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Clerk of Council	330.678.8007
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Economic development, housing rehab, zoning	
Engineering Division – Street and Sidewalk construction	330.678.8106
Fire Department - Non-Emergency	330.673.8814
Health Department	330.678.8109
Animal bites, birth/death certificates, food service inspections, pest control	
Parks & Recreation Department	330.673.8897
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24-hour calls, stray animals	
Police Department - Investigations.....	330.673.7733
Police Department - Administration.....	330.673.3221
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ServiceDepartment.....	330.678.8105
Yard Waste Transfer Site, signs, traffic lights, street maintenance, trees, water/sewer problems	
Utility Billing – Water, sewer, stormwater and recycling bill.....	330.678.8104

Trash Collection Reminder

Please be reminded that City Ordinance 521.08 states:

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

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



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 | BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

All Applicants must appear for an interview to be considered for the position.

IMMEDIATELY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

STORMWATER DISTRICT REVIEW AND APPEALS BOARD OPEN UNTIL FILLED

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

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Four (4) 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 determines 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.

FOR TERMS EXPIRING 12/31/23 APPLICATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 25, 2023 | INTERVIEW DATE: NOVEMBER TBD

BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS

Two (2) Vacancies: For Plumber, Architect, Electrical Contractor, or Heating and Air professional. 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.

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) year term.

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 - Three (3) 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's 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.

PARKS AND RECREATION - One (1) Vacancy

The Parks and Recreation Board was created in accordance with Kent City Charter Chapter 61(a). This Board consists of five (5) members who are electors of the City. Four (4) members are appointed by the Council and one (1) member is appointed by the Board of Education. All members serve without compensation for terms of five (5) years. TERM: Five (5) year term.

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA HOUSING COUNCIL

Two (2) Vacancies. Must be an elector of the City. This Council is composed of two members appointed by the Mayor, two members appointed by the legislative authority, and one member appointed by the Planning Commission. The majority of those members shall then appoint two additional members who shall be residents of the city. Members shall make an annual inspection of the properties within the community reinvestment area for which an exemption has been granted and shall hear appeals. TERM: Three (3) years.

DESIGN AND PRESERVATION

Two (2) vacancies. 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 an 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.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Two (2) vacancies. The Sustainability Commission shall be comprised of five (5) citizens with some technical knowledge and/or a 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. 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 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

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Keeping Up with the Times

By Dave Ruller, Kent City Manager

When asked about my career path I often refer to myself as an accidental city manager. I didn't grow up dreaming of being a city manager – although as a kid I spent hours digging in my backyard making roads, tunnels, and mini-parking

decks for my Matchbox cars -- so maybe the seeds were there all along.

I always knew that I wanted to be in a profession that was in service to others and the idea of working to create a place that was worthy of being called home was the kind of meaningful responsibility that drew me in. Now, 33 years later it's a privilege to be entrusted with making sure Kent lives up to being your hometown choice when you could choose to live anywhere.

Great communities have a knack for maintaining the right balance between honoring the past, enjoying the present, and leaning into the future. That's a tall order but when it all converges into the kinds of moments Kent has enjoyed over the last decade, it's worth every minute of it.

Even the best moments are fleeting, and with the world shifting around us every day we're busy preparing for what's around the next corner. The times they are "a-changing" and we do our best to keep up with the times, which is why I thought I'd share some updates on new stuff -- and some new looks on old stuff.

In the new stuff category, at the top of the list is the City's newly created position of "Community Engagement Coordinator" which we were excited to fill with the effervescent Dominique Bollenbacher. Talk about finding the right person for the job – Dominique grew up in Kent and has been volunteering, engaging, and inspiring in Kent for years; now we're just going to give her the chance to do it in an official capacity as the City's new Community Engagement Coordinator.

As a new position, the duties of the Community Engagement Coordinator will evolve but its roots come from a desire to make sure residents have a person to reach out to when they need a little help figuring out what resources are available in the city for whatever challenge they may be facing. There are many City (and non-profit agency) assistance programs and Dominique will serve as a sort of "Service Concierge" helping people navigate City and community services and steering them towards people that can help.

The other inspiration for the Community Engagement Coordinator was having a person devoted to making sure Kent is as friendly and welcoming a place as possible for everyone that visits or calls Kent home. Kent is an eclectic place with people of all ages, backgrounds, cultures, physical abilities, etc., all mixed

together in a small town. With that much eccentricity condensed into 8 square miles, it takes effort to make sure everyone feels safe, appreciated, and at home. A big part of Dominique's job will be helping us celebrate our differences while deepening our sense of community at the same time.

In other good news, we've had excellent results from the City's leap into community paramedicine. It turns out that a fair number of Fire 911 calls are repeat calls or are calls that are important but may not rise to the level of needing to send out an ambulance to respond. The Paramedicine employee works closely with the Fire Department to identify those types of calls that could be better served with a more personal touch by a paramedicine person trained in medical services that has the time to call-in and check on community members who may not have a family or friend support network to call on them, to explain their medications, and if necessary refer them to specialized care providers. This triage of care keeps our 911 EMS crews available for critical care needs while still making sure the other patients have access to a level of care that they need too.

