45, Starts @ 7:15 PM  
**WHERE:** Fred Fuller Park



### YOUTH EASTER EGG HUNT

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 30th  
**TIME:** Egg Hunt starts @ 12:45 PM  
**WHERE:** Fred Fuller Park  
**WHO:** Children up to 9 Years Old  
**COST:** Free to the Public

### FALL YOUTH SOCCER

While our Spring season is getting underway, it's time to start thinking about the Fall!

**WHEN:** Aug 5th - Oct 13th  
**REGISTRATION:** Opens May 6th  
**WHERE:** Practice & Game Locations Vary  
**WHO:** 3 - 12 Year Olds  
**COST:** Varies Per Age Group



### CUYAHOGA RIVER DAY

Check our website for more details!

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 18th  
**WHERE:** Haymaker Farmers Market & John Brown Tannery Park  
**WHO:** Free & open to the public  
**INFO:** Find more on our website

### 2024 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

Experience a once-in-a-lifetime event here in Kent, with weekend long events throughout the city.

**WHEN:** Monday, April 8th  
**WHERE:** Kent, Ohio  
**WHO:** Anyone & Everyone  
**COST:** Free to the Public



## Project Spotlight The High Cost of Keeping our Rivers Clean – An Update

By: Jim Bowling, PE – Deputy Service Director/Superintendent of Engineering

In 2020 we introduced the concern that our key facility to keep the environment clean, our Water Reclamation Facility, was showing its age. The facility was built in 1967 and it is time for a significant investment to keep the facility performing its essential function of keeping the Cuyahoga River clean. An investment of over \$15 million was targeted to be completed over the next 5 to 10 years. That goal assumed that we could find the capital funds necessary to complete the projects. Well, it's been 3 years and progress has been made, but we still have a long way to go.

Three major projects are nearing completion. These projects include replacing an aging pump station on Middlebury Road, eliminating another aging pump station in Yacovona Park and rehabilitating four final clarifiers. These three projects represent approximately \$7 million in improvements towards keeping the Cuyahoga River clean from our waste. This year we will begin construction on another two projects at the Water Reclamation Facility. The Rehabilitation of the Heat Exchangers and Primary Clarifier #1. These two projects represent another \$8 million in our pursuit of clean water in the environment.



Unfortunately, during that same time period we all experienced a significant increase in prices, inflation. Inflation has also significantly increased the cost to rehabilitate the Water Reclamation Facility. In addition, other problems have worsened in facilities that protect the Cuyahoga River. The most significant is a major sanitary sewer that is located next to and in some cases above the Cuyahoga River. The sewer is in a difficult environment as it is adjacent to the CSX Railroad tracks as well. Vibrations from the railroad have accelerated structural concerns

of the sewer. We are currently determining the best method to remove this pollutant risk from the Cuyahoga River. The most feasible solution is to relocate the sewer away from the Cuyahoga River and remove the risk of pollution. This solution is extremely costly and were in the process of determining the best location for the relocated sewer and how to phase the



## A Note from the Director of Budget and Finance

### Tax Return filing information:

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has announced that Tuesday, January 23, 2024, is the beginning of the nation's 2024 tax season when the agency will begin accepting and processing 2023 tax year returns.

The filing deadline for your 2023 tax return will be **Monday, April 15, 2024**. This year's tax deadline is not affected by Emancipation Day which falls on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. Please keep this in mind when it comes time to file your taxes.

The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) and the City of Kent will observe the same filing deadline. Please contact RITA at 1-800-860-7482 should you have any questions regarding your city tax return. Electronic filing, payment methods, income tax forms and other relevant information is available at [ritaohio.com](http://ritaohio.com).



## Stormwater: What is it and where does it go?



### What is stormwater runoff?

Stormwater runoff is rainfall or melting snow that flows over the ground surface. It is created when rain falls on roads, driveways, parking lots, rooftops and other paved surfaces that do not allow water to soak into the ground.

Stormwater runoff is a leading source of water pollution and excess surface runoff to streams and rivers.

### Where does stormwater runoff go?

When stormwater cannot sink into the ground, it has nowhere to go but to flow across the surface of the ground.

Most stormwater runoff flows either: directly into streams, rivers, ponds, lakes and wetlands or down the nearest storm drain and then into the nearest waterway without any treatment.

