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Income Tax Division .....	330.678.8103
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Fire Department - Non-Emergency .....	330.673.8814
Health Department .....	330.678.8109
Animal bites, birth/death certificates, food service inspections, pest control	
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Police Department - Non-Emergency.....	330.673.7732
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### **Trash Collection Reminder**

Please be reminded that City Ordinance 521.08 states:

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

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



### **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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## BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

### FOR DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EACH BOARD AND TO APPLY

VISIT <http://www.kentohio.org/184/Boards-Commissions>

All Applicants must appear for an interview to be considered for the position and must be an elector of the city of Kent.

NOTE: By statutory definition, "elector" means anyone of voting age and a resident of the City. The Kent City Charter Section 8.01 mandates that all appointments to City Boards and Commissions shall be electors of the City, with the exception of the Board of Building Appeals.

### IMMEDIATELY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

#### CIVIL SERVICE

One (1) Vacancy | Open Until Filled  
The Kent Civil Service Commission prescribes, amends, and enforces rules for classification of positions in the civil service of the City government. These rules include matters such as examinations, resignations, appointments, promotions, removals, transfers, layoffs, suspensions, reductions and reinstatements. The Civil Service Commission is composed of three individuals that must be a resident of either Kent City or Franklin Township. They are appointed by Kent City Council and their terms are six (6) years in length. No member of the Board shall serve more than two (2) full terms consecutively  
TERM: To fill a vacancy of an unexpired term ending 12/31/24

#### STORMWATER DISTRICT REVIEW AND APPEALS BOARD

Two (2) Vacancies | Open Until Filled  
The Board will hear appeals regarding disputes brought by owners and non-owners concerning application of the city's Stormwater Utility Chapter and will have the authority to adjust provide relief due to unique circumstances which reduce the burden of operating, constructing, repairing and maintaining the Stormwater utility system.  
TERM: Two (2) years

**FOR TERMS EXPIRING 12/31/22  
APPLICATION DEADLINE  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022  
INTERVIEW DATE OCTOBER 5, 2022**

#### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Three (3) Vacancies  
The Board of Zoning Appeals hears and determines all appeals from any decision or action of the Zoning Inspector in the administration or enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance. The Board of Zoning Appeals hears and determine all appeals from the refusal of the Zoning Inspector or Planning Commission to issue zoning certificates or conditional zoning certificates. The Board may decide appeals by reversing or affirming, wholly or in part, or by modifying such decision, action or refusal.  
TERM: Three (3) years.

#### LOAN REVIEW BOARD

Two (2) Vacancies  
**(One for a Local Attorney, One Local Realtor.)** The City's Loan Review Board is responsible for reviewing loan applications from qualified businesses seeking Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding to assist with needed commercial start-up or production expansion costs.  
TERM: Five (5) years.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

Two (2) Vacancies  
(One immediately and one January 1, 2023)  
The Planning Commission shall consist of five (5) residents of the City appointed by Council who shall serve without compensation. The Planning Commission shall adopt such rules and requirements for plats and the laying out of allotments as is deemed necessary and advisable, subject to Council approval.  
TERM: Five (5) years

**FOR TERMS EXPIRING 12/31/22  
APPLICATION DEADLINE  
OCTOBER 25, 2022  
INTERVIEW DATE NOVEMBER 2, 2022**

#### BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS

Two (2) Vacancies: One (1) Immediate Vacancy for a plumber; One (1) Vacancy for a registered architect.  
TERM: Three (3) years

#### BOARD OF HEALTH

One (1) Vacancy: The Board of Health is created in accordance with Kent City Charter Chapter 66(A). The Board of Health of the City may make such orders and regulations as it deems necessary for its own government for the public health, the prevention or restrictions of disease and the prevention, abatement or suppression of nuisances. No member of the Board shall serve more than two (2) full terms consecutively.  
TERM: Five (5) years.

#### FAIR HOUSING BOARD

Two (2) Vacancies.  
The Board is responsible to initiate or corroborate complaints of unlawful housing practices and refer any incidence of an alleged violation of fair housing law to the City of Kent designated fair housing provider agency for consideration and review. The Board may collaborate with the designated fair housing provider agency to facilitate a voluntary meeting between the person(s) reporting the alleged fair housing violation and the person(s) identified as the alleged violator(s) in an attempt to resolve the issue. This Board also handles complaints of unlawful housing practices, housing discrimination complaints and any alleged violations of fair housing laws.  
Term: Three (3) years.

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#### DESIGN AND PRESERVATION

One (1) Vacancy.  
The members of the Committee on Design and Preservation shall have, to the highest extent possible, a demonstrated knowledge, experience, or interest in architecture and/or historic preservation. Members must possess a determination to work for the overall improvement of the quality of the physical environment of the City. The Committee members should include, if at all possible, the following: one downtown building owner and two (2) members of the community who are preservation-related professionals such as architects, historians or planners with interest in preserving the historic integrity of the City. Any Committee member may possess one or more of these qualifications at the same time.  
Term: Three (3) years.

#### INCOME TAX BOARD OF REVIEW

Two (2) vacancies.  
The Board of Review of five members is hereby created consisting of the City Manager, the Finance Director, the Law Director and two Kent residents not otherwise employed by the City, who shall be appointed by Council for initial terms of one year and two years respectively, and thereafter for two-year terms. Such public members shall not be adherents to the same political party; they shall be paid such per diem compensation as Council shall fix.

#### SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

One (1) vacancy. The Sustainability Commission shall be comprised of five (5) citizens with some technical knowledge and/or strong understanding of environmental issues. Members shall be capable of reviewing and assessing large volumes of written data and have strong public relations and public speaking skills, teamwork and coordination skills.

#### SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Two (2) Vacancies. The Shade Tree Commission shall have absolute custody and control of and power to plant, set out, remove, maintain, protect and care for shade trees on any of the public streets of the City. Term: Four (4) years

#### TO APPLY

Fill out the online application at [www.kentohio.org/184/Boards-Commissions](http://www.kentohio.org/184/Boards-Commissions). Print, complete and sign a Boards and Commissions application and return to Amy Wilkens, Clerk of Council

- Email signed application to [councilclerk@kent-ohio.org](mailto:councilclerk@kent-ohio.org) OR
- Mail application to 301 S. Depeyster St. Kent, OH 44240

Questions? Contact the Clerk of Council at (330) 678-8007 or Email [councilclerk@kent-ohio.org](mailto:councilclerk@kent-ohio.org)

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## Thanks to Kent's Service Department

By Dave Ruller, Kent City Manager

They say that “you can take the City Manager out of Public Works but you can't take Public Works out of the City Manager” – and there's a lot of truth to that.

I'm grateful that I spent my first 20 years in local government on the Public Works side of the house (in Kent we call it the Service Department) where my days revolved around recycling, trash collection, plowing snow, street maintenance, facility management, traffic and transportation, wastewater collection and treatment, water production and distribution, storm water management, sidewalk repairs, parks maintenance, and even maintaining a rookie league professional baseball stadium.

Public Works suits my aptitudes which lean towards attention deficit, so the unpredictability of life managing infrastructure services was a great fit – it still is, which is why I always look forward to spending time with our Service Director and Engineers reviewing the most recent challenges, and finding opportunities to leverage Kent's infrastructure to enrich quality of life, preserve natural resources, ensure public safety, support economic investment, and solve problems that impact the community.

The Service Department doesn't get the same acclaim as Police and Fire when it comes to saving lives but their work is no less important and deserves equal billing – which is why I thought I'd use this article to share my observations for what makes the Kent Service Department, and the people that work in it, extraordinary.

Infrastructure problems can be tough. Customers can be angry, the work demanding, money tight, schedules unrealistic, weather conditions bad, and gratitude rare – but daily aggravations and sacrifices grow smaller when we understand the “why.”

When we remember that we build and repair sewer and water lines because before we did more people died from dysentery than from cancer or heart attacks. We remember that when roads aren't safe, more people die in car crashes. When storms rage, residents may need help, and Service Department crews makes sure it can get there.

In the course of each day, the work of Kent's Service Department employees “touch” Kent residents thousands of times with little notice or fanfare. With hundreds of miles of streets, sidewalks, and water and sewer pipes “hidden in plain sight,” it is hard to grasp the extent of the reach of the Service Department – until something goes wrong and then we are quickly reminded just how deeply these services reach into our lives.

Deterioration happens, and with millions of dollars invested in

Kent's infrastructure, repairs also have to happen. The good news is that they do, every day, by Service Department employees. A fine line exists between a community that stays out in front of its infrastructure problems and one that is buried beneath them. Kent's Service Department crews go toe-to-toe with our infrastructure challenges, combining brain and brawn to know when to duck and weave, and when to throw a punch. Talent and effort are important but in the end there is no substitute for experience and expertise to deliver results.

I'm guessing not many children list ditch digger, street sweeper, or sewer cleaner on their career wish list – yet every child in Kent has had a better place to live because of those people that made these jobs their profession.

There is nothing easy about the work. These dedicated employees make personal sacrifices because they believe that one person can make a difference in the lives of many.

Being responsive is a full time job and Service Department crews are on-duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. There are no time-outs in managing infrastructure and when things break – even in the middle of the night – the crews are there to respond.



Through wind and snow storms, and floods and pandemics, Service Department employees play a critical role in protecting public health and safety during an emergency, and restoring “normalcy” following catastrophic incidents. In this way, Service Department crews deliver something else – peace of mind.

For the Service Department, taking care of business is all about taking care of the people and the place that Kent residents call home. At a time when the human touch seems to be in short supply, Service Department employees still make house calls.

These are everyday people doing extraordinary things for all of us.



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## Main Street Kent Update

Main Street Kent is known for great events, downtown beautification, community development, marketing and promotions in downtown Kent. We take our mission very seriously: making downtown Kent a fun, vibrant and thriving place! We mean this in every sense, and we are surrounded by like-minded community members, volunteers and business owners who help us do our work. Thank you to all who contribute time, talent and treasure to make MSK a success!

**Adopt A Spot** is bigger and better than ever this year! With the addition of many new flowerbeds on N. Water St., we now have 40 beds and planters sponsored by various community members, companies and organizations. Also, thanks to The Davey Tree Expert Company and Smithers-Oasis, we have 50 beautiful hanging flower baskets bursting with color all over the downtown district! Visit the MSK website for a complete list of sponsors and volunteer gardeners, and thank them for keeping Kent beautiful; it's a true community effort. [mainstreetkent.org/about/our-programming/](http://mainstreetkent.org/about/our-programming/) We also have a waiting list if you would like to adopt a spot in the future, so get in touch if you'd like to be added to the list! [info@mainstreetkent.org](mailto:info@mainstreetkent.org).



**Kent Rocks Music Festival** (formerly known as the Round Town Music Festival) is Fri., Sept. 16. Enjoy live music all over downtown Kent at a variety of venues, including bars, restaurants and breweries. Grab some dinner out, purchase DORA beverages "to go" and stroll around from venue to venue to see some great live music for free!



**Kent Oktoberfest** is scheduled for Sat., Sept. 24, noon to 10pm. We'll have live music (from polka to classics), dancing, beer trucks, German food and other festivities on Franklin Ave., from Erie St. to W. Main St., stretching over to the Hometown Bank Plaza. Don your lederhosen, bring your friends and a hearty appetite, and head down for a fun day with us! Please note: pets are not permitted at this public event, per city ordinance, so please leave them at home.

**Rainbow Weekend** is Oct. 7 & 8, and we're excited to bring it back! On Friday, there will be a Rainbow Run on the Kent State campus, plus a bar crawl, live music and art exhibits downtown. The Kent Stage will host the popular Rocky Horror Picture Show at 11:59pm. Then on Saturday, there will be workshops including Safe Space Training, speaker panels, Courageously Queer storytelling, and a chance to see the documentary "Mama Bears;" plus the art exhibits and live music will continue! Stay tuned to the MSK website for details. [mainstreetkent.org/events/kent-rainbow-weekend/](http://mainstreetkent.org/events/kent-rainbow-weekend/)



**Family Friendly Halloween** will take place on Fri., Oct. 28. Many downtown businesses will hand out candy and Main Street Kent will have activities at the Hometown Bank Plaza, along with other organizations including the Kent Police Department and Rough Riders Read. Come downtown and support our local businesses - do some shopping and grab some dinner along the way as the kids trick-or-treat.