The new Community Engagement and Paramedicine Coordinators are all about taking care of people while the City's new Sustainability Coordinator focuses on taking care of the environment. Being green isn't a label in Kent, it's a lifestyle, and this position is on the lookout for ways to enhance sustainable living, and sustainable business and government practices in Kent.

With the City's brand-new Climate Action Plan in her backpack, the Sustainability Coordinator is busy chipping away at our carbon footprint; exploring solar, geothermal and energy conservation projects; enhancing alternative transportation options; protecting and restoring the local ecosystem; and celebrating Kent's abundant natural resources. The Climate Action Plan includes a big "to do" list and we're grateful that this position is jointly sponsored by the City and Kent State University so that we can pool resources towards taking care of our shared home.

This past summer the City unveiled a new look on the old City flag. The original City flag was adopted in the 1970's and a group of flag-waving Kent volunteers devoted themselves to giving the Kent flag a fresh look by leading a community-wide process to develop flag themes, distill and incorporate those themes into a 3 flag prototypes, soliciting public input on the prototypes, and then forwarding all that information to City Council who selected their favorite. The winner was the blue, green and white striped flag shown below:



1970s City Flag



Updated 2023 City Flag

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Main Street Kent Update

Main Street Kent staff and volunteers have been busy planning events, promotions, activities, beautification projects and more, as we continue our work to make downtown Kent a fun, vibrant and thriving place. Here's a peek

at what we've been up to so far, and what's to come in 2023!



Burbick Way Lights

- After completing two mural projects on the buildings that house Woody's Music and Kent Sportswear over the years, the MSK design committee planned to have "zig-zag" lights installed overhead, linking the buildings, illuminating the space, and highlighting the artworks that have been installed there. Take a walk or ride through the Burbick Way alley just off of S. Water St.; it's truly magical!

Public Art Banners

- We're thrilled about this new public art

project featuring vibrant displays of artwork created by four different artists, printed on vinyl and installed in four locations. The work of Catherine Lentini is featured at John Brown Tannery Park. Catherine's paintings are colorful optical illusions, a motif of repeating rectangular shapes that appear to invert or protrude, depending how you look at them. April Bleakney's work is showcased at the Haymaker & Franklin Ave. path. April is a Cleveland-based screen printer and muralist whose work focuses on themes of abstraction, nature and water due to the centrality of the river in Kent. Susan Hazel Rich has her work displayed at the Portage Hike & Bike Trail. Susan of Hazel made used her 20+ years of design, illustration and printmaking skills to showcase bright, bold, energetic illustrations of native florals and plants, including information where they can be found in Kent. Included in her QR code is a link to coloring pages to =create your own artworks! The work of Lauren Green can be seen on the panels at Portage St. & N. Water St. Lauren depicted identifiable objects representing Kent, like park benches, coffee cups, The Loft's famous Hulk cocktail, the gazebo and more. Her design was derived from a modular typographic system allowing the blend of bold, bright typography with images that represent Kent!

MSK Annual Awards - Volunteers are the driving force behind Main Street Kent, from the board of directors and committee members to project and event planners to gardeners, event staff and so on. Each year, we take the opportunity to recognize some of our top contributors. We were proud to present the following awards at this year's celebration: President's Award - Mike Finley; Event Volunteer of the Year: Kent Rainbow Weekend - Bobbi Ullinger; Adopt A Spot Volunteer of the Year - Bill Arthur;

Committee Volunteer of the Year - Sage Culley; Spirit of Main Street Award - Keleigh Zucchero and Volunteer of the Year - Jeff Clapper. Many thanks to these and all MSK volunteers and supporters!

Crafty Crawl - Late this summer, we're partnering with Bell Tower Brewing, North Water Brewing and MadCap Brew Co. to present the second annual Crafty Crawl, featuring our local breweries and area artists — crafty goods and craft beers, the perfect mix! On Sunday, Aug. 27, stop at any one of the three breweries to pick up a crawl pass/punch card. Visit each place that day to shop and enjoy local arts and craft beers, then enter a raffle at your final stop. Prizes include gift cards to all three breweries and The Kent Card, which can be spent at any one of 30+ Kent businesses. Sunday funday!



Kent Oktoberfest - On Sat., Sept. 23, head to Franklin Ave. and the Hometown Bank Plaza for polka and German dancing from noon to 3pm, then a solid lineup of great local bands until 10pm! Local vendors on the street will offer incredible food including pierogis, bratwurst, kraut, soft pretzels and more. This year we'll have three beer trucks, and each one will feature a craft beer from one of our Kent breweries, along with many other seasonal beers like Spaten Oktoberfest.

We're excited to welcome Bell Tower Brewing, North Water Brewing and MadCap Brew Co. to this popular event in 2023!

Rainbow Weekend - Kent State University awarded Main Street Kent with the Community Impact Award for the 2022 Rainbow Weekend, and we're planning to do it all again this year on Oct. 13 & 14. Many city Pride events take place in June, but we want to include our campus partners and students as we celebrate National LGBTQ+ Month, so we're set to host our celebrations in October. Activities will include a Rainbow Run, Safe Space training, Courageously Queer storytelling, live music, art exhibits, a Pride Party and lots of other activities advocating inclusivity and love in the city of Kent. Details can be found at <https://mainstreetkent.org/events/kent-rainbow-weekend/>

Family Friendly Halloween - Get dressed in your Halloween best and head downtown with the kids on Fri., Oct. 27, 5-7pm for this annual MSK event. Trick-or-treat at the downtown businesses, grab some dinner at a local spot, and enjoy a festive evening out with the family.