### What's the difference between storm drains and sanitary sewers?

City storm drains are separate from sanitary sewers and do not drain into municipal wastewater treatment facilities but carry stormwater runoff from a catch basin (a.k.a., storm drain inlet, curb inlet) into streams, rivers, ponds, lakes and wetlands.

The sanitary sewer is a system of underground pipes that carries sewage from bathrooms, sinks, kitchens, and other plumbing components to the wastewater treatment plant where it is filtered, treated and discharged.

### How can stormwater runoff be reduced or prevented?

A significant amount of stormwater pollution is caused by everyday human activities - washing and maintaining cars, littering, fertilizing and watering lawns, etc. There are many simple, basic steps people can do each day to help reduce and prevent stormwater pollution:

- Never dump anything down storm drains or in ditches
- Compost yard waste and sweep grass clippings out of street gutters after mowing
- Pick up after your pet and equip yourself with bags to properly dispose of any waste
- Check your car for leaking fluids and recycle your motor oil
- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep driveways and sidewalks after application
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash that is plumbed to a treatment plant instead of washing your car on a driveway or street
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider installing a rain barrel or rain garden
- Don't litter! Pick up trash you see on the ground (even if it is not yours) and participate in a river or watershed clean-up





## City of Kent, Ohio

### Climate Action Plan

## City of Kent's Climate Action Plan - A Foundational Year

By: Julie Morris, Sustainability Coordinator

As you may be aware, the City of Kent adopted its first, 5-year Climate Action Plan (CAP) in April of 2023. Kent's inaugural CAP focuses on the following strategic areas for reducing the City's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) footprint:

- Conducting a GHG Inventory update
- Stationary Energy
- Transportation
- Waste
- Agriculture, Forestry, and Other Land Uses
- Education and Outreach

The CAP provides 15 multifaceted strategies to help the Kent community meet goals within these strategic focus areas, and now, almost a year out from adoption of the plan, the City is making lots of progress on laying foundations needed to implement several of these strategies which have been prioritized for 2024.

Conducting a GHG Inventory Update, development of our Municipal Energy Management Plan, expanding solar energy, and the education and outreach initiatives outlined in the CAP have all been prioritized for the upcoming year, and the following are some highlights of work around these goals accomplished in 2023:

The City has completed its Greenhouse Gas Inventory Update, utilizing data from the year 2022 to provide a comparative picture of our current GHG emissions with that of our initial inventory (completed in 2021 using data from 2016). The update has

confirmed areas of greatest emissions lie in the commercial, institutional, and residential energy use sectors, and efforts will be focused on continuing to develop initiatives suggested in the Stationary Energy section of the CAP.

Funding is critical! Sustainability staff has been busy applying for and providing letters of support for various funding opportunities over this past year. The Ohio EPA and Ohio Air

Quality Development Authority are leading the State of Ohio in applying for the federal IRA National Clean Investment Fund and Solar for All funding opportunities. Through its letters of support, the City of Kent currently is connected to this funding process. If the State's application is successful (award announcements are expected this Spring), there will be pass through grants administered by the State that the City of Kent can connect to around sustainability projects, and those that develop and build access to community solar in the Kent community and region.

It is very exciting to be working with NOPEC and its contracted firm, World Kinect, as a recipient of sustainability services that will help the City conduct a carbon audit for City buildings and provide an assessment of up to two city-owned buildings deemed most feasible for onsite solar development. Stay tuned for more information regarding these and other services NOPEC is providing the City that have an in-kind value of more than \$40,000!

Speaking of staying tuned...there is a new Sustainability Overview page on the City's website! Please visit and learn more at: <https://www.kentohio.org/781/Sustainability-Overview> where you can find a complete copy of the Climate Action Plan, information about the community's greenhouse gas inventories, news, events, and more! The webpage also offers the opportunity for you to sign up for the community email List-Serv through which information about the City's CAP and sustainability work is also provided. A new e-newsletter is also under development that will offer more and ongoing details of sustainability and resilience work that is occurring throughout the community.

If you have any questions (or suggestions), would like to be added to the email list-serv, or just want to connect around the City's CAP, feel free to contact Julie Morris, the shared Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Kent and Kent State University at: [julie.morris@kentohio.gov](mailto:julie.morris@kentohio.gov).