**The Kent eGift Card** is an easy, awesome way to give a gift! Available for purchase online, and valid at over 25 Kent businesses, The Kent Card can be sent via email or text message (just pick the date you want it delivered) and is perfect for birthdays, corporate gifts, "care packages" for college students and more. The Kent Card has been used for employee appreciation programs, including Kent State University, the City of Kent, and Hometown Bank. Visit the MSK website to purchase The Kent Card [mainstreetkent.org/shop/the-kent-card/](http://mainstreetkent.org/shop/the-kent-card/).

Interested in a bulk purchase for an employee appreciation program or holiday gift giving?  
Send an email to [info@mainstreetkent.org](mailto:info@mainstreetkent.org) and we'll talk — your employees will love it!

**Small Business Saturday** is Nov. 26, right after Thanksgiving. As you consider your holiday shopping options, remember what a huge difference it makes to shop locally rather than online with giant companies. It's a lot of fun to take the family shopping for meaningful gifts, plus you can check out the beautiful holiday lights and decorations in town, have a hot cocoa (or a hot toddy), and contribute to the overall economic health of your community. Visit [mainstreetkent.org/shopping/](http://mainstreetkent.org/shopping/) to see what our most current shopping options are! You'll find locally roasted coffee, musical instruments, books, records, caramel popcorn, handmade chocolates, ornaments, local art, worldly art, jewelry, gag gifts, embroidered items, Kent State wearables, skateboards, bicycles, backpacks, dream catchers, games, puzzles, art supplies, antiques, Cleveland sports team memorabilia, crystals, custom frames, stationery, comic books, concert tickets and more... right here at home. 'Tis the season to support local business, all year long!

Be sure to follow Main Street Kent on Facebook and Instagram for daily updates, and subscribe to our newsletter at [mainstreetkent.org/newsletter/](http://mainstreetkent.org/newsletter/) so you don't miss a thing. Also, check our events calendar at [mainstreetkent.org/events/](http://mainstreetkent.org/events/) for live music, events and fun activities. There's always something happening downtown!

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## Please Note The Important Dates Coming Up:

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

Remember to turn your front porch lights **ON** if you plan to participate.

The holiday shopping season is right around the corner. For the fifth year in a row, Mayor Jerry Fiala has declared **FREE parking on Friday, November 25th** Together with the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce , Main Street Kent and College Town Kent, Fiala is promoting **SHOP LOCAL...EAT LOCAL!** "This is just a small way of giving back, and encouraging people to support Kent's small businesses and small business owners," said Fiala. Bring your shopping list and appetite, and park **FREE** while you SHOP & EAT LOCAL on November 29th.



Kent Free Library, in collaboration with the State of Ohio, Kent Rotary Foundation, and the Portage County United Way, is proud to offer the Imagination Library book program to Portage County families. This program provides one free book each month to children age 0-5 years old to increase reading and literacy in the Kent community. Parents can sign up for delivery of these free books by enrolling at <https://ohioimaginationlibrary.org> or by contacting Stacey Richardson from the Kent Free Library at 330-673-4414

## KENT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

### Finishing the Portage Bike & Hike Trail...in Kent

By Jim Bowling, PE

Deputy Service Director/Superintendent of Engineering

The Portage Bike & Hike Trail is part of an ambitious endeavor to build an east-west connection from the Ohio Erie Towpath Trail in Summit County to the Great Ohio Lake-to-River Trail in Trumbull County. The route through Kent is 4 miles long and runs along the Cuyahoga River. The first section began construction in 2008 and the latest section, Brady's Leap, was opened this spring.



*New trail highlights with existing bedrock and memorial*

The challenge for the latest section was to improve a facility that was already an asset to the City. The new trail improves the accessibility and visibility of the trail, its interaction with the Cuyahoga River and the ability to bike the area. This was done while maintaining or enhancing the existing trails assets, including the mature trees and exposed bedrock.

So, what is left to complete of the Portage in Kent? There are two key pieces left to complete and they are some of the most complicated sections on the Portage. One segment is the last piece in downtown Kent. It would connect the end of the existing trail at Tannery Park at Stow Street to Main Street. Like the section just completed its challenge is to make improvements while enhancing the facilities interaction with the beauty of the area. Planning for this section is anticipated to begin in 2023.

The other segment to be completed is making the final connection from the Portage to the Freedom Trail at Middlebury Road. Installation of a trail in this area is complicated by two railroads and the Cuyahoga River. However, the Summit County Metroparks have been working on the design of this connection for the last several years and they're anticipating construction to start in 2023 and open the facility in 2024. The project will connect the two existing facilities with an off-road trail that will include a new bridge over the railroad and a curved section of trail to reduce the grade of the trail.

It's exciting to think that in the near future, the Portage in Kent will be completed and that Kent residents will be able to enjoy all of its beauty.





## Business Activity in the First Half of 2022

By Tom Wilke, Economic Development Director

At times, it can almost seem like we are back to pre-pandemic times as we see most people without masks and many of our businesses appear to have far more customers than they have had in the past couple of years. However, it is important to remember that there are many significant economic factors caused by the pandemic that continue to linger making it difficult for our businesses to generate the cash flow necessary to maintain their livelihood. These factors include the higher cost of inventory, the higher cost of labor and supply chain issues in general. All of this means it is more important than ever to support your locally owned and operated businesses.