More Kent Events - Many organizations throw excellent Kent events, so here is a list of some other dates to save. Plus, plans are in the works for many others, so check the MSK website and social media for regular updates throughout the year.

- Aug. 19** - Dog Days of Summer (Madonio Family Animal Trust)
- Aug. 25** - Sidewalk Cinema (Standing Rock Cultural Arts, DICE Events)
- Sept. 9-10** - Art in the Park (Kent Parks and Recreation)
- Sept. 15** - Kent Rocks Music Festival (Crooked River Arts Council)
- Oct. 14** - Cider Fest (Standing Rock Cultural Arts)
- Dec. 2** - Festival of Lights (Kent Area Chamber of Commerce)

For more information and daily updates about what's happening in downtown Kent, including events, activities, public art, 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.

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Kent Total Eclipse 2024

By Michelle Hartman, KACC



Get ready for a blackout you will never forget! April 8, 2024 marks the first time since 1806 that Ohio will experience a total solar eclipse, and Kent will be in the path of totality at approximately 3:14 PM for nearly 3 minutes!

A solar eclipse occurs in the moon's shadow and experiences total darkness. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity will allow residents and visitors to

Kent to witness this awe-inspiring event of the moon completely blocking the sun, casting a shadow over the earth.

This shadow, or "path of totality," is only about 124 miles wide and will travel across Ohio at over 2,000 miles per hour. The temperature will drop, birds and some animals will fall silent, and the moon's shadow will create a dramatic contrast with the bright sky, creating a unique and spectacular sight.

Local Kent organizations and businesses, the City of Kent, and Kent State University are working together to organize a variety of events and activities over a two-day period from April 6th to April 8th, 2024 to celebrate the total solar eclipse. From educational talks, art displays, and workshops to live music events, family fun activities, and "best viewing places," Kent will be the spot to experience this celestial wonder for community members and visitors alike.

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Here's the backstory on the elements contained in the new flag that landed it in the top spot:

The burgee-shaped of the flag reflects both the shape of the flag for the State of Ohio and Kent's original flag.

Blue symbolizes the Cuyahoga River and canals, which were a central piece of Kent's past and a point of charm and appeal in modern times.

Green symbolizes Kent's nickname "The Tree City" and its environmental history.

White symbolizes Kent's history of seeking peace and harmony locally and globally.

The simple modern design is meant to suggest Kent's goal of civic progress and the city's forward-looking spirit. A letter "K" can be seen from the green vertical center stripe and intersecting blue diagonal stripes. All the stripes point to the central star, forming arrows that are meant to point to the future.

The four stripes, both green and blue, are meant to recall Kent's four major eras of history, from pre-settlement, settlement and canal, railroad, and college town. They are also meant to celebrate an "intersection of cultures". The saltire ("X") formed by the blue stripes also symbolizes the railroads, which played a major role in the development and naming of Kent.

The converging stripes form an eight-pointed star that symbolizes the North Star, which was sometimes used on quilts that guided enslaved people escaping captivity. It also symbolizes Kent's history of inclusion, diversity and forward thinking.

We're also proud to have added a new employee to the Kent Police Department – new K9 Officer, Matous, who serves as a firearms detection and therapy dog. Matous is stationed at the Kent Roosevelt High School where he works with his partner School Resource Officer Poe. Matous is a yellow Lab with all the character traits that make Labs a favorite breed – and he's been such a hit that the City is applying for funds to possibly expand the program to other schools with some of Matous' cousins.

I'll wrap up by going to the dogs. Here's your 2023 Kent K9 dog squad:



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City of Kent Service Department

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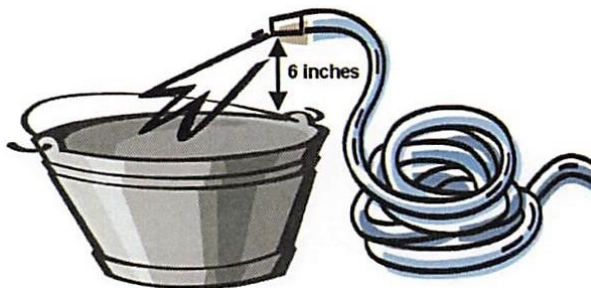
The City of Kent makes every effort to ensure that our customers enjoy a continuous supply of safe drinking water. We appreciate the help of our customers to maintain the quality of our water supply.

What is a cross-connection? Any physical connection created between a possible source of contamination and any drinking water system piping.

What is backflow? It is the flow through a cross connection from a possible source of contamination back into the drinking water system. It occurs when a cross-connection is created and a pressure reversal, either as back siphonage or backpressure, occurs in the water supply piping.

Why be concerned? ALL cross-connections pose a potential health risk. Backflow can be a health hazard for your family or other consumers if contaminated water enters your water supply plumbing system and is used for drinking, cooking, or bathing.

