

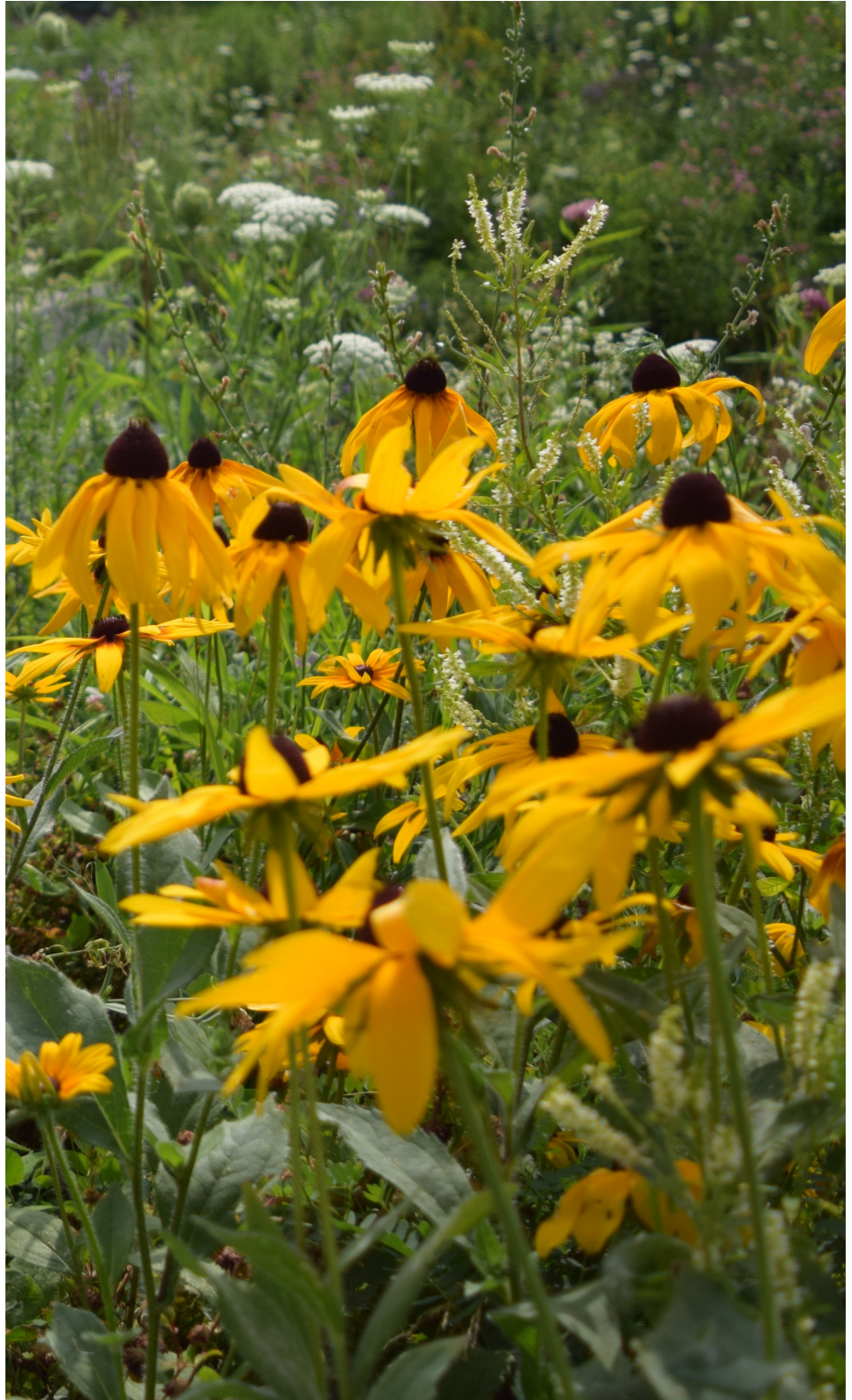


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Fire Department - Non-Emergency .....	330.673.8814
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Police Department - Investigations.....	330.673.7733
Police Department - Administration.....	330.673.3221
Republic Services of Ohio Hauling, LLC - Residential Rubbish Removal.....	1.800.247.3644
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ServiceDepartment.....	330.678.8105
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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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**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.**

## IMMEDIATELY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

### BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS:

ONE (1) Vacancy for a PLUMBER  
TERM: Three (3) years

### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

ONE (1) Vacancy.  
TERM: To fill a vacancy of an  
unexpired term ending 12/31/23.

### CIVIL SERVICE:

ONE (1) Vacancy.  
TERM: To fill a vacancy of an unexpired term  
ending 12/31/24.

### LOAN REVIEW BOARD:

One (1) Vacancy available for a Local Attorney.  
TERM: Five (5) years.

### PLANNING COMMISSION:

One (1) Vacancy  
TERM: To fill an unexpired term ending  
12/31/23

### SHADE TREE COMMISSION:

Two (2) Vacancies.  
TERM: To fill an unexpired term until 12/31/23  
and one for a full four (4) year term.

## TO APPLY

Fill out the online application at [www.kentohio.org/184/Boards-Commissions](http://www.kentohio.org/184/Boards-Commissions)  
OR

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)**

### STORMWATER DISTRICT REVIEW AND APPEALS BOARD:

Two (2) Vacancies.  
TERM: Two (2) years

## Hometown Bank Concert Series

Here is what is on the schedule at the present time. Please check the Hometown Bank Facebook page for more up to date details.

**May 26th** Theodore Roosevelt Jazz and Strings concert

**June 16th** DANJO Jazz Orchestra

**June 23rd** (new to the Plaza) Joseph Rubin  
& His Orchestra (40s music)

**June 30th** Michael Weber

**July 14th** Chardon Polka Band

**July 16th** Blues Fest (Evolution - Chris Wintrip,  
featuring Clapton tunes)

**July 21st** Monica Robins & The Ninja Cowboys

**August 25th** – Hard Day's Night

**September 16th** Kent Rocks Festival featuring  
Monica Robins & The Whiskey Kings  
(also Balloon-A-Fair kick off in downtown  
Ravenna that evening)



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

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## Bright Side of the Road

*By Dave Ruller, Kent City Manager*

After 2 years in COVID lockdown and a snowbound winter, we need something to cheer about so I dug through my files to see what inspiration I could find.

After four years in design, we officially have a new City Hall on-order, awarding the contract to Thomarios Construction at

the close of 2021. The contractor plans to mobilize on site for the demolition in March, followed with the site grading and foundation work, before the building starts coming out of the ground later this year. Under normal circumstances a grand opening in 2023 might have been possible but supply chain delays are likely to push off a ribbon cutting until 2024.

On a smaller (but no less jubilant) scale, the roof replacement and building expansion work at the West Side Fire Station on N. Mantua Street was completed in early 2022 by Metis Construction. The half dozen firefighters and paramedics that work out of the West Side Station now have all the space and modern technology they need to provide critical life-saving services to Kent and Franklin Township residents – that’s a big deal for this 72 year old building that was showing its age. Look for a grand re-opening and public open house for the renovated building in May 2022.