Having said that many business leaders are optimistic about both the short and long term economic climate and numerous positive projects continue to develop in the City. These include:

- The Pit Stop Pub opened in University Plaza where you'll find the best barbeque in Portage County along with burgers, and sandwiches in a fun and friendly atmosphere!
- Hippie Fox Rocks opened in Acorn Plaza where they offer High quality Rocks, Polished Stones, Geodes & Crystals, Hand-Crafted Items, Backpacks & Fanny Packs, Wind Chimes & Dream Catchers; Sage and Cedar Bundles, Necklaces, Earrings, Bracelet & Rings!
- Bar Lucci's opened recently at 257 N. Water St where they offer craft beer and a great outdoor patio.
- Acorn Alley of Kent has secured a new tenant for the former Franklin Hotel Bar Space. It will be operated as a speakeasy concept called The Standard and it will feature jazz music. It should be opened in August.
- The current Lightly Toasted location was awarded a provisional Medical Marijuana Dispensary license on May 16. The location will still have to receive Planning Commission approval and further State of Ohio research before being allowed to open. If both have positive outcomes, the Lightly Toasted business will move to a new location and the building will undergo significant renovations before opening as a dispensary February of 2023.
- The former HW Industries building on N. Water St. was purchased by two local business leaders who will be converting it to a mixed use building with light industrial and office space.
- Tree City Coffee will be expanding into the former Over Easy space next door to increase both their size and their product offerings.
- The former Circle K on E. Main St. is being remodeled by local business leaders and will reopen as a Campus Market convenience store.
- The former Starbucks in the Brady building is being remodeled by local business leaders and will reopen as the Cleveland Bagel Co. Café with expanded menu offerings.
- Rocco's Cupcake Café has committed to opening in the old One Love Yoga space and in addition to offering the retail sale of their cupcakes, they will also offer an extensive catering service.
- A company called Renewable Lubricants out of Suffield purchased the building and property at 341 W. Oak St. with the intention of upgrading and reopening the railroad siding that exists on the site for their own use as well as making it available to other businesses in Kent. Shipping by rail is currently approximately 75% cheaper than shipping by trucking. Renewable Lubricants uses food grade vegetable oil to make machine grade oil that is environmentally safe and completely recyclable.
- A company called the Emerson Group has just leased the suite of offices in Acorn Alley that formerly housed Burbick Properties, the Burbick Foundation, Main Street Kent and Leadership Portage County. I have not met them yet but their website describes them as "A distribution service that connects health and beauty brands to consumers". They are based in Wayne, PA outside of Philadelphia.
- Several companies have expressed interest in the vacant spaces in College Town Kent including one that provides "a smart, innovative suite rental solution for Independent Beauty Professionals and their clients", another that would offer laser hair removal and a third that would provide a Self-Pour Beer Wall where consumers can choose to taste a variety of beers through metered technology.
- Additionally, there are two Kent-based entrepreneurs that currently sell their products on-line, at craft shows, at farmers' markets, etc. that would like to open "brick and mortar" locations in downtown Kent and they are currently reviewing available spaces for suitability.
- The Human Bean Coffee Shop Drive Through is currently under construction in front of Acme on E. Main St. and should be open soon. This Oregon based company was established in 1998 and quickly established a reputation for having friendly and experienced baristas and offering the highest quality ingredients.
- The Chipotle conversion of the closed Burger King on E. Main St. is progressing quickly and should also be open soon. The new location will offer a convenient pickup window, an expanded dining room and a beautiful outdoor patio.

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## Sustainability Ideas for Fall

By Renee Ruchotzke, Sustainability Commission Chairperson

As Fall approaches, it will soon be time for all of the yardwork that puts the gardens to bed for the winter, and have them ready for the spring. Here are a few tips that can make a positive difference for both human health, biodiversity, and general sustainability!

### Leave flower stems for the bees

The original “bee hotels” are broken off flower stems, where many species of native bees lay their eggs. Do bees a favor by cutting back your perennials to about a foot tall instead of all of the way to the ground. Be sure to leave these stems in the Spring, because some species incubate all Summer and hatch in the Fall. The new growth in the Spring will soon hide these “bee nurseries.”

### Leave some leaves for the bees (and other insects)

Leaf litter is a very important part of the local biome. It feeds the soil and provides habitat and nesting places for insects and other smaller critters. Breaking up the leaves by using a mulching lawnmower (or chop up leaves in a round garbage can using a string trimmer) will help them turn into soil more quickly. Spread the mulched leaves under trees and in garden beds.

### Use rakes on grass and garden beds, brooms on pavement

The high velocity “winds” from leaf blowers can disturb the habitat of all ground-nesting creatures. Blowers circulate allergens, toxins, pollutants like herbicides and pesticides, feces and pathogens into the air, along with dust. (Plus you get a nice workout!)

### Trade in your gas leaf blower for electric

If you really love your leaf blower, consider buying one of the new battery-operated models. They are quieter (your neighbors will be grateful!), require less maintenance, are cheaper to operate, and have minimal impact on the climate! (See the article below on 2-cycle engines.)

## Rethinking 2-Cycle Engines

Electric/battery operated tools are gaining a foothold in completing tasks that have long been dominated by equipment powered by 2-cycle fuel. People are moving away from gas-powered equipment to do their part to address Climate Change, but there are more immediate and direct reasons to switch. 2-cycle engines expose operators to volatile organic compounds (VOC's), carbon monoxide (CO), and noise pollution.

When you actually read the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for various 2-cycle products, you will find a list of different chemical compounds, potential health hazards, and other pertinent information. According to an SDS of a premixed 2-cycle fuel product some of the VOC's present in the exhaust fumes are Ethylbenzene, 2-Methylbutane, n-Hexane, Xylene, and Toluene. The same SDS states: “Ethylbenzene as possibly carcinogenic to humans”, while two of the other VOC's are stated as: “not classifiable as to carcinogenicity to humans”. The SDS for a 2-cycle product also states “inhalation may cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure by inhalation. May cause drowsiness, dizziness, headache, nausea, or vomiting. May cause irritation to the respiratory system.”

Noise pollution and potential hearing loss are also hazards for an operator of 2 cycle powered equipment, though that can be minimized through use of hearing protection. Battery powered equipment on the other hand is far quieter, and less disruptive to your neighbor and to local wildlife.