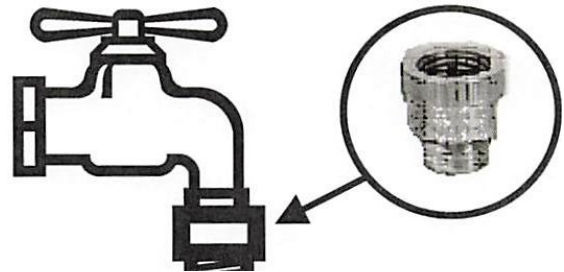
The City Of Kent has a backflow preventer built into the residential water meters. This protects the public water system from possible



contamination. Once the water passes through the meter, the water cannot backflow into the public water system.

One simple way to stop backflow is by using an air gap. An air gap can be created by arranging your hose so that the end is at least six inches above the top rim of the container it is being used to fill. This air gap will prevent the contaminant from being siphoned into the water supply.

Another method of preventing backflow with a garden hose is using a device known as a vacuum breaker. Vacuum breakers are inexpensive devices that can be screwed onto your outside faucet. These devices will prevent contaminants from being siphoned back into your plumbing and the public water system.



What are some common backflow hazards that threaten the homeowner and other consumers?

- Hose connections to chemical solution aspirators to feed lawn and shrub herbicides, pesticides or fertilizers.
- Lawn irrigation systems.
- Chemically treated heating systems.
- Hose connections to a water outlet or laundry tub.
- Swimming pools, hot tubs, spas.
- Private and/or non-potable water supplies located on the property.
- Water-operated sump drain devices.
- Feed lots/livestock holding areas or barnyards fed through pipes or hoses from your water supply plumbing. What are examples of cross-connection and backflow scenarios?
- Soapy water or other cleaning compounds backsiphon into the water supply plumbing through a faucet or hose submerged in a bucket or laundry basin.
- Pool water backsiphons into the water supply plumbing through a hose submerged in a swimming pool.
- Fertilizers/pesticides backsiphon into the water supply plumbing through a garden hose attached to a fertilizer/pesticide sprayer.
- Chemicals/pesticides and animal feces drawn into the water supply plumbing from a lawn irrigation system with submerged nozzles.

For more information on preventing cross connections and protecting our water supply, contact The City of Kent Service Department at 330-673-1688.

REMEMBER:

Never submerge your garden hose in anything you would not want to drink!

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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 _____ <i>as it appears on your bill</i>	Account Number _____ <i>as it appears on your bill</i>	
Name _____ <i>If other than as it appears on your bill</i>	Service Address _____ <i>as it appears on your bill</i>	
Mailing Address _____	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

CUT & MAIL to: City of Kent Utility Division – 930 Overholt Road – Kent, Ohio 44240

A Note From Our Director of Budget & Finance



UTILITY BILLING:

Our Utility Billing Department continues to work on upgrading our current software in hopes of making the system a more user-friendly program with better options. We expected the process to start by the end of February, however, things never go as smoothly as you would like them to, and delays are occurring. We should be testing the new system by the end of summer in hopes of rolling out the program by mid to late fall to our residents.

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The Facts About Frozen Pipes:

Frozen Pipes Can Burst

Frozen pipes are a problem by themselves because they prevent water flow. Even worse frozen pipes can eventually burst, causing damage and potential flooding. Here are some easy steps you can take to help prevent this problem from occurring when the temperatures drop.

Tip #1: Keep the Heat On

If you are leaving for a period of time make sure that the heat is kept on. The heat can help prevent pipes from freezing. If pipes freeze and burst it can cause a lot of water damage to the property and to your possessions.

The heat does not have to be kept as high as you normally would keep it if you were actually in the property, but keeping it set above 55 degrees Fahrenheit is a good idea. This should provide enough heat to keep the pipes warm and to prevent any water inside from freezing.

Tip #2: Allow Faucet to Drip

If you are afraid a pipe will freeze you can allow the faucet to drip slightly.

Allowing the faucet to be open like this will relieve pressure in the system. If a pipe freezes, it is actually the pressure that is created between the blockage and the faucet that will cause the pipe to burst. Allowing the faucet to be open will prevent this pressure from building up and thus, keep the pipe from bursting.

Tip #3: Keep Interior Doors Open

Pipes are often located in cabinets. When the temperatures drop, it is a good idea to keep these cabinet doors open so that the heat from the rest of the house can keep the pipes warm as well. You should also keep all interior doors open so that the heat can flow throughout the home.

Tip #4: Seal Cracks and Holes

You should caulk any holes or cracks that exist near pipes. This should be done on both interior and exterior walls. Doing so can help keep the cold air out and the warm air in.

Tip #5: Apply Heating Tape

For pipes that are easily accessible, electrical heating tape may be an option to keep them from freezing. This tape can be applied directly to the pipe.



There are two types of heating tape. One type of heating tape turns on and off by itself when it senses heat is needed. The other type of heating tape needs to be plugged in when heat is needed and unplugged when not in use.

Much like a space heater, these products can be dangerous, so you must follow the product's direction and safety procedures exactly.

Tip #6: Add Extra Insulation

Pipes that are located in areas that do not have proper insulation, such as basements or attics, may need extra insulation to keep from freezing. Pipes in basements or attics are not the only ones that may not be properly insulated from the cold. If you have had a problem with pipes freezing anywhere in your home, extra insulation could be the cure.