A folder on my desk contains emails from our City Engineering Department about extra street paving work scheduled for 2022, thanks in part to supplemental Federal and State funding that was offered to “jump start” the economy after Covid. We’re happy to spend someone else’s money, especially for work like street paving which is never done, and there’s always more streets that need paving than we can afford.

As a sidebar, street paving is a good case study for how investments in the downtown created new jobs, which increased the City’s tax base, which in turn increased the funding available for City services and City capital projects. The premise of the downtown strategy was “invest in your strength” and use that strength to uplift the things that can’t pay for themselves, like street paving or sidewalk repairs.

Fast forward from 2012 to 2022 and the numbers make the case that taking a risk with good partners and investing City savings in the downtown revitalization project yielded far greater returns than any bank account could have generated, while also producing more lifestyle amenities to enjoy in Kent than ever before. As a result, our tax base which had been flat for decades, grew by a couple of million dollars over the 8 year redevelopment period which allowed us to expand fire, police and public works

services without increasing taxes. Three cheers for downtown redevelopment!

For perspective, in the pre-downtown redevelopment era we had enough money to spend around \$500,000 a year on street paving but post-redevelopment that number doubled to over \$1 million – and in 2022 we’ll be able to bump that number up to \$3.1 million. In my “Big News” folder was Kent State’s announcement of the largest donation in the history of the University for the new College of Business building (\$28 million). We heard that the City and University plans for the redesign of the East Main Street corridor “sealed the deal” as the donor wanted his donation to be part of this transformative project. Shout out for the power of partnership. Popped!, Battleground, Pit Stop Pub, La Casa Del Taco, The Bell Tower...we love to talk up our small businesses in Kent because they capture the best of the Kent spirit – and we love to talk about town/gown partnership because it has inspired so many great projects in Kent – but we’ll always be grateful for the partnership that started it all, between Kent and The Davey Tree Expert Company.



Davey Tree is a corporate juggernaut who could be anywhere in the world yet they continue to choose to call Kent home and their roots are getting even deeper with a \$14 million corporate campus expansion, and a new research/training facility planned for the former Oak Knolls golf course just north of the Riverbend neighborhood in 2022.

The training facility has us fired-up because it means hundreds of out of towners will be coming to Kent every year to train, stay a few nights at the Kent State Hotel, eat in downtown restaurants, catch a show at the Kent Stage, all the while injecting outside dollars into the local economy. In city business circles we call that “economic growth” and that translates into more funding to enhance City services without raising taxes. Here’s to growth.

Hopefully you’re seeing a theme; we’re always looking to spend external funding to sustain City services and save tax dollars. If you need another example, I found one, with the City’s utility funds that is worthy of a modest round of applause too.

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A funding shortfall in the sewer fund had us on high alert trying to figure out how to keep up with regulatory requirements at the sewer plant without breaking the sewer fund bank or busting sewer rates wide open. When the Federal and State governments made pandemic funds available for local utility infrastructure, we were able to use that funding to avert a sewer rate crisis and get the necessary repairs back on track. Job well done.

That “job well done” is a credit to the business savvy of the City staff. These folks know their profession and I want share a big dose of gratitude to all the City employees -- maybe with just a little extra this time for the Senior Leadership Team who are usually the first to credit their staff, and the last to accept any credit. This one is for them.

Kent is big enough to have the same kinds of challenges faced in larger communities but small enough that we don't have the resources to give the Department Heads the luxury of assistants or deputies to share the load with. Middle management is essentially non-existent in Kent, which means Department Heads do a lot of heavy lifting.

I bring this up because in my 32 years of service in local government, I have never seen a more productive, practical, community minded, and just plain smart group of Department Heads as I have the good fortune to work with in Kent. You may not know them all by name, but you know their work because their City services touch your lives every day. I want to publicly thank them for being exceptional managers and leaders, and acknowledge how much I learn from them and how they inspire me to be a better City Manager every day.

## Senior Leadership Team

Law Director, Hope Jones  
Health Commissioner, Joan Seidel  
Police Chief, Nick Shearer  
Budget and Finance Director, Rhonda Hall  
Fire Chief, Bill Myers  
City Controller, Brian Huff  
Community Development Director, Bridget Susel  
Service Director, Melanie Baker  
Economic Development Director, Tom Wilke  
City Engineer, Jim Bowling  
Parks Director, Angela Manley  
Human Resource Manager, Suzanne Stemnock  
IT Manager, Nick Cecil



## Main Street Kent Update

At Main Street Kent, we've been celebrating the completion of the KENT public art project, which was installed in late November at the corner of N. Water St. and the Fairchild Ave. bridge. Thanks

to support from Ohio Arts Council and Each + Every design studio, and the incredible talent of local artists Sean Mercer and Taryn McMahan, this installation became part of the N. Water St. landscape just before winter. We'll have a formal opening and celebra-tion with the artists, supporters and our community in the spring, but in the meantime, stop by and take some fun pictures, and post them to social media using the hashtag #kentohart.

The Kent eGift Card program is up and running! Available for purchase online, and valid at over 25 Kent businesses, The Kent Card can be given as a gift via email or text message and is perfect for birthdays, corporate gifts, a “care package” for college students, and more. The Kent Card has been utilized for several employee appreciation programs, including Kent State University, the City of Kent, and Hometown Bank just to name a few. Visit the MSK website to purchase one (or many!) and to learn more about The Kent Card [mainstreetkent.org/shop/the-kent-card/](http://mainstreetkent.org/shop/the-kent-card/).

Bring back the events! We've been busy planning for lots of activity in 2022, including the re-turn of some of our most popular events. Dates and details are being finalized for Putt Around Downtown, the MSK 5K and a spring edition Story Walk Kent, so stay tuned to our social me-dia and MSK events calendar for updates. We're also looking forward to the American Roots Music Festival on Fri., April 29. Free, live performances will take place at venues all over down-town Kent. This is a great opportunity to explore many venues and find some new favorites! Performance schedule and musician bios will be available at [kentamericanroots.com](http://kentamericanroots.com).

Art & Wine Festival We're super excited to bring back our signature event on Sat., June 4, from noon to 9pm at the Hometown Bank Plaza and on N. Water St. We'll feature Ohio winer-ies, local artists, live music and delicious local food. Artists are welcome to apply on the MSK website at [mainstreetkent.org/events/art-wine-festival/](http://mainstreetkent.org/events/art-wine-festival/) by the April 1 deadline. Cheers!

Wizardly Weekend will also be back this summer, on July 22 & 23, complete with a 5 3/4 K fun run and bar crawl on Friday, and a magical putt putt event and other activities on Saturday. Local businesses will feature menu and merchandise specials throughout the weekend, so stay tuned for details as plans are revealed.

Be sure to follow Main Street Kent on Facebook and Instagram for daily updates, and sub-scribe 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 activi-ties. There's always something happening downtown!