Commercial users that use equipment for 8-12 hours a day may find the transition to electric a hard sell at first. The pricing of electric equipment has become competitive. Operating costs for 2-cycle engines are higher, as they need regular maintenance such as periodic fuel line and spark plug replacement, and they are prone to flooding and other expensive carburetor related problems. Battery technology has improved to the point where the power is comparable, the batteries last longer, and newer lines of pickup trucks are equipped to charge batteries on the go.

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- The Davey Tree Expert Company is nearing completion of their 38,000 sq. ft. expansion after which they will begin renovations on their existing building. We should all be very proud to have Davey Tree choose to locate their world headquarters in the City of Kent!

As you can see, the economic activity in the City is extensive and while it is very encouraging, it can create the impression that everything “back to normal” and while that is true in some ways, there are still some very large after effects of the pandemic that or not generally obvious to the consumers. As I am sure you noticed, many of these projects are owned and operated by local small entrepreneurs that rely on the patronage of our local residents to thrive. Please keep that in mind as your make shopping and dining decisions!

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## Health Department

We are all excited about the new services we are going to be able to provide to the citizens of Kent.

The Fire Department and Health Department are teaming up to create a Falls Prevention Program. This program will include home inspections, strength exercise classes, prevention and health screenings, and post-discharge follow-ups. It is our goal that by providing these services we can reduce the number of EMS calls, emergency department visits, and hospital readmissions so residents can stay more safely independent in their own home.

Our Fall Prevention Program will be coordinated by our Community Paramedicine Provider (CPP) who is a registered nurse and paramedic. The program will start with a home assessment and recommendations on removing fall hazards. The CPP will be able to recommend and install grab bars in specific areas of the house to provide support and assistance while walking or standing up. Our CPP can also examine the

resident's medication list and identify possible fall risk medications. By helping to coordinate transportation, doctor's office visits, recommendations for occupational and physical therapy, and mental health evaluations we hope to decrease any preventable falls. We have two staff members that are going to get certified to teach the SAIL (Stay Active and Independent for Life) which will teach strength and balance exercises which have proven to reduce falls.

Some patients lack access to primary care and use 911 and EMS to receive healthcare in non-emergent situations. This can create a burden for EMS personnel and health systems in the area. The CPP program is not meant to supersede or replace any health-care programs that are already available in the community, rather it supplements and enhances these programs.

By bringing our CPP provider to the homes of participant individuals we can help manage chronic illnesses. We can evaluate if the resident is able to obtain their prescription medication, has

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## Child Immunization Clinics Held Monthly



Is your child fully immunized?

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

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

**When:** Every 3rd Wednesday of each month | 3:00 - 5:00pm

**Where:** 414 East Main Street

By Appointment Only call 330.298.4490

**Who:** All children, 2 months- age 18 years

**Cost:** \$10 per shot, FREE to those who can't pay!

Medicaid, Buckeye, Care Source, and United Health accepted

## Immunization Schedule

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

## Tips for Discarding your Unwanted Medications

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

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

Another option is to use the 24-hour drop box designated for unwanted medications located behind the Kent Police Department at 301 S. Depeyster Street. This drop box allows residents anonymity when disposing of unwanted/unused medications. The drop box does not accept injectable solutions or needles, nor does it accept illegal substances such as marijuana or methamphetamines. Be sure to scratch off all personal information on your prescription labels before you throw them away to ensure that your health information remains private.

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

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

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



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## Kent's Outreach to those in Need

Family & Community Services provides food, emergency housing and useable clothing at no charge through the following services:



### Kent Social Services

1066 S. Water Street – 330.673.6963  
KSS is the only hot meal site in Kent. Meals served weekdays 11:30 am to 12:15 pm except Thursday (4 to 5:15 pm) – Sunday 5 to 6 p.m. (except for the third Sunday)  
The Lord's Pantry distributes basic grocery staples once a month to families and individuals who meet federal income eligibility requirements. Call for eligibility and pick-up.  
Donations accepted include perishable and non-perishable food, personal hygiene products, gift cards and other items.  
Facebook: Kent Social Services

### Miller Community House

1211 Anita Drive - Kent  
Miller Community House provides emergency shelter and supportive services to men, women and children. Donations accepted include bedding (twin size), towels, pillows, groceries and gas gift cards. Hours: 24/7 - 365 days a year. Volunteers: YES.  
Facebook: Miller Community House

### Freedom House

1213 Anita Drive - Kent  
Freedom House provides emergency shelter and supportive services to male veterans. Donations accepted include bedding (twin size), towels, pillows, groceries and gas gift cards. Hours: 24/7 - 365 days a year  
Facebook: Freedom House Kent

### The Phyllis Zumkehr Portage County Clothing Center

3377 State Route 59 - Ravenna  
This facility offers gently used clothing and household items as available at no cost. Donations accepted include men's, women's, and children's clothing, baby items, maternity clothes, uniforms, plus sizes, shoes, bedding, silverware, pots and pans and other kitchen items. NOTE: Clothing and other donated items should be in wearable or workable condition.  
Hours: M-F 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Tues-Thurs. evenings 6: 00 - 8:00 pm. Volunteers: YES

Family & Community Services – 330.297.7027  
<http://fcsserves.org>



## Coming soon...

The Kent Police Department will be launching its new Citizens Police Academy this summer. The Citizens Police Academy offers an opportunity for members of the Kent area to see first hand what police officers do and experience. We recognize that it is our responsibility as a police department to partner with and provide education to the community in order to help build stronger relationships and community trust. The Citizens Police Academy will give participants a behind the scenes look at what our department does and learn why we do it. Members will meet and interact with our community relations staff weekly. In addition, officers and employees from various divisions of the police department will instruct and interact with the participants. Not only do we want you to graduate the program with a better understanding of our department, but we want you to build relationships with our employees who are here to serve you.