Pipes can be fitted with foam rubber or fiberglass sleeves to help decrease the chances of freezing. This can be an easy solution for pipes that are exposed, but can get expensive if walls, floors or ceilings have to be opened in order to properly insulate the pipe. Additional insulation can also be added to walls and ceilings to keep the pipes warm.

Tip #7: Protect Your Water Meter from Freezing

Water meters can also freeze if not properly protected. Bursting can cause flooding to your home. If the meter is in an unheated area leave a door open to allow some heat to keep it from freezing.

Tip #8: Locate your water shut off inside your house:

If your water pipes have already burst, turn off the water at the main shutoff valve in the house; leave the water faucets turned on. Make sure everyone in your family knows where the water valve is and how to open and close it. If it is an old valve be careful that you don't break the valve if you use it.

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Mayor's Announcements

Trick or Treat October 29th 3-5pm



SHOP LOCAL!



FREE
DOWNTOWN
PARKING

Nov 24, 2023

2-hr limit still applies

Free Parking downtown Nov 24 for holiday shopping. Two hour limit still in effect.

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KENT OHIO POLICE DEPARTMENT 2022 QUICK FACTS

The tables below provide a snapshot of the activities of the Kent Police Department in 2022. More detailed information can be found on our website at www.kentohio.org/services/police.

GENERAL OPERATIONAL DATA

	2021	2022
Calls for Service	21,201	21,475
Fire Department Calls	5,055	5,637
Arrests, Total	1,805	1,649
Juvenile Arrests	108	124
OVI Arrests	146	179
Traffic Citations	2,032	1,817
Parking Tickets	10,702	10,436

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

	2021	2022
Total Accidents	549	585
Property Damage	289	288
Injury	84	77
Private Property	98	134
Hit-Skip	49	59
OVI Related	23	17
Pedestrian	5	10
Fatal	1	0

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Traffic Stops	4,378
Community Policing	1,809
Records Checks	1,496
Suspicious Circumstances	1,257
Disorderly Conduct	1,068
Special Detail	865
Welfare Check	657
Miscellaneous	562
Follow-up	501
Accident - Property Damage	481
Alarms - Intrusion	477
Premises Check	453
Traffic Complaint	447
911 Emergency Welfare Check	398
Animal Complaint	397
Warrant Service	389
Larceny-Theft	381
Domestic Situations	336
Parking Violation	335
Disabled Vehicle	325
Juvenile Complaints	284

ABOUT

In 2022, the Kent Police Department, headed by Chief Nicholas Shearer, was staffed with 2 captains, 5 lieutenants, 4 sergeants, 5 detectives, 26 patrol officers, 2 compliance officers, 5 detention officers, 10 dispatchers, including a dispatch coordinator, 3 administrative staff, one juvenile counselor, and 3 canine officers.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

KPD believes that involvement with the community is an important part of creating a safe environment for everyone. KPD participates in numerous community activities, including our Citizen's Police Academy, Police Explorers program, Kent Police and Citizens Association, and various community campaigns, fundraisers and drives. KPD also maintains a presence on social media in order to easily share information with the community.

MORE INFORMATION

More detailed statistics are available on our website at www.kentohio.org/services/police.

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YOUTH PROGRAMS

KIDS NIGHT OUT

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

WHEN: Sept 9, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2, Jan 13, Feb 3

TIME: 5:30 - 9:30PM

WHERE: Kent Rec Center

WHO: Ages 4 - 11

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE & CPR TRAINING

Open to the public!
Check website for details coming soon.



BABYSITTER TRAINING

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

WHEN: September 30

TIME: 9:30AM - 3:00PM

WHERE: Kent Free Library

WHO: Ages 12 - 16

COST: \$65

WINTER BREAK CHILDCARE

Bring a daily lunch and warm clothes!

WHEN: Dec 27-29 & Jan 3-5

TIME: 6:30AM - 6:00PM

WHERE: Kent Rec Center

WHO: K-6th graders

COST: Varies - see website for complete details

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Daily activities include arts and crafts, snacks, homework help, outdoor play, reading and brain games, mindfulness meditation, social skill building, community service projects, and so much more!

WHEN: '23-'24 School Year

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

WHERE: Davey Elementary, Longcoy Elementary, and the Kent Rec Center

WHO: K-6th graders

COST: Varies - see website for complete details

LIL' LEARNERS PRESCHOOL

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

WHEN: Sept 11, 2023 - May 23, 2024

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

WHERE: Roy Smith Shelterhouse

WHO: Ages 3 - 6

COST (weekly): \$65 Residents / \$75 Non-Residents (\$25 Registration Fee)



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ATHLETIC PROGRAMS



"ON TARGET" FENCING

All equipment included.

WHEN: **SESSION 4:** Sept 23 - Oct 28;
SESSION 5: Nov 4 - Dec 16 (no class on Nov 25)
TIME: **BEGINNERS:** Sat, 2:30 - 4:00PM;
INTERMEDIATE: Sat, 4:00 - 5:30PM
WHERE: Kent Rec Center
WHO: Ages 7+
COST: \$80 Resident / \$90 Non-Resident

MARTIAL ARTS

Cost does not include uniform.

WHEN: **SESSION 4:** Aug 30 - Oct 18;
SESSION 5: Oct 25 - Dec 20 (no class on Nov 22)
TIME: Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30PM
WHERE: Kent Rec Center
WHO: Ages 7+
COST: \$75 Resident / \$85 Non-Resident

YOUTH CROSS COUNTRY

Local races and fun exercise!