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### 2021 – A Year in Review

By Tom Wilke, Economic Development Director

When reviewing almost all of the outcomes of 2021, it is virtually impossible to do so without viewing it through the lens of the COVID pandemic. It affected nearly all aspects of our lives and in some cases, tragically. I am going to look back at 2021 only from an Economic Development perspective but is by no means meant to minimize the other effects the pandemic has had on the residents, employees and employers of the City of Kent. As might be expected, the City had mixed results in 2021 but overall, had a surprisingly stable year. Let's start with some good news as the City and the immediately surrounding areas had quite a few new businesses open this past year. They include:

- Kwench Juice Café
- ModWash Auto Wash
- Singh Biryani Healthy Indian Cuisine
- Lightly Toasted
- Bell Tower Brewing Company
- La Casa Del Tacos
- 2nd Dunkin' on S. Water St.
- Hippie Fox Rocks

We also had a number of businesses and other entities that underwent significant expansions, renovations and relocations. They include:

- Barrio Kent
- Kent Mazda
- Davey Tree Expert Co. (under const.)
- Erie St. Kitchen
- Over Easy at the Depot
- The Kent Stage
- Kent Social Services
- The Downtown Kent DORA

Additionally, we have several new businesses expected to open in 2022 (in fact, some may already be open by the time you read this).

They include:

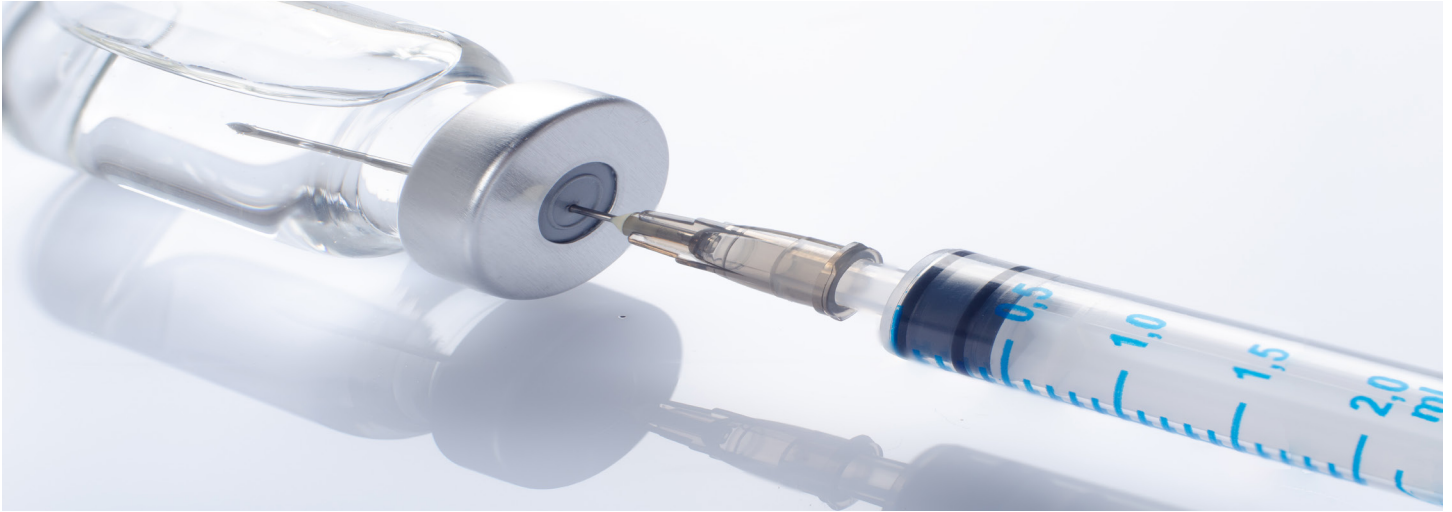
- Pit Stop Pub
- Garage 108
- Bar Lucci
- Cloud Nine
- Rocco's Cupcake Café
- Heritage of Brimfield
- Daisy Cake Pops
- Campus Mart Convenience Store
- 43 & 261 Convenience Store
- Hasawi Building (including restaurant wine bar and bakery)

Also on a positive note, most manufacturer's reported steady to strong demand for their products. Complicating this positive development, however, were the numerous supply chain disruptions most manufacturers experienced. While the examples of disruptions are wide and varied, many were related to steel and plastic shortages. The steel shortages were directly linked to a strong demand for construction materials as the industrial sector experienced a boon in new building construction and expansions of existing buildings. The plastic shortages developed primarily from the "big freeze" that occurred in early 2021 in Texas and other gulf states that produce the vast majority of plastic raw materials. Many plants had to curtail or even stop production due to the freeze for several months and our just now getting back to near normal output.

Besides the pandemic itself, probably the biggest economic related news of 2021 both locally and nationally has been the shifts in the workforce and how that is affecting employees and employers. While lower unemployment is generally regarded as a positive trend, when a city reaches 2.9% unemployment like Kent did in November of 2021, it is considered well beyond full employment and leads to workforce shortages in almost all sectors. You may also have heard or read the phrase "The Great Resignation". Portage County certainly experienced its version of this as there are now about 2,000 less people in the County than in 2019 either working or looking for work. This phenomenon is usually attributed to people retiring early, people who can no longer find or afford childcare or people who are reluctant to go to a workplace while the pandemic is still ongoing. While it is believed that some portion of these people will eventually return to the workforce, the net effect of the low unemployment coupled with "The Great Resignation" means that there about 1,100 less people in the County currently looking for work than there were in 2019. The impact of this worker shortage has been felt everywhere but it has hit the hospitality industry particularly hard and has led to shortened hours and the occasional unplanned closures at bars and restaurants. Please be patient!

As I mentioned at the beginning, the impact of the pandemic on the economy has been a mixed bag and there is still much uncertainty as we head into 2022. The one positive I think we all can see is just how resilient our City's businesses are and how creative they have been to overcome most of barriers the pandemic has placed before them!

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## Health Department

*Joan Seidel, City Health Commissioner*

Most community members are aware the Kent City Health Department moved in August of 2021 to the Kent Central Gateway second floor offices. These offices hold the Vital Statistics Bureau, where you can obtain copies of birth and death certificates and the Environmental Health programs. Environmental Health encompasses food safety for restaurant and mobile unit licenses, rental housing, body art, swimming pool licenses, the mosquito program, and the Tobacco 21 program.

We were provided the opportunity to use the street level office space in Suite E, formerly Cutler Real Estate and Gallery Ten. In this space we were able to expand our services to the medical side of Public Health. We are very excited to have this space to provide COVID and flu vaccines. But we are not stopping there. We are looking to expand our medical program to include all routine immunizations, occupational health, and an assortment of educational programs. We are accomplishing this through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which looks to enhance Workforce Development in Public Health. With a portion of the money received we will be hiring a registered nurse paramedic. This position will be shared between the Health Department and the Kent Fire Department. They will work equally at the Fire Department and at the Health Department clinic. It is a very innovative program with opportunities for community members to experience better health and improved quality of life.

Fire Chief William Myers is very dedicated and foresighted in reducing risk in our community. During conversations about future plans for our separate departments it was discovered the Kent Fire and Health Departments had areas of overlap when it came to the vision of serving our community. This new role will work in both departments, providing vaccines, health screenings, fall prevention programs, post hospital discharge medication review, chronic disease management, car seat installations, as well as community education and outreach.