The Citizens Police Academy will involve eleven weekly classes. Each four-hour class will be held at the Kent Police Department. Attendees will learn about criminal law, case law, court processes, parking and traffic enforcement, drunk and drugged driving enforcement, criminal investigations, use of force, crime prevention, K9 operations, and specialized police functions. Attendees will also be afforded the opportunity to experience officer "Ride-alongs" and see demonstrations of police equipment. This is a rare opportunity for area residents to see the difference between television and the reality of police work.

Applications, selection criteria, and further information are available on the Kent Police Department link in the City of Kent web site. Any inquiries may also be directed to contact Lt. Mike Lewis at (330) 673-3221.

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transportation to physician follow up appointments, and is able to complete discharge instructions. We will also check vitals to confirm that the patient is maintaining and improving their physical health. In providing these services we will be able to decrease preventable EMS calls and hospital readmissions by increasing the chance of recovery in their home environment.

Our clinic at the Kent Health Department continues to offer COVID vaccines. We have Moderna and Pfizer available and can administer initial doses as well as booster doses.

Our CPP is getting trained in car seat installation. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) data shows that 59% of car seats are installed incorrectly. By providing this service we will be able to check car seats and give recommendations on how to make the child safer in the case of an accident.

The CPP program is evidence-based and will increase quality of life for our residents. We will be partners in public health and community healthcare delivery.

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## Snow Removal/Anti-Icing Procedures

By Brad McKay,, Facilities Manager  
Division of Central Maintenance

Winter is on its way and Central Maintenance crews are working to prepare the snowplow equipment for the 2022-2023 winter months. An important part of this process is to inform residents of snow removal policies and procedures.

Prior to snow events brine can be applied to pre-treat road surfaces which results in a salt residue forming on the pavement. The salt residue helps prevent snow and ice from bonding to the pavement. This gives Central Maintenance crews extra time to fight the storm efficiently. Since brine is applied prior to storm events and it can often be applied during regular hours. This can greatly reduce overtime costs and the amount of sodium chloride/rock salt that may be applied later.

The City can send out ten large plow trucks and four medium plow trucks with the capability of applying liquid anti-icing materials or sodium chloride (rock salt). The number of plow trucks sent out depends upon the severity of the storm. Since Ohio weather can be very unpredictable it is difficult to judge how many trucks to send out. We may send out more trucks than needed based on the forecast. When it is snowing constantly over a period of hours, we may not be able to keep ahead of the

weather despite our best efforts.

Our plow drivers face the very difficult task of driving a 2 ½ ton dump truck with an 11 foot plow on the front and six tons of rock salt loaded in the back. The job becomes even more difficult at night and during times of heavy traffic. Please keep in mind that these trucks need a considerable

amount of distance to stop and turn.

Please give the driver the additional room needed to maneuver the truck.

The driver is working to keep the roads safe and drivable for you. We would also ask that when driving behind a City truck and plow, please maintain a distance of at least 70 feet from the rear of the truck. This safety zone will give the driver plenty of room for spreading salt and allow the driver to see you in his mirrors.



City streets are plowed on a priority basis. Priorities are bridges, hills, curves, school zones when school is in session, and main routes. Following is a brief explanation of the priorities.

### Bridges

During a winter storm, bridges are the first to freeze, for two reasons: there is no heat from the ground underneath the road surface, and the wind blows across both the bottom and the top of the bridge.

### Hills and Curves

Hills and curves present many opportunities to lose control of your vehicle during a snow or ice storm. We do our best to get to these roads promptly. Always slow down in these areas even when the road appears clear.

### School Zones

When school is in session the area around each school building (public and private) is made a priority each morning and afternoon so that buses and cars can travel safely as school begins and ends. We rely on the schools, to notify us when school is cancelled during a storm, so that we can use City resources elsewhere.

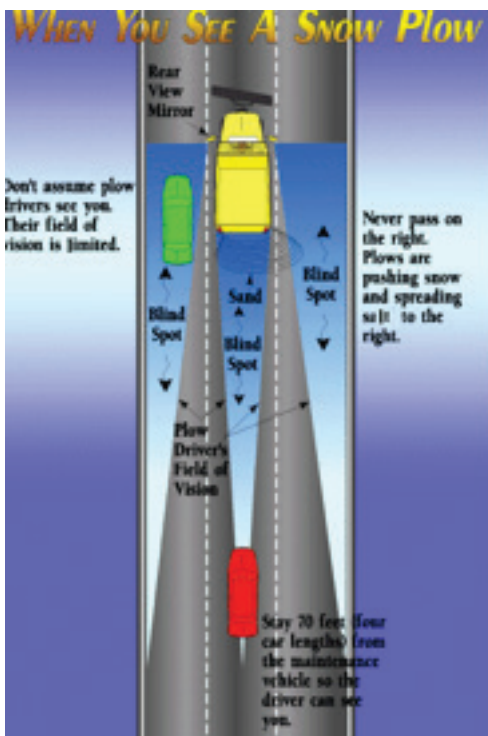
### Main Routes

The next priority is main routes, like SR 43 and SR 59. These streets are used by more vehicles than secondary roads, and drivers on these roads tend to drive faster, even in winter conditions.

### Secondary Streets and Cul-de-sacs

These streets will be plowed once the snow has ended and all of the above streets have been completed.

If you have any questions or comments about snow and ice removal, please call the Service Department at (330) 678-8105. We're here to make Kent a better place to live.





## Keep Sidewalks Free of Ice and Snow

Kent City Ordinance 521.15 requires owners/occupants to remove snow and ice from sidewalks. But snow removal is more than just an ordinance. It is part of caring for each other within a community, and working together to provide safe, comfortable surroundings for ourselves and for our neighbors.

For the safety of all pedestrians, the City asks that everyone make an effort to clear sidewalks of snow and ice as soon as possible after a snowfall. There are many people in our community who must walk daily as a means of travel throughout the City, or as they perform their job functions. Postal carriers on daily routes, utility workers checking problems or verifying meters, students of all ages, and physically challenged individuals all rely on clean, clear sidewalks to ensure secure footing as they move about.

It is important that all residents and businesses be aware that when clearing sidewalks and driveways, it is illegal to push snow into the street and/or block the sidewalks. It is especially important to realize that if a contractor is hired for snow removal, keeping the sidewalk clear is the responsibility of both the contractor and the property owner.