WHEN: August - September
TIME: Mon & Wed, 3:30 - 5:00PM
WHERE: Stanton Middle School
WHO: 4th-6th graders
COST: \$60



SPECIAL EVENTS

30TH ANNUAL ART IN THE PARK FESTIVAL

The 30th anniversary of this two-day event features over 80 artists, food vendors, a silent art auction, two stages of live music, and interactive activities for all ages.

WHEN: Sept 9th and 10th
TIME: Saturday 10AM - 6PM; Sunday 11AM - 5PM
WHERE: Fred Fuller Park

TREE CITY TURKEY TROT

Check our website for more details!

WHEN: Thanksgiving, Nov 23
TIME: 9:00AM
WHERE: Fred Fuller Park
WHO: Open to the public

PORTAGE OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Directed by Shelia Shiu

WHEN: **SINGLES:** Aug 7 - 13;
DOUBLES: Aug 14 - 20
WHERE: Kent Roosevelt Tennis Courts
WHO: High school & up
COST: \$25 Singles / \$40 Doubles



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



December 2, 2023



Grab your coats, scarves, mittens, and cameras and enjoy the magic of the season with your family and friends at the FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS on Saturday, December 2, 2023, presented by the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held in traditional fashion by the Main Street Bridge and gazebo at the corner of Main Street and Franklin Avenue in downtown Kent.

The festive sounds of the Theodore Roosevelt High School ACEs choir will open the festival by the gazebo at 5:30 PM as the children (and kids at heart) eagerly await Santa's arrival. Accompanied by Kent's Mayor Jerry Fiala, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be arriving by train at 6:00 PM, and after greeting the crowd, the trio will lead the community in a countdown to "light up downtown" to officially kick off the holiday season in Kent.

Adorned in elegant Victorian fashion, the Dickens Carolers from The Light in Kent, will entertain the crowd by singing traditional holiday favorites a cappella while Santa's elves help the children line up safely to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus in the gazebo. After their visit with Santa, each family will receive a copy of a children's book, courtesy of the Chamber Books for Kids Program. This program is a collaborative effort between the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce, the Kent Free Library, and Kent State University Libraries. Children can write their wish lists to Santa and drop their letters off in the North Pole mailbox while enjoying cookies and hot chocolate. Families can also experience the magic of the season on a horse drawn wagon ride with draft horses, Al and Parker, from Barrel Run Ranch in Rootstown, as they take family and friends on a relaxing ride downtown to enjoy the holiday lights and festive feel.

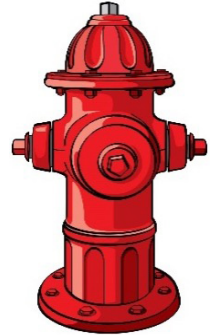
After enjoying the festivities, keep your holiday spirit going by supporting local at downtown Kent shops and restaurants (business hours will vary). Limited road closures will be made for the safety of people attending the Festival of Lights. For more information, please contact the KACC office at 330.673.9855 or mhartman@kentbiz.com.

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City of Kent Service Department

Adopt-A-Hydrant Program



PROGRAM INTENT

The Adopt-A-Hydrant program encourages residents and civic organizations to participate in the preservation of fire hydrants in neighborhoods or other areas throughout the city. There are about 1,100 fire hydrants located throughout the city and some need upkeep and maintenance, such as painting.

PROGRAM TERMS

- The City of Kent Service Department will provide the necessary paint, tools and materials to be used on the fire hydrant.
- Agree to paint the fire hydrants as stipulated in this adoption notice. Further agree to not hold the City of Kent liable for personal injury or damages sustained by the above-named party, or any third person, as a result of painting fire hydrants with the Adopt-A-Hydrant program.

MAINTENANCE STEPS

- Clear vegetation and loose objects from around fire hydrant so it is visible from the street. There should be at least a three-foot cleared area around the fire hydrant.
- Remove loose material and debris from the hydrant (i.e., paint, weeds, dirt).
- Clean hydrant with wire brushes and rags to remove dirt and excessive or peeling paint. Be sure to lay plastic sheeting or cardboard around the base of the hydrant, so all paint chips can be collected. This will also keep paint off areas having grass, plants, asphalt, or concrete.
- After the first coat dries apply a second coat as needed for complete coverage.
- Any leftover paint is yours to keep or can be dropped off at:
 - Kent Service Department Complex - 930 Overholt Rd
 - Kent Fire Department - 320 S. Depeyster St
- Latex paint is water soluble and can be dried out using paint hardeners available in stores, or you can mix the paint with cat litter or sawdust. Leave the lid off to speed up the process. When the paint is dry throw it away with your regular trash.



- Brush a light coat of paint over hydrant caps, bonnet (top) and main body with red paint provided. Please avoid painting any exposed threads where the caps are attached.

To participate in the Adopt-A-Hydrant program, call or visit the City of Kent Service Department at 330-678-8105 to obtain your FREE SUPPLIES!

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Housing Rehabilitation Program

By Bridget Susel,
Community Development Director



The City of Kent Community Development Department administers a federally-funded Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program, which provides financial assistance to income qualified homeowners for the correction of substandard conditions and non-code compliant issues that may be present in some homes.