The Kent City Health Department is also using a portion of this money to fund a Health Equity Specialist. Our medical director, Dr. DeJulius, who has a master's degree in Public Health and a passion for connecting people to care was a natural fit. She also teaches Public Health courses at Kent State University when she is not seeing her patients at AxxessPointe. Dr. DeJulius is laying the foundation with area leaders and groups to improve equity in our community. There is currently a lot of time spent listening to the community to learn what needs are identified by our community members. Our next steps will include building coalitions to address these concerns, connecting people to the many resources already present in Kent. We are working closely with a State-lead equity group which was created by Governor DeWine. The pandemic made clear just how extensively inequity impacts residents of the State of Ohio. We are eager to be a part of positive change.

As we move through pandemic, and hopefully on to brighter days, we anticipate using our new clinic space, expanded capacity, and new positions to add to quality of life of all Kent citizens.

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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

### Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal here



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>



## Body Worn Cameras

By Chief Nicholas Shearer, Kent Police Department

Many of you have probably heard the public outcry over the past few years for police officers to wear body worn cameras while on duty. After incidents around the country between police officers and citizens have become national news, many have claimed that the police may be trying to cover things up to protect officers. This has led to public distrust and the outcry for body worn cameras.

During these times, the Kent Police Department has done extensive research into body worn cameras. We have sat through countless product demonstrations with companies all over the United States. We have done body worn camera trials dating back to 2016 with a total of three companies. We have also done extensive research into pricing for this program and received quotes from several different companies.

Our department has always held the position that body worn cameras are a good thing, however, they are very expensive and community support for a project of this magnitude is paramount. Not only does our department administration embrace the idea of body cameras, our police officers are more than happy to wear them. Studies have shown that the most often circumstance with police officers wearing body cameras is that the camera refutes complaints and supports the actions of police officers.



After all the research and time we have put into a body cameras, we have been fortunate to secure a grant to assist in funding a project. Our total project cost will be approximately \$235,000 with approximately \$80,000 coming from the federal government in the form of a grant. That leaves approximately \$155,000 for the tax payers of Kent to pay for.

I am very happy that we are moving forward with this project. It has been a long time coming and is definitely the way of the future for law enforcement. Going forward, when you are interacting with the police, know that it is likely being recorded. This may not always be the case, maybe you have a conversation with a police officer walking around downtown or patronizing a business, these minor interactions will not be required recordings. But if you interact with an officer on a call for service or a traffic stop, know that these interactions will be recorded.

## Fire Department Update

By Lieutenant Vince Yost, Kent Fire Department

Last year was the Kent Fire Department's busiest year ever! We responded to 5,062 calls last year, an 8% increase over 2019, and a 21% increase just since 2016. 1,227 of those calls were fire-type responses, ranging from 34 working structure fires to 83 motor vehicle collisions plus an additional 1,110 various fire, rescue, and hazardous type responses. That means the remaining 3,835 calls were for Emergency Medical (EMS) calls. Since Fire, Rescue, HAZMAT, and EMS are important aspects of our job and critical functions of the fire department, we spend time in training daily in order to insure we are able to provide the best possible care to our community.

Smoke alarms are one of the most important safety devices in your home. They help save lives every day. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), working smoke alarms decrease the risk of dying in a home fire by nearly half. So it is very important to have working smoke alarms in every home. The batteries in your smoke alarms need to be replaced every 6 months. The best time to do this is when daylight savings time begins and ends. When replacing a battery, follow the manufacturer's list of batteries on the back of the alarm or manufacturer's instructions.



Smoke alarms should be tested monthly. Always follow manufacturer's guidelines when testing devices. In homes, typically this is done by pushing and holding the test button long enough for the alarm to sound. While you're testing your alarms, it would be a good time to review your household's fire exit plan. Make sure all members of your household understand the sound of the alarm, the plan and where your outside meeting place is located. A mailbox, neighbor's house, street sign, or even a large tree are all great locations for meeting spots.

Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home including the basement, inside each bedroom and outside each

sleeping area. Mount smoke alarms high on walls or ceilings (remember, smoke rises). Wall-mounted alarms should be installed not more than 12 inches away from the ceiling (to the top of the alarm). Smoke alarms installed in the basement should be installed on the ceiling at the bottom of the stairs leading to the next level.

There is good news for all Kent residents, the Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau has free smoke alarms paid for by a grant! The alarms are a combination type that have a photo electric sensor as well as an ionization type sensor. This is the most current technology that provides early detection in flaming type fires and smoldering type fires. The detectors have ten year batteries so they do not have any maintenance requirements for the life of the detector, other than keeping them free of dust and dirt. The detectors are battery operated only and cannot be put in place of hardwired detectors (connected to an electric power supply) found in newer homes.

If you do not have any smoke alarms in your home or your current smoke alarms are outdated and need replaced, contact us for free replacements. Please contact the Kent Fire Department at 330-676-7393 and ask for Lieutenant Shawn Baynes or Lieutenant Vince Yost to schedule an appointment to have detectors installed or to have questions answered about the program.

### Fires are Faster

In a house fire 40 years ago, you had 17 minutes to escape a fire. Now it's only 3 minutes!

### Why?

Synthetic materials are human made and are created through chemical synthesis in products such as petroleum or coal as opposed to natural fibers that are derived from living organisms. These materials are far more common than ever before. By closing a door, you can stop or slow the spread of smoke and fire.

### Close the Door Behind You

If you can safely close a door while leaving a fire you could save lives and property. A malfunctioning electric space heater caused a catastrophic fire in New York City on January 10th, 2022. Even though the fire was quickly extinguished on the 2nd & 3rd floor by the fire department, the deadly smoke traveled through open doors and up the stairwells of the 19-floor apartment complex killing 17 people including 8 children. Please remember the importance of closing a door and the lifesaving implications it may have for your family and neighbors.

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## Sleep with Your Door Closed

Researchers from Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) have proven there can be a 900-degree difference between a fire in the hallway of a home, and a bedroom separated by a closed door. A tragic fire on January 5th, 2022, in Philadelphia killed 12 people, 7 of them children. This is another heartbreaking reminder to have working smoke detectors in hallways and bedrooms of every home, and to sleep with your doors closed.

UL research has shown an open bedroom door will allow 10,000 PPM (possibly fatal within 5 minutes) of carbon monoxide into a room during a fire. A closed door may bring it down to a more survivable 1,000 PPM. Most fire victims do not die from the flames, they die from the superheated gases and by-products of the smoke such as carbon monoxide that is present in every deadly fire.

## Grand Re-Opening of Fire Station #2



Join us Saturday May 7, 2022 at Kent Fire Station # 2 (418 N Mantua) for an open house from 9AM until 12 noon. We are celebrating our Grand Re-Opening of our recently remodeled fire station. It features a new pitched roof, a new kitchen and day room, a room dedicated to our firefighting gear and a storage room for EMS supplies. This is a list of just a few new additions you will find when you join us. There will be activities for the children, refreshments and the opportunity for us to meet you.