Please take the time and do your part to remove snow and ice so that we can keep the winter season safe for everyone.

### Clearing Snow From Your Driveway

The below sketch shows how your driveway can be initially cleared to reduce the possibility that after the plow passes you will be snow bound again. We suggest that you clear your driveway in the manner suggested in the sketch. If you will shovel snow in the direction of traffic, and make a pocket next to your driveway as shown, snow accumulation on the plow will drop into that pocket and only a bare minimum will go into the driveway opening.



## How can you help keep catch basins clean?



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

The best time to inspect the catch basin in front of your house or business is prior to a rain event. When the forecast calls for heavy rainfall or snow and ice, remove debris from the catch basin before a storm. After a storm, maintain the openings to

catch basins by clearing away any snow or ice. Pile shoveled snow and ice where it can be absorbed into the ground.

The City relies on residents to help keep streets safe and catch basins clean. A blocked storm drain is a common cause of street and/or yard flooding. If you see a catch basin filled with debris below the grate, or if you cannot clear the basin near your property yourself, notify the Service Department at 330-678-8105. Please do not attempt to remove a catch basin grate, only the debris on top of the grate.

## 14 Tips To Prevent Your Water Pipes From Freezing

Winter is coming and so is the risk of frozen pipes. As soon as thermometers drop into the freezing zone, the following tips will help you avoid unpleasant surprises that may come from broken water pipes on your property. We are pleased to give you this Big Chill Checklist so that you can relax and enjoy this holiday season. Winters can be harsh on household plumbing so don't forget to protect the water meter and pipes from freezing temperatures. Those located on outside walls, in basements or in crawl spaces, are particularly vulnerable to the cold. They can easily freeze and break during cold spells and lead to costly repairs.

### Please follow these important steps to help prevent expensive problems later.

- Disconnect and drain the garden hose connection. This will help prevent outside faucets and pipes from freezing, leaking or breaking. Shut all valves supplying water to outdoor water supplies.
- Close outside vents, crawl spaces and doors so cold air doesn't seep inside.
- Repair broken windows and seal cracks in the walls.
- Insulate, Insulate, Insulate
- Wrap water lines and meters in commercial insulation.
- Wrap pipes subject to cold or freezing in heat tape available from hardware stores. It must be kept plugged in all winter.
- Locate The Main Shut-off Valve, at the water meter.
- Make sure the valves on either side of the water meter are working properly.
- Place a tag on the main shut-off valve. Make sure everyone in the house knows where it is and how to operate it in an emergency.
- Check The Heat
- If you're going away, keep a minimum amount of heat on in the house. This will help protect the pipes in case the temperature drops.
- If you plan to turn the heat off, drain all the water from the pipes, toilets and water heater. Turn off the power source to the water heater. If your heater operates on gas, turn the heater on "pilot."
- If a sink is located against an outside wall, open the cabinet doors overnight to allow warm air to reach water pipes.
- If you have had problems with frozen pipes in the past, keep a trickle of water running from the highest faucet in your house. During extremely cold periods, this trickle should be the size of a pencil point. You will be billed for the water used but this procedure may help prevent more costly plumbing repairs resulting from broken pipes.

## From Utility Billing

### Paperless Billing Now Available



Go green by registering your utility billing account today at <https://kentohio.smartpayworks.com>.

-Follow prompts and instructions for registering your utility billing account on the site.

-View, print, and save current and past bills (beginning with 2021 billing cycles only).

-Link multiple utility billing accounts.

\*Note: Once registered, you must manually change your billing method from mail to email.

For questions or concerns, contact the Utility Billing office at 330-678-8104 or [utilitybilling@kent-ohio.org](mailto:utilitybilling@kent-ohio.org).

### Still Available! Online Payment

Convenient online payment of your Utility Bill is still available. Save gas, a stamp, and time and pay online at <https://kentohio.ezsecurepay.com>.

-No convenience fee.

-Email receipt/confirmation.

-Access to bill payment 24/7, not just during utility billing business hours.

-Credit card, debit card, or bank issued check payment options.

### Utility Billing Forms

The following forms can be found on the utility billing website at [kentohio.org](http://kentohio.org):

-Application for Services

-Automatic Draft Authorization

-Senior Disabled Discount Application

-Swimming Pool Credit Application



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## Draft Authorization Form for Utility Bill

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

### 3 Simple Steps to Automatic Bill Payment...

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone Number**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name**

*as it appears on your bill*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name**

*If other than as it appears on your bill*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Mailing Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Account Number**

*as it appears on your bill*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Service Address**

*as it appears on your bill*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Financial Institution**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Checking/Saving Account Number**

*Include a voided check when using a checking account, or a deposit slip for savings account only*

Office Use Only

Entered (initials) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Yard Waste Transfer Site Info

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

### 2022 Hours of Operation through December 20, 2022 (weather permitting)

Tuesdays, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Wednesdays, 5:00pm - 8:00pm  
(through November 9, 2022)

Saturdays, 9:00am - 12:00pm

The last day the site will be open during evening  
hours is Wednesday November 9th, 2022

During 2021, mulch-like material (shredded/ground up material dropped off by residents at the City's yard waste facility) may 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 to place your order.

### Drop-Off Yard Waste Rules

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

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

The Yard Waste Site is closed during the winter months, it will remain open until December 20, 2022 weather permitting. During winter weather prior to the anticipated winter closing date of December 20th, please call the Service Department at 330-678-8105 to verify that the site is open.

## Acceptable Materials List

### Accepted

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 railroad ties



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

Christmas trees will be collected during the month of January 2023.

Place your tree at the curb, separate from your other trash during this collection period. Please be sure to remove all lights, ornaments, tinsel and plastic bags covering the tree. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Service Department at 330-678-8105.





## Fall 2022 Leaf Collection Program

The 2022 Leaf Collection Program will commence October 31, 2022 and end December 16th, 2022. Leaves will not be picked up during the spring of 2023.