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## WATCH THE SKY WITH US

### KENT TOTAL ECLIPSE 2024 WEEKEND-LONG CELEBRATION

Excitement is building in Kent as residents and visitors alike will be immersed in an unforgettable shared experience during the total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, 2024. Kent is in the path of totality and at approximately 3:14 PM for nearly 3 minutes, Kent will have some of the best views in the skies as the orbiting moon blocks the sun's light wrapping our town in total darkness. Ohio has not experienced a total solar eclipse since 1806 and NE Ohio will not experience another one until the year 2099. With a

inclusive, interactive, family-friendly events over the weekend-long celebration culminated by observing this rare and spectacular glimpse of the sun under the Kent sky. Check out the fun below:

**Kent Free Library Eclipse Centered Activities:** Shoot for the moon and experience one of the many activities the Kent Free Library is hosting to celebrate this rare and memorable phenomenon, including solar eclipse family workshops, NASA Citizen Science projects, sun and moon story times, Glow in the Park StoryWalk at Al Lease Park, and Meet Luna from PBS. For a complete list of dates and activities, visit <https://kentfreelibrary.org/>.

**Eclipse Permanent Public Art Project:** The City of Kent Parks and Recreation Department has worked in conjunction with the Kent Total Solar Eclipse Planning Committee to develop and install a permanent public art mural in downtown Kent. The mural has



celestial event this big, Kent is celebrating with four days of fun and festivities!

Community partners, including the City of Kent, Main Street Kent, the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce, Destination Kent CVB, the Kent Free Library, Kent State University, Kent Parks & Recreation, the Kent State University Hotel & Conference Center, and local business owners have been collaborating for almost a year now to plan the "Kent Total Eclipse 2024" event, a four-day celestial celebration from April 5 – 8, 2024. Kent will be host to several

been designed by local award-winning artist Jen Florentine and is designed to commemorate this once in a lifetime event here in Kent. A community unveiling of the mural will take place on Sat., April 6th in Heritage Park. The mural will be installed on the front face of the pump house that sits along the retention pond within the park. The artwork is quintessentially Kent and will be a permanent feature in one of the City's most visited parks, and we can't wait to share it with the community! This work was made



watch the sky with us



a weekend  
community event  
leading up to April 8, 2024  
[kentclipse2024.com](https://kentclipse2024.com)

possible by the Simons Foundation and is part of its 'In the Path of Totality' initiative. Additional funding was also generously provided by the The Henry V. and Frances W. Christenson Foundation and the City of Kent Water Reclamation Division.

**MSK 5K: Eclipse Edition** - On Sat., April 6th, Main Street Kent will host the fourth annual MSK 5K fun run on the Portage Hike & Bike Trail alongside North Water Brewing, the weekend leading up to the Total Solar Eclipse in Kent! Each participant will receive a commemorative MSK 5K: Eclipse Edition glass filled with NWB beer or a non-alcoholic beverage, race bib, and commemorative t-shirt! Register at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Kent/KENTMSK5K>. (All ages and paces welcome; pets and strollers, too).

**Eclipse Public Art Project** - Keep an eye out for five eclipse-themed temporary artworks in the downtown district in March! In anticipation of the Total Solar Eclipse, a call for submissions was sent out to the community seeking "artist interpretations of a solar eclipse." Five artists' renderings were selected to be installed on the sides of five buildings on Water St. Artists of all generations, abilities and cultures were invited to submit their concepts and a wide variety of artworks were selected, so be on the lookout for 4' x 6' artworks. Featured artists include Kristen Mimms Scavnicky, Melissa English Campbell, April Bleakney, Mike Hovancsek and Danny Likar. This work was made possible by the Simons

Foundation and is part of its 'In the Path of Totality' initiative. For more information, visit <https://www.inthepathoftotality.org/>.

**Dark Side of the Moon at the Kent Stage:** On Sat., April 6th, Pink Floyd tribute band, Dark Side of the Moon, will be performing at the Kent Stage. Beyond a tribute, Dark Side of the Moon is a testimonial to the mystic and terrestrial sounds of the phenomenon that is Pink Floyd. For more information and tickets, visit <https://kentstage.org/>.

**Laser Light Show to Music** Experience the captivating lights and sounds of a 30-minute laser light show on Sun., April 7th, at the Hometown Bank Plaza. Food trucks, DORA beverages, and an electrifying show that will entertain and delight! Funding for this show was generously provided by the Destination Kent Convention & Visitors Bureau.

**Kent State University Eclipse Programming** KSU will be hosting a variety of eclipse events on Mon., April 8th, including planetarium shows, alumni luncheon, free eclipse glasses (while supplies last), a keynote presentation, eclipse viewing party and more. For more information, visit <https://www.kent.edu/alumni/event/total-solar-eclipse>.