## Help Us Help You

The Kent Fire Department is searching for those who may be interested in helping us shape our future. Beginning mid - May, 2022, we will be conducting meetings in order to ensure that the expectations of our community are being met and to plan for our future. If you have some spare time in the evenings that you can spend with us, we would welcome and appreciate your thoughts, ideas, suggestions and concerns. Please contact Ms. Krissie Lillich, Administrative Assistant at (330) 676-7559, email [lillichcm@kent-ohio.org](mailto:lillichcm@kent-ohio.org) or Fire Chief, William Myers at (330) 676-7381 or email [myersb@kent-ohio.org](mailto:myersb@kent-ohio.org).

## Project Spotlight - 2022 A Big Year for Paving Streets

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

While none of us like the orange barrels, we all like having smooth pavement to drive on. Our region always seems to have an overabundance of orange barrels every year. In fact, a favorite saying of both my adult sons is that Ohio has two seasons, Winter and Construction Seasons. Well 2022 will definitely seem that way this year as some highly traveled streets in Kent will be getting some much needed work.

**State Route Paving and Repairs:** The most notable street to be resurfaced in 2022 will be North Mantua Street (SR 43). The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has plans to resurface SR 43 from Fairchild Avenue to the northern City Limits by Roosevelt High School. The project will also include repairing the concrete pavement on Gougler Avenue and SR 43 from Main to Rockwell. Also, ODOT will be repairing both bridges on Haymaker Parkway. This includes the bridge over Stow Street and the bridge over the Cuyahoga River/Franklin Avenue.

**Downtown Street Paving:** The City was awarded an \$800,000 grant last year to resurface the two main streets in Downtown. South Water Street will be repaved from Haymaker Parkway to Main Street and Main Street will be repaved from Mantua Street to Willow Street.

**Middlebury Road Paving:** The repaving of the southern section of Middlebury Road has been delayed due to the replacement of a sewer pump station and installation of a new sanitary sewer. The sewer work is planned to be completed this spring. Once that project is completed we will repave Middlebury Road from Janet Street to the Cuyahoga River Bridge. If you've driven on this section of Middlebury Road recently, you know that this stretch of road was overdue in being repaved.

**Other Streets:** While the above highly traveled roads are being paved this year, we will still be working on numerous residential streets. This includes Cherry Street, Frances Drive, Overlook Drive, Kevin Drive, Woodhill Drive and Alley #2. Also, there are eight other streets that will have significant pavement repairs completed this summer.

This year is setting up to be a busy construction season for paving. So please be patient with us as these streets are being completed and give yourself a few extra minutes to get to your destination. If you have any questions please call us at 330-678-8106.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### ART IN THE PARK ARTIST

**APPLICATIONS:** Call To Artists!  
Visit [kentparksandrec.com](http://kentparksandrec.com) for details.  
**WHEN:** Festival dates September 10 and 11  
**WHERE:** Fred Fuller Park  
**WHO:** Any Youth, Adult Artist, Demonstrators and Vendors  
**COST:** \$25-\$290  
**DEADLINE:** Early bird pricing for artists ends June 1. Application deadline June 15.

### 2022 PORTAGE OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT:

Tournament Director: Sheila Shiu, RHS Varsity Tennis Coach  
**WHEN:** Singles : October 1 - 7;  
Doubles : October 8 - 14  
**WHERE:** Theodore Roosevelt High School Tennis Courts  
**COST:** Single-\$25 Double-\$40 T-shirts-\$15  
**DEADLINE:** September 23

### SEASONAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTESTS:

Submit your favorite photos, share the beauty and compete for prizes!  
Sponsored by Hometown Bank.  
**WHEN:** Spring: April 1 - May 31;  
Summer: June 1 - August 31;  
Fall: September 1 - October 31  
**HOW:** Submit one photo from the season of the Portage Hike and Bike trail, parks or areas in Kent. Send to [kentheathersvidron.kent@gmail.com](mailto:kentheathersvidron.kent@gmail.com) and include:  
Name of applicant  
Specific location of photo (i.e. walking the Hike & Bike Trail in Tannery Park), date of Photo and any details you would like to share about the photo

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### KENT TENNIS LESSONS:

Instruction provided by Sheila Shiu, Roosevelt High School's Varsity Tennis Coach! 6 week session.  
**WHEN:** Sundays; 5-7 Years 3:15-4 p.m.;  
Beginner 4-5 p.m.;  
Intermediate/Advanced 5-6 p.m.  
Session 1 begins June 12; Session 2 begins July 31; Session 3 begins Sept. 18  
**WHERE:** Roosevelt High School's Tennis Courts  
**WHO:** All ages and skill levels  
**COST:** \$50 resident; \$60 non-resident  
**DEADLINE:** Registration Deadline the Friday before each session begins

### KENT BLACK SQUIRREL 5K WALK/RUN CLUB:

Choose to run or walk approximately 3 miles along the beautiful Hike & Bike

Trails to Downtown Kent. There, we will enjoy perks at the day's designated shop.  
**WHEN:** Spring & Summer,  
Sundays at 8:30am  
**WHERE:** Hometown Bank Plaza  
**WHO:** All ages welcome.  
(14 & under must be with a parent.)

### SPRING, SUMMER & FALL ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES:

Evening and weekend leagues available. Visit [kentparksandrec.com](http://kentparksandrec.com) for details!  
**WHERE:** Kramer Fields (600 Stow St)  
**WHO:** Men, Women & Co-Ed teams  
**REGISTRATION:** begins for returning teams, then opens to new teams

### GIRLS' & WOMEN'S LACROSSE:

Join this league for some summer action! 5 weeks plus tournament.  
**WHEN:** Thursdays, June 30 - August 11;  
1st - 8th grade @ 5:30 - 6:30p.m.; High School - Adult @ 6:30 - 8 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Stonewater Practice Field  
**WHO:** 1st grade - Adult  
**COST:** 1st - 8th grades \$55 resident/ 65 non-resident; High School - Adult \$70res/80nonres per player \$50res / 60nonres for goalies  
**DEADLINE:** June 24

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### KENT MOXX BASKETBALL 101:

In this clinic, players will learn fundamental skills of Basketball in a fun environment  
**WHEN:** May 2 - May 26; Mondays & Wednesdays: 5th grade @ 6:15-7:15pm & 6th Grade @ 7:30-8:30pm; Tuesdays & Thursdays: K-2nd grade @ 6:15-7:15pm & 3rd-4th grade @ 7:30-8:30pm  
**WHERE:** Kent Rec Center  
**WHO:** K-6th grade boys and girls  
**COST:** \$55 resident, \$65 non-resident

### OUTDOOR BASKETBALL:

Join Moxx Basketball 101 for an annual 3x3 tournament and 3 point contest  
**WHEN:** Saturday, August 13, 2022 @ 9am  
**WHERE:** Plum Creek Park Basketball Courts  
**WHO:** Entering 4-8th grade boys and girls  
**COST:** 3x3 tournament\* \$60 per team (4 person max); 3 point contest \$15  
**DEADLINE:** August 5