Leaf collection crews will be assigned to each quadrant of the city to pick up leaves on a continual basis throughout the scheduled program. The leaf collection truck will make one pass down each street in your quadrant and will then repeat the same route throughout the scheduled collection period. Crews will pick up leaves that the equipment can reach, if some leaves are left behind please move them forward as you bring more leaves to the curb.

### Loose Leaves

Residents are asked to rake their leaves to the curb regularly as they accumulate. Please rake leaves to the curb, but not into the street. If there is not enough room for loose leaves, on the tree lawn in front of your home please bag your leaves and call the Service Department at 330-678-8105 to request a pick up. Ordinance 311.01 prohibits placing debris on streets and sidewalks to prevent accidents. Leaves placed in the street can block storm sewers resulting in flooding and property damage. If you hire a landscape contractor to blow your leaves to the curb, please be sure they do not blow leaves into the street.

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

Brush is picked up during the month of October. Please refer to the brush collection schedule on page 18. Brush left on the curb during the Leaf Collection Program will not be picked up by city crews. Please keep in mind that leaves are only collected during the fall of each year, as leaves will not be collected by city crews in the spring of the following year.

### Bagged Leaves

If you prefer to bag your leaves to be picked up during the Fall Leaf Collection Program, please place them on the curb and call the Service Department at 330-678-8105 to request a bagged leaf pickup. The deadline for bagged leaf pickup requests is Friday, December 16th, 2022.

### Leaf Drop Off

If you prefer to haul your own leaves, you may take them to the Yard Waste Transfer Site, located at the entrance to Plum Creek Park. Please remember to empty the bags and take them with you when dropping leaves at the site. Please check the City of Kent's website at [www.kentohio.org](http://www.kentohio.org) for the current hours of operation for the YWTS or call the Service Department at 330-678-8105.

Please remember that the Leaf Collection Program ends December 16th, 2022 and the city will not pick up leaves after this date.

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

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## Fall 2022 Brush Collection Program

The City of Kent's Central Maintenance Division collects brush at the curb twice each year.

The 2021 Fall Brush Collection Program will commence Monday, October 3rd, 2022.

**ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP IN THE NORTHEAST SECTION MONDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, TO FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 2022**

**ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP IN THE SOUTHEAST SECTION MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, TO FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2022**

**ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP IN THE SOUTHWEST SECTION MONDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, TO FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 2022**

**ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP IN THE NORTHWEST SECTION MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH TO FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 2022**

**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.**

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 30 minutes at each residence. Residents that miss the collection or have an excessive amount of brush will be responsible to dispose of the brush on their own. It may be taken to the city's Yard Waste Transfer Site located on Plum Street near the entrance to Plum Creek Park.

Placement of brush should be on the tree lawn and close to the curb or the edge of the pavement with the cut ends facing the street. If possible, leave the brush in longer lengths and 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 one week in each neighborhood during the spring and fall of each year. During the remaining months, residents can take brush to the City of Kent's Yard Waste Transfer Site on Plum Street near the entrance to Plum Creek Park. Please check the City of Kent's website at [www.kentohio.org](http://www.kentohio.org) for the current hours of operation for the Yard Waste Transfer Site or 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  
Gougler Avenue  
Governors Circle  
Harold Street  
High Ridge Lane  
Hollister Drive  
Hudson Road

Kevin Drive  
Lakewood Circle  
Longcoy Avenue  
Lowell Drive  
Majors Lane  
Mantua Street, N  
(Main to Crain)  
McKinney Boulevard  
Michaels Drive  
Nathan Drive  
Naturewood Circle  
Newcomer Road  
(East side only)  
Nicholas Drive

Nottingham Circle  
Park Avenue  
Pearl Street, N  
Phillip Drive  
Pioneer Avenue  
Prospect Street, N  
Quay Boulevard  
Randall Drive  
Red Fern Circle  
Robert Drive  
Rockwell Street  
Rollins Circle  
Roy Marsh Drive  
Shady Lakes Drive

Shorewood Circle  
Stonewater Drive  
Stinaff Street  
(West of Hudson Rd)  
Sunset Way Circle &  
Blvd  
Verona Avenue  
Whetstone Drive  
Whitewood Drive  
Whittier Drive  
Windward Lane  
Woodard Avenue  
Wrens Hollow Circle

## SOUTHWEST

Ada Street  
Akron Boulevard  
Beech Street  
Brentwood Drive  
Carol Drive  
Chelton Drive  
Chestnut Street, S  
Colleen Drive  
Deidrick Road  
Denise Drive  
Elno Avenue  
Emich Drive

Eton Road  
Francis Street, N & S  
Gale Drive  
Gardenview Street  
Garrett Street  
Garth Drive  
Gill Drive  
Grove Avenue  
Hampton Road  
Hughey Drive  
Irma Street  
Janet Drive

Jessie Avenue  
Judith Street  
Laurel Drive  
Lawrence Court  
Leonard Boulevard  
Longmere Drive  
Louise Street  
Lower Drive  
Manchester Avenue  
Mantua Street, S  
Main Street, W  
Marilyn Street

Meadow Drive  
Meredith Street  
Middlebury Road  
Munroe Falls-Kent Road  
Norwood Street  
Overbrook Drive  
Parmalee Street  
Paulus Drive  
Pearl Street, S  
Prospect Street, S  
River Street  
Roosevelt Avenue

Sheri Drive  
Short Street  
Silver Meadows  
Boulevard  
Spaulding Drive  
Stow Street  
Sunrise Boulevard  
Suzanne Drive  
Tallmadge Avenue  
VFW Parkway  
Yacavona Drive

## 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  
Beechwold Drive  
Birchwood Circle  
Brady Street  
Burns Court  
Burr Oak Drive  
Carthage Street  
College Avenue, E & W  
College Court  
Columbus Street  
Costley Court  
Crain Avenue  
Cuyahoga St  
(East of Hudson Rd)  
Dansel Street  
Davey Avenue

Day Street, E & W  
DePeyster Street, N  
Dominion Drive  
Doramor Street  
Edgewood Drive  
Elizabeth Court  
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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