The program is limited to households that have a reported annual household income at or below 80% of the area median income. The 2023 household income limit for a family of four, for example, is currently at \$69,450. The income limits are adjusted annually by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are based on family size.

The City receives funding for the program through the Ohio Department of Development. The funding is provided to the homeowner through a fully deferred, zero interest loan which is fully forgivable over a five-year period, providing the homeowner maintains the home as their primary residence.

The actual loan amount, per household assisted, will vary based on the scope and cost of the rehabilitation. The scope of rehabilitation activities that can be provided through the program may include the replacement or upgrade of mechanical and electrical systems, correction of safety and code violations, and replacement of deteriorated roofs, doors, and windows.

If you have questions concerning the City's Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program or if you would like to request an information packet, please contact Kathy Petsko, Grants & Neighborhood Programs Coordinator at 330-678-8108 or via e-mail at kathleen.petsko@kentohio.gov.



Furnance Replacement & Hot Water Tank Replacement

FREE to qualifying households



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

- 1) **FREE** furnace inspections, cleaning, tune-up, repairs and possible furnace replacement;
- 2) possible replacement of hot water tank and/or installation of expansion tank;
- 3) one combination carbon monoxide/smoke alarm and additional smoke alarms, as needed;
- 4) referral to additional energy conservation programs; and
- 5) energy conservation education to further increase energy efficiency and reduce heating costs.

Replacement of an inefficient furnace is one of the simplest and most effective ways to improve energy efficiency and reduce the impact on the environment

The Community Action Council of Portage County operates this program through a grant from the City of Kent Community Development Department. Licensed heating and plumbing contractors obtain permits and inspections issued by the City of Kent Building Department.

In order to qualify for the program, you must:

- 1) own and occupy your single family home;
- 2) meet low-to-moderate income guidelines, and
- 3) complete the application and provide all required documentation.

Elderly applicants, disabled applicants, and families with minor children are given priority.

The program is designed to offer a one-time service.

To obtain additional information and an application, contact Mary Daily via email: mdaily@cacportage.net or Lisa McKay via email: lmckay@cacportage.net, or via telephone: 330-297-1456, or visit CAC's website at www.cacportage.net.



Project Spotlight North Mantua Street (SR 43) – A Call for Help.

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

Kent City Schools, the City
and Davey Tree have all
committed to work together...

It's not often that a community gets an opportunity to significantly change the street infrastructure that helps define our community. These investments are costly and time consuming. However, they are the only way to address significant needs in the street infrastructure. Therefore, if done well, these opportunities can transform an area to be more in line with the community's vision. The tough question is.....**what is the community's vision?**

Kent has an opportunity to transform a significant piece of North Mantua Street (SR 43) into a facility that better reflects Kent's vision for that facility and the surrounding area. For over 20 years, there have been concerns expressed about the stretch of North Mantua Street from Roosevelt High School to the City Limits. These concerns include speeding, lack of safe convenient pedestrian facilities, difficulty turning left off of and onto SR 43 and the desire for gateway entrance to the City. We now have an opportunity to

make a significant change to this area. Kent City Schools, the City and Davey Tree have all committed to work together and use our joint resources to improve this area. The important question is what is the Kent Community's Vision for this area?

That is where we need your help. We are currently trying to assemble all the needs in this area of North Mantua Street. We are also looking for residents who are willing to serve on a citizens committee to help us identify the needs, goals and vision for this important part of our town. If you have any needs or would like to participate in the citizens committee, please contact me at jim.bowling@kentOhio.gov or 330-678-8106.

Sustainability Commission – Kent's Climate Action Plan

by Julie Morris

The City of Kent has a long history of environmental and social advocacy, having many stakeholders who are committed to promoting the responsible protection of ecosystems, the conservation of natural resources, and reducing the community's carbon footprint.

In 2017, Kent City Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-83, which formalized the City of Kent's support of the Paris Climate Agreement. This resolution additionally committed the City to the development of a community-based climate action plan that furthered the Paris Climate Agreement goal of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions generated through various human activities. As a direct result of this resolution, an initial, city-wide GHG inventory was conducted, with its completed report adopted by City Council on December 15th, 2021.

As a next step, and with the help of the sustainability consulting firm, KERAMIDA, Inc., as well as with a variety of community members, the City of Kent worked to create a Climate Action Plan (CAP) to help address our GHG emissions. The CAP was

unanimously adopted by our City Council in April of 2023. Implementing the CAP initiatives will provide economic and financial benefits to our City, and a healthier environment, with improved quality of life for those living, working, and playing in Kent.

Kent's CAP focuses on the following strategic areas for reducing the City's GHG footprint:

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

We are already beginning work on several areas of the CAP, and just recently, the City of Kent was awarded \$5.25 million for the E. Main Street renovation project via the federal RAISE grant that our City Superintendent of Engineering, Jim Bowling, had submitted. This project will include the installation of 34 dual plug electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in public parking lots along the south side of the E. Main Street on Kent State's campus. The rehabilitation of E. Main Street and subsequent installation of EV charging stations correlate directly with several initiatives within the Transportation strategic focus area of our CAP.