### PRESEASON FOOTBALL CLINIC:

Led by Kent Youth Football Co-Directors, Marcus Wright and Ryan Anderson, players will learn basic football techniques through drills and how to apply them to the game.  
**WHEN:** Sundays, June 5 - June 26; 6/5, 6/12 @ 5:00 - 7:00 pm;  
6/19, 6/26 @ 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
**WHERE:** Davey Elementary Football Field  
**WHO:** entering grades 1st - 6th  
**COST:** \$40 resident, \$50 non-resident

### KENT YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER:

As a member of the Ohio Gridiron Youth Football Association, we want to stress to

all families the importance of safety for all. Join for instruction by current and former Roosevelt High School Coaches and Kent Youth Football & Cheer Directors.  
**WHO:** Football: grades 1st-6th;  
Cheer: K-6th  
**COST:** \$125-\$185; varies by age group  
**REGISTRATION:** February 7 through July 1

### RIDERS TENNIS LESSONS:

Instruction provided by Sheila Shiu, Roosevelt High School's Varsity Tennis Coach  
**WHEN:** Mondays & Wednesdays;  
Beginner: 5-6 p.m.; Intermediate/Advanced: 6-7 p.m.;  
Session 1: June 13 - July 13 (No lesson July 4 or 6); Session 2: July 18 - August 10  
**WHERE:** Roosevelt HS Tennis Courts  
**WHO:** 8-18 yr. olds  
**COST:** \$60 resident; \$70 non-resident  
**DEADLINE:** Friday before each session

### FALL SOCCER LEAGUE:

Youth Soccer program offers Recreational, Semi Travel, & Travel leagues.  
**WHEN:** August - October  
**WHERE:** Kent Soccer Fields & surrounding towns  
**WHO:** 4 - 12 year olds  
**COST:** \$30 - \$130  
**DEADLINE:** July 15

### FALL TRAVEL SOCCER TRYOUTS:

Friday, June 17; Boys @ 5:30pm - 6:45pm;  
Girls @ 6:45 - 8pm  
Saturday, June 18; Boys @ 4 - 5:30pm;  
Girls @ 5:30 - 7pm  
Fairchild Athletic Fields, 634 Majors Lane

### FLAG FOOTBALL:

An exciting version of football, with no tackling to worry about. Join in for some fall outdoor fun!  
**WHEN:** August - October  
**WHERE:** Stonewater Field  
**WHO:** Boys 1-6 grades; Girls 6-8 grades  
**COST:** \$65 resident, \$75 non-resident  
**DEADLINE:** July 8

### SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS:

KPR & RHS High School Coaches offer a variety of sports camps to choose from: basketball, track, volleyball, soccer, etc. Sign up today for one or multiple camps & have your kids stay active this summer! Visit [kentparksandrec.com](http://kentparksandrec.com) for a complete listing.  
**WHEN:** Throughout the summer months  
**WHERE:** Locations vary based on camp  
**WHO:** Ages vary based on camp  
**DEADLINE:** Friday before each camp begins

### HAWAIIAN HANGOUT

Spring Break Child Care: KPR Kidz Club provides care all day Spring Break Care with a tropical twist! Enjoy Luau parties, games, crafts, and a big screen movie! Maximum of 30 children.  
**WHEN:** March 28-April 4; 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

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WHERE: Kent Recreation Center  
(1115 Franklin Ave.)  
WHO: K-6 grades  
COST: \$160 resident, \$170 non-resident  
DEADLINE: March 18

## HAWAIIAN HANGOUT JR

Don't leave out the little ones! Lil' Learners Preschool provides some extra tropical fun for the season.

WHEN: March 28, 29 & 30; 9am-2pm  
WHERE: Roy Smith Shelterhouse (602 Middlebury Rd.)  
WHO: 3-5 years  
COST: \$46 resident, \$56 non-resident; includes all 3 days  
DEADLINE: March 18

## LIL' LEARNERS PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP:

Children will have the opportunity to experience the beauty of Fred Fuller Park, enjoy walking the Hike and Bike Trail, express creativity through art projects, sing songs and enjoy fellowship and first friendships each week.

Camp Length: 9 weeks; June 13 – Aug 11  
Days: Monday - Thursday  
Time: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Age: 3-5 year olds  
Location: Roy Smith Shelterhouse  
Max Enrollment: 30 Children

## KPR KIDZ CLUB CAMP AT DAVEY:

Spend the summer enjoying the beautiful Davey neighborhood! Field trips, swimming, a movie and special guests are included every week! Small groups combine learning and fun in arts and crafts, recreation, reading and outdoor activities! The children receive a P.M. snack.

Camp Length: 9 weeks; June 13 - Aug 12  
Days: Monday - Friday  
Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Age: Entering 1st - entering 3rd grades  
Location: Davey Elementary  
Max Enrollment: 30  
Additional sibling discount, Full-time County Vouchers accepted

## KPR KIDZ CLUB CAMP AT KENT REC:

Working families will love this camp that provides care all day long! Field trips, swimming, a movie, special guests and entertainment are included each week. Small groups create their own fun with arts and crafts, recreation, reading and outdoor activities. The children receive breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack.

Camp Length: 9 weeks; June 13 - Aug 12  
Days: Monday - Friday  
Time: 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Age: Entering 1st grade - 6th grade  
Location: Kent Recreation Center  
Max Enrollment: 36 children  
Additional sibling discount, Full-time County Vouchers accepted

## FURNACE 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 Lisa McKay via email: [lmckay@cacportage.net](mailto:lmckay@cacportage.net) or Holly Newlove via email: [hnewlove@cacportage.net](mailto:hnewlove@cacportage.net), or via telephone: 330-297-1456, visit CAC's website at [www.cacportage.net](http://www.cacportage.net).

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## Kent State University Hosts Free Electronics Recycling Event

Free Electronics Recycling: March 2, 9, 16, & 23

The 2022 E-Cycle Drive at Kent State University is open to students, faculty, staff and the community of Kent. Electronics recycling will be open on March 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Kent State University R-17 Parking lot, between S. Willow Street and S. Lincoln Street. Members of both the campus and community can recycle used electronics through Infinite Electronics Recycling, LLC, an R2 certified recycler, where materials are handled in an environmentally and socially responsible way.

Materials permitted at E-Cycle Drive include: flat screen TVs, personal computers, laptop computers, servers and storage devices, monitors (CRT, LCD), flat screen TVs docking stations, floppy drives, DVD/CD burners, VCRs, circuit boards, scanners, copiers, printers, cables, wires, extension cords, digital cameras, cellular phones, DVD players, network and telecom equipment, game consoles, string lights and small kitchen appliances. Kitchen appliances larger than a microwave are NOT accepted at E-Cycle Drive. Everyone should wear a mask. All items will be put in large boxes by the public. Kent State staff will not be removing items from vehicles and will watch from a distance. For more information about E-Cycle Drive visit: <https://www.kent.edu/sustainability/e-cycle-drive>

E-Cycle Drive is hosted by Kent State University's University Facilities Management and the Office of Sustainability. The public electronics recycling drop-off event contributes to Kent State University's standings in the Campus Race to Zero Waste competition. This is the 13th year Kent State is competing in Campus Race to Zero Waste. Thank you to community members who recycled electronics last year! In 2021, community members' electronics recycling contributed to Kent State winning the Campus Race to Zero Waste Total Pounds of Electronics Recycled Category, recycling a total of 38,316 pounds of electronics in one month! In 2021, Kent State also won the Zero Waste Category and the Summary of Waste Reduction Efforts Case Study. Campus Race to Zero Waste is a friendly competition and benchmarking tool for college and university recycling programs to promote waste-reduction activities to their campus communities. Over 300 colleges and universities compete annually. For more information visit: [www.kent.edu/sustainability](http://www.kent.edu/sustainability).



# FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

**MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23**  
**7:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**

EVENT IS OPEN TO STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF,  
AND COMMUNITY OF KENT

**COLLECTION POINT:**

**KENT STATE R-17 PARKING LOT**  
**BETWEEN S. LINCOLN ST. & S. WILLOW ST.**



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## 2021 Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report

*Kent Division of Water*

The City of Kent remains committed to providing our residents with a safe and reliable supply of the highest-quality drinking water. We continue to test our water using sophisticated equipment and advanced procedures. In year 2021 we had an unconditional license (OH6701812) to operate our water system. The City of Kent water meets all state and federal standards for both appearance and safety. As a matter of record, all City of Kent Water Plant Operators possess Ohio EPA Operator Certification. In addition, three personnel are Ohio EPA certified to do bacteria testing. This annual "Consumer Confidence Report," required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), tells you where your water comes from, what our tests show about it, as well as other things you should know about drinking water.

**We are proud to report that the water provided by the City of Kent continues to "meet or exceed" all established water-quality standards.**

We encourage public interest and participation in our community's decisions affecting your drinking water. Regular City Council Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 320 South DePeyster Street, in the Kent Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. We invite and welcome the public at these meetings.

### Overview

The year, 2021, was another year of many challenges for not just us, but for everyone. Just like with most people, we had to deal with working around the continuing pandemic, which presented new challenges at every turn. Staff safety, reducing budget, and maintaining safe drinking water was the main focus for the majority of the year.

We have started the process to rehabilitate an old well that was not being used. This well will add to our current wellfield, which should help reduce the strain on our older wells. We also had two other wells cleaned and the pumps refurbished to help maintain our current wells.

We had our fair share of issues and emergencies arise, but like always, our employees were able to respond in timely manners that we never struggled to maintain water to all our consumers. The continued dedication and hard work from our employees is greatly appreciated, especially in these difficult times.

We are proud to have another year under our belts with no operational deviations from the State or Federal EPA. We look forward to continue serving Kent with the world's best potable water.

### Water Source Information

The City of Kent is supplied by groundwater, which is pumped from several wells located very close to the water plant. Our well field is known as the "Breakneck Creek Well field", which taps into the "Buried Valley Aquifer". The exception is Well

No. 13. It is considered a rock well, as it taps into a formation of water bearing sandstone. The high purity well water is first delivered to your water plant where it is treated. The treatment includes softening, filtration, stabilization (to prevent it from being corrosive), disinfection, and fluoridation, for your benefit.

Ohio EPA recently completed a study of the City of Kent's source of drinking water, to identify potential contaminant sources and provide guidance on protecting the drinking water source. This assessment indicates that the Kent City PWS's source of drinking water has a high susceptibility to contamination because of 1) The sand and gravel aquifer has a shallow depth to water, less than 15 feet below the ground surface 2) The topography is relatively flat, and the soils are loams and sandy loams, allowing for a moderate to significant amount of precipitation to infiltrate into the ground instead of running off 3) No confining layer exists in many areas, which could act as a barrier between the ground surface and the aquifer 4) Potential significant contaminant sources exist within the protection area. This susceptibility means that under currently existing conditions, the likelihood of the aquifer becoming contaminated is relatively high. The City of Kent has taken some proactive steps to monitor and protect this precious resource. More information is available by contacting the Ohio E.P.A., Northeast District Office, 2110 E. Aurora Road, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087-1969, phone number 330-678-8105.

### Water Quality Data

The following table lists the only drinking water contaminants that were found during or prior to the 2020 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. It is important to understand that the treatment process our water under goes, makes it far safer than most water supplies anywhere in the world. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing performed January 1st through December 31st, 2020. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

#### How to Read This Table

It's easy! Our water is tested to assure that it is safe and healthy. The column marked "Level Found" shows the highest test results during the year. A "Source of Contaminant" shows where this substance usually originates. Footnotes explain important details. Columns headed MCL, AL and MCLG refer to:

**Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which, there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

**Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement that a water system must follow

The data presented in this report is from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

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We have performed testing for many different potential contaminants, but only the listed substances were found. Of those substances that were found, all are below the MCL limit. We also collected 384 routine samples for bacteriological examination throughout the city during the year of 2020. We are pleased to report that each of these samples were negative (no bacteria present).

Contaminant	Sample Year	Unit	MCL or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Found	Range of Detections	Sources of Contaminants	Violation
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>								
Fluoride	2021	ppm	4	4	.96	.80 – 1.06	Erosion from natural deposits, additive in water which promotes strong teeth, discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories	NO
Lead	2020	ppb	AL = 15	0	<2.0	<2.0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems	NO
Copper	2020	ppm	AL=1.3	1.3	.014	<0.010 – .030	Corrosion of household plumbing systems	NO
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants</b>								
Total Trihalomethanes TTHMs	2021	ppb	80	N/A	69.5	29.6-100.1	By-Product of drinking water chlorination	NO
Haloacetic Acids HAA5	2021	ppb	60	N/A	12.675	7.0-13.1	By-Product of drinking water chlorination	NO
<b>Residual Disinfectants</b>								
Total Chlorine	2021	ppm	4	4	1.30	1.08 – 1.30	Water Additive to control Microbes.	NO

## Key to Table

AL = Action Level  
MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level  
MRDL = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level  
MRDLG = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal  
MCLG = Maximum Contaminant Level Goal  
pci/l = picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

ppm = parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)  
ppb = parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/l)  
The “<” symbol: A symbol which means ‘less than’. A result of “<5” means that the lowest level detected was below 5 and the contaminant in that sample was not detected.

## Disinfection By Products

Disinfection byproducts are the results of providing continuous disinfection of your drinking water and form when disinfectants combine with organic matter naturally occurring in the source water. Disinfection byproducts are grouped into two categories, Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5). USEPA sets standards for controlling the levels of disinfectants and disinfectant byproducts in drinking water, including both TTHMs and HAA5s.

## TTHM's Health Effects

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have increased risk of getting cancer.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.



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## Additional Water Quality Monitoring

Our water system participates in the Ambient Ground Water Monitoring Program, which is administered by the Ohio E.P.A.'s Division of Drinking and Ground Waters. As a result, our ground water source is subjected to additional extensive analysis every six to eighteen months. While this analysis is not used to fulfill our monitoring requirements, it does provide us with additional assurance of the quality of our source water.