**Watch the Sky with Us** – April 8th Join us for this opportunity of a lifetime where our community will come together to watch the sun and moon unite. Food trucks, DORA beverages, music, and an awe-inspiring extraordinary experience.

Limited road closures in downtown Kent will be made on April 7th and April 8th, 2024 for the safety of people attending the Kent Total Eclipse 2024 event. For more information and schedule of events, visit <https://www.kentclipse2024.com/>. Additional programming and event details will be updated on the website as they are made available.

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## Republic Schedule and Recycling Guide

### 2023-2024 Collection Calendar

■ Holiday - Service will be delayed one day ■ Recycling

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### Yard Waste Transfer Site Info

Located at the entrance to Plum Creek Park (across from Cherry Street)

#### 2024 Hours of Operation

Tuesdays, 9:00am - 1:00pm  
 Wednesdays, 5:00pm - 8:00pm  
 Saturdays, 9:00am - 12:00pm

During 2024 mulch like material (*shredded / ground up material dropped off by residents at the City's yard waste facility*) will be delivered to residents while supplies last. Please complete the Yard Waste Material Delivery Program Waiver form on the City's website. If you do not have access to the internet, please call the Service Department at 330-678-8105.

#### 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 the site is permitted.
- No commercial vehicles permitted.
- Unauthorized equipment prohibited on premises

The Yard Waste Transfer Site is open to Kent residents only. Residents will be required to show proof of residency, a valid driver's license or state ID with their City of Kent address at the gate prior to admission to the site. Residents must live in and show proof of residency within the City of Kent Corporation Limits (this will be strictly enforced).

#### Acceptable Material List

Brush  
 Grass  
 Firewood  
 Leaves  
 Weeds

#### 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 RR ties

Please remember to empty bags of yard waste and take the bags with you.

If you have any questions regarding the Yard Waste Transfer Site, please call (330) 678-8105

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## 2024 Spring Cleanup

**TO GUARANTEE PICK UP, ITEMS MUST BE PLACED ON THE CURB BY 7:00 AM ON MONDAY OF THE WEEK IN WHICH YOUR SECTION IS SCHEDULED**

ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP IN THE **NORTHWEST** SECTION BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 6th AND ENDING ON FRIDAY, MAY 10th

ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP IN THE **NORTHEAST** SECTION BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 13th AND ENDING ON FRIDAY, MAY 17th

ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP IN THE **SOUTHEAST** SECTION BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 20th AND ENDING ON FRIDAY, MAY 24th

ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP IN THE **SOUTHWEST** SECTION BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 27th AND ENDING ON FRIDAY, MAY 31st

**PLEASE SEE PAGE 23 TO REFERENCE YOUR STREET'S LOCATION.**

**Please read this article carefully for items that are acceptable and will be picked up.** Non-acceptable items will be tagged, rejected, and left on the curb. If you have questions about a particular item please contact the Service Department at 330-678-8105 prior to Monday of your scheduled pickup week for clarification.

**PROHIBITED ITEMS:** Regular Household Trash, Tires, Yard Waste, Concrete, Household Hazardous Waste (Paint, Batteries, Motor Oil, Pesticides, Aerosol Cans, Gasoline, Explosives, and Solvents), Light Bulbs, Pianos (due to weight), Propane/Oxygen Pressurized Tanks, Railroad Ties and Loose/Broken Glass will not be taken.

**RESIDENTS MUST CALL THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT 330-678-8105 IN ADVANCE OF THEIR SCHEDULED WEEK FOR THE REMOVAL OF ITEMS CONTAINING FREON.**

**ALL APPLIANCES SHOULD BE IN A SEPARATE PILE. DOORS SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM FREEZERS AND REFRIGERATORS. SCRAP METAL SHOULD BE PLACED WITH APPLIANCES. PLEASE PLACE APPLIANCES ON THE CURB BEFORE 7:00 AM MONDAY OF YOUR DESIGNATED WEEK TO GUARANTEE PICKUP.**

**LOOSE ITEMS MUST BE PLACED IN BAGS OR CONTAINERS CONTAINERS AND CONTENTS WILL BE PICKED UP. LOOSE ITEMS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP**

TRASH CANS THAT ARE PLACED AT THE CURB CONTAINING ITEMS INTENDED FOR COLLECTION DURING THE SPRING CLEANUP WILL NOT BE EMPTIED AND RETURNED TO THE CURB. ALL CONTAINERS AND/OR CANS WILL BE COLLECTED AND DISPOSED OF WITH THE UNWANTED ITEMS.