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Drug use and addiction can be difficult to talk about, with so much stigma and many misperceptions surrounding addiction. Drug use, abuse, and addiction could happen to anyone. It cuts across all populations and socioeconomic backgrounds. Some may erroneously think that those who use drugs simply lack morals or willpower. The assumption often made is that if they would just chose to, they could stop using. However, drugs alter the human brain making quitting very challenging, even for those who really want to quit.

Researchers describe addiction as a chronic disease, characterized by compulsive drug seeking and use. Because of the changes that occur in the brain, people trying to recover might use again, or relapse. That does not mean recovery failed, it means treatment plans may need to be changed or modified as the individual needs change.

No one factor alone can indicate or predict who will develop an addiction. It can be a combination of individual biology, such as our genetic make-up, or factors such as environmental impact or trauma, a support system (or lack of), and the developmental stage of life the person when drug use first began. Treatment can help successfully manage recovery.

Across our country there has been an increase in drug use, addiction, and accidental overdoses. This has impacted the City of Kent as well. Overdoses can occur when drugs are mixed with opioids or fentanyl. These drugs stop the natural urge to keep breathing. In spring of 2023, the Portage County Coroner announced an alarming spike in accidental drug overdoses leading to death.

Because of this spike, the Kent City Health Department joined the many other health departments and agencies that offer free Narcan kits, which reverse opioid overdoses. The Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone) Kits are free and only require a brief but important training of where to keep them and how and when to use them. Providing Narcan saves lives. It does not enable drug use. Narcan enables breathing. Because Narcan wears off and opioids and fentanyl can still be present in the body, overdosing can resume when the Narcan is no longer effective in blocking the opioids. Therefore, it is vital that if Narcan is given 911 is ALWAYS called. The person who overdosed needs medical help. There may be other drugs laced into what they took that Narcan is not effective against such as the animal tranquilizer Xylazine. You will not be in trouble for calling 911 after giving Narcan.

There are resources for people living with addiction who would like help. Just a few are listed below:

AxessPointe: 330-673-1016 www.axesspointe.org
Brightview: 866-934-7450 www.brightview.com
Mental Health & Recovery Board of Portage County: 330-673-1756 [www.mhrbpc@mental-health-recovery.org](mailto:mhrbpc@mental-health-recovery.org)
O.U.R. Place: 833-678-2428 openunitedrecovery.org
Town Hall II: 330-678-4357 (HELP) townhall2.com

The Federal Government as well as the State of Ohio also have laws seeking to help those living with addiction get the medical care they need to ensure they no don't spread blood borne diseases like Hepatitis C, can get mental health care if that is needed or other medical care which may include safe syringe, safe snorting, or safe smoking aides. This is often called Harm Reduction; it helps limit the risk and has been shown to reduce costs associated with drug use. If you or someone you care about is in need of help because of drug use, please consider calling one of the resources above, or contact the Kent City Health Department (330-678-8109) and we can assist in directing you to help.



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The CAP provides 15 multifaceted strategies to help us meet goals within these strategic focus areas, which will be explored and implemented as applicable over the next five years. Beginning in 2029, the CAP will be updated to reflect new goals based on updated data and implementation progress, with the purpose of building a foundation in Kent for continuous improvement in climate action.

If you would like a link to a full copy of the plan, have any questions (or suggestions) about it, or want to connect around the CAP, feel free to contact Julie Morris, the new, shared Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Kent and Kent State University at: julie.morris@kentohio.gov.



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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)

2023 Hours of Operation through December 16, 2023
(weather permitting).

Tuesdays, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Wednesdays, 5:00pm – 8:00pm through November 8, 2023
Saturdays, 9:00am – 12:00pm

The last day the site will be open during evening hours is
Wednesday November 8, 2023

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.

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.

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.



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2023 Fall Brush Collection

The City of Kent's Central Maintenance Division collects brush at the curb twice each year.
The 2023 Fall Brush Collection Program will commence Monday, October 2, 2023.

**Brush will be collected in the Northeast section
Monday, October 2, 2023 to Friday, October 6, 2023**

**Brush will be collected in the Southeast section
Monday, October 9, 2023 to Friday, October 13, 2023**

**Brush will be collected in the Northwest section
Monday, October 16, 2023 to Friday, October 20, 2023**

**Brush will be collected in the Southwest section
Monday, October 23, 2023 to Friday, October 27, 2023**

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

**RESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO 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 thirty minutes at each residence. Residents that miss the collection or have an excessive amount of brush will be responsible to dispose of their brush on their own. It may be taken to the City Yard Waste Transfer Site located on Plum Street near the entrance to Plum Creek Park.

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

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

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

Brush is collected at the curb during 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 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 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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2023 Fall Leaf Collection

THE 2023 LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM WILL COMMENCE OCTOBER 30TH 2023 AND END DECEMBER 15TH 2023. 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 pickup. Ordinance 311.01 prohibits placing debris on streets and sidewalks to prevent accidents. Leaves placed in the street can block storm sewers resulting in flooding and property damage. If you hire a landscape contractor to blow your leaves to the curb, please be sure they do not blow leaves into the street.

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

BRUSH IS PICKED UP DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER. PLEASE REFER TO THE BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE ON PAGE 17. 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, 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 15, 2023.

LEAF DROP OFF

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

Please remember that the Leaf Collection Program ends December 15, 2023 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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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 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
Margold 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
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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Optional Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____



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