TRASH CANS THAT CONTAIN REGULAR HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE PLACED AT THE CURB AS PART OF THE WEEKLY TRASH COLLECTION PROGRAM WILL BE RETURNED TO THE CURB.

Items must be small enough for two men to handle; furniture, electronics, toys, bikes carpet, etc. **All upholstered furniture, mattresses and carpeting placed at the curb must be wrapped in plastic.** Building materials will be collected in small amounts and only if contained for easy handling. Construction materials placed at the curb for pick up must be cut into lengths of four feet or less and bundled to ensure pickup. Construction/demolition debris (drywall, lumber, fencing, etc.) must also be bundled and weigh less than fifty pounds or placed in sturdy containers (no cardboard boxes) weighing less than fifty pounds for pickup. Both the container and debris will be taken. Construction materials placed at the curb that have not been bundled or put into sturdy containers will be tagged, rejected and left at the curb.

**AUTOMOBILE TIRES WILL NOT BE PICKED UP AT THE CURB.**

The City of Kent will be collecting automobile tires (rims removed) from City of Kent residents **ONLY** on Wednesday, May 29th and Thursday, May 30th from 3:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. Four tires per household will be accepted. Tires can be dropped off at 641 Middlebury Road, behind the office of the City's Waste Water Reclamation Facility.

Residents will be required to show proof of residency, a valid driver's license or state ID with your City of Kent address at the gate prior to admission to drop off tires. Residents must live in and show proof of residency within the City of Kent Corporation Limits (this will be strictly enforced).

City personnel will be checking ID's and assisting with tire drop off and loading. This program is being run entirely by the City of Kent.

**Please try to donate, find a reuse, or recycle unwanted items before placing them at the curb for collection.**

Once a rejection tag has been placed on items left at the curb, those items will not be picked up later.

If you have any questions regarding Spring Cleanup, please call the Service Department at 330-678-8105.





# The TREE CITY Bulletin

## Spring 2024 Brush Collection Program

The City of Kent's Central Maintenance Division collects brush at the curb twice each year. The 2024 Spring Brush Collection Program will commence Monday, May 6th, 2024.

Brush will be collected in the **Southwest** section  
Monday, May 6th, to Friday, May 10th, 2024

Brush will be collected in the **Northwest** section  
Monday, May 13th, to Friday, May 17th, 2024

Brush will be collected in the **Northeast** section  
Monday, May 20th to Friday, May 24th, 2024

Brush will be collected in the **Southeast** section  
Monday, May 27th, to Friday, May 31st, 2024

Please see page 23 to reference your street's location.

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

**Crews will make only one pass down each street during the scheduled week.**

Please do not wait until later in the week to place your brush at the curb, as there will not be a second pass in your neighborhood. Chipping crews will spend a maximum of thirty minutes at one 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, see the City's website for hours and access information.

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. Please see page for updated information about the yard waste site and hours of operation.**

If you have questions or comments please call the Service Department at 330-678-8105.

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## NORTHWEST

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  
Gouglar 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

## SOUTHWEST

Ada Street  
Akron Boulevard  
Beech Drive  
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  
Hughes 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

## SOUTHEAST

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 Street, S  
Dodge Street  
Elm Street, E & W  
Franklin Avenue  
Hall Street, E & W  
Harris Street  
High Street

Ivan Drive  
Joyanne Court  
Lincoln Street, 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

## NORTHEAST

Anna Avenue  
Beechmont Place  
Beechwood Drive  
Birchwood Circle  
Brady Street  
Burns Court  
Burr Oak Drive  
Carthage Street  
Cindy Circle  
College Avenue, E & W  
College Court  
Columbus Street  
Costley Court  
Crain Avenue  
Cuyahoga St (East of Hudson Rd)  
Dansel Street

Davey Avenue  
Day Street, E & W  
DePeyster Street, N  
Dominion Drive  
Doramor Street  
Edgewood Court  
Elizabeth Drive  
Elmwood Drive  
Erie Street, E & W  
Fairview Drive  
First Ave (1600 block only)  
Frances Drive  
Gatun Street  
Glad Boulevard  
Graham Avenue  
Grant Street, E & W

Harvey Street  
Highland Avenue  
Holly Drive  
Horning Road  
King Avenue  
Lake Street  
Lincoln Street, 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

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