## Additional Information That May Be Of Interest:

### Chemical Analysis (Annual Average 2021)

Raw Water (untreated)	Tap Water (treated)	
Alkalinity	221 mg/l	47 mg/l
Hardness	315 mg/l	91 mg/l
Non-Carbonate	95 mg/l	44 mg/l
Calcium (as Ca)	90 mg/l	18 mg/l
Magnesium (Mg)	18 mg/l	11 mg/l
Fluoride	0.13 mg/l	0.94 mg/l
P.H.	7.38	9.11

## Sources of Contamination in Drinking Water and Additional Health Information

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

### Source Water Protection

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, storm water runoff, and residential uses.

(D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can, also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

(E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

### Lead in Drinking Water

"If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Kent is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap from 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about the lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>."

### Special Information Available

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as persons with cancer who are undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune disorders, some elderly people, and infants can be particularly at risk from infection. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate ways to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). In order to insure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

### Additional Questions?

In addition to the testing that we are required to perform, our water system voluntarily tests for hundreds of additional substances and microscopic organisms to make certain our water is safe and of high quality. For more information, call the City of Kent at (330) 676-6333. We are here to serve YOU! Please feel free to call us with any questions that you may have.

# The TREE CITY Bulletin

## Yard Waste Transfer Site Info

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

The Department of Public Service anticipates reopening the Yard Waste Transfer Site on March 22, 2022. The opening Date could be earlier or later depending upon weather conditions.

For updated information please check the City's website [www.kentohio.org](http://www.kentohio.org) or call the Service Department at 330-678-8105.

### Days and Hours of Operation

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

During 2022 mulch like material (shredded / ground up material dropped off by residents at the City's yard waste facility) will be delivered to residents while supplies last. Please complete the Yard Waste Material Delivery Program Waiver form on the City's website. If you do not have access to the internet please call the Service Department at 330-678-8105.

### Drop-Off Yard Waste Rules

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

### The City of Kent Yard Waste Regulations

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

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO EMPTY BAGS OF YARD WASTE AND TAKE THE BAGS WITH YOU

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

## Acceptable Materials List

Please review BEFORE attempting to deliver to the site!

### Accepted

Brush  
Grass  
Firewood  
Leaves  
Weeds  
Any type of yard waste



### NOT Accepted

NO lumber or wood pallets  
NO construction debris  
NO trash of any kind  
NO plastic bags 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.**

**The City is working on alternative access and hours of operation.**

**Please check our website for up to date information.**

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

# The TREE CITY Bulletin

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Grasscycling: Putting Clippings to (Re)Use



Grasscycling is the natural recycling of grass by leaving short grass clippings on the lawn when mowing. Use your grass clippings to maintain your landscape and reduce unnecessary trips to the landfill and potential stormwater pollution effects.

Grasscycling reduces the amount of yard waste disposed in landfills. Research has shown that lawns can generate approximately 300 pounds of grass clippings per 1000 square feet annually. This can be as much as 6 1/2 tons per acre each year! Grass clippings are too valuable to throw away, and grasscycling allows this green material to be reused in our urban landscapes.

Grasscycling saves time, money, and protects the environment. Mowing time is reduced since the bagging and disposal of clippings is eliminated. Grass clippings add beneficial organic matter to the soil, which provides free fertilizer and produces healthy, green lawns. Grasscycling reduces turf grass fertilizer and water requirements, which can minimize toxic runoff entering storm drains and polluting lakes, creeks, and rivers.

Grasscycling isn't complicated, but it does require some changes in your mowing practices. Here's how to do it:

- Cut your grass higher than normal. This also discourages broadleaf weeds (like dandelion and plantain) that thrive in closely mown lawns.
- Try not to mow more than a third of the height of your grass. If you don't mow often enough, the clippings will need raking, even with a mulching mower.
- Mow when the grass is dry. Wet grass clings to the mower and clumps on the turf. Wet clippings also do not filter through the turf canopy to add nitrogen as easily as dry clippings.
- Keep mower blades sharp. Dull blades rip and tear the turf grass which promotes disease, causes the shredded leaves to appear tan and ragged, and results in weakened plants.
- Remember that overuse of chemical fertilizer causes excessive top growth and makes grasscycling more difficult.
- Mulching mowers make grasscycling easier but it can still be done with a regular mower.

## CURBSIDE RECYCLING AND TRASH

Residential recycling is picked up at the curb every other week by the Portage County Solid Waste Management District. For information on your scheduled day please visit their website [www.portagerecycles.com](http://www.portagerecycles.com) or call the Solid Waste District at 330-678-8808. The County invoices residents bi-annually for this service. Questions or concerns with your recycling service should be handled by the Portage County Solid Waste Management District.

### WHAT CAN GO INTO MY CURBSIDE RECYCLING CONTAINER?

**ALUMINUM & TIN CANS:** Food and Beverage containers are all accepted in your curbside container. Please be sure that they are empty and rinsed free of any contaminants before placing them into your cart.

**CARDBOARD:** Cardboard boxes are accepted in your curbside container. Please break it down and place it into your container. If you have excess cardboard, please stack it neatly in a pile next to your container. Pizza boxes must be free of grease and food before placing it into the container.

**CARTONS:** Milk, Juice and Food cartons are accepted in your curbside container. Please rinse them before placing them into the cart.

**GLASS:** Glass bottles and jars.

**PAPER:** All Paper, Newspaper, Junk Mail, Magazines and Receipts are accepted in your curbside container. For shredded paper, please place it in a paper bag and label it shredding.

**PLASTICS:** Plastics labeled #1 & #2 are accepted in your curbside container. Please rinse them and place the lids back on the containers before placing them into your cart.

### RESIDENTIAL TRASH COLLECTION

Residential trash is picked up weekly by Republic Services. Republic Services offers several levels of service including unlimited service and collection of bulk items. The unlimited service option offers bulk item pick up without an extra fee (in reasonable quantities), all other service levels must pay an extra fee for the collection of bulk items. Residents that subscribe to unlimited service still need to schedule the collection of bulk items with Republic Services prior to placing them at the curb.



Republic Services will continue to handle all trash service collection and billing questions, so if you need customer assistance please visit their website [www.republicservices.com](http://www.republicservices.com) or call Republic Services at 1-800-247-3644.

Residents are reminded to retrieve empty trash and recycling containers the same day as pickup.



# The TREE CITY Bulletin

## 2022 Spring Cleanup

The City of Kent's Central Maintenance Division collects brush at the curb twice each year. The 2021 Spring Brush Collection Program will commence Monday, May 2nd, 2022.

**ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP IN THE NORTHWEST SECTION MONDAY, MAY 2ND AND ENDING ON FRIDAY, MAY 6TH**

**ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP IN THE SOUTHWEST SECTION MONDAY, MAY 23RD AND ENDING ON FRIDAY, MAY 27TH**

**ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP IN THE SOUTHEAST SECTION BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 16TH AND ENDING ON FRIDAY, MAY 20TH**

**ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP IN THE NORTHEAST SECTION MONDAY, MAY 9TH AND ENDING ON FRIDAY, MAY 13TH**

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

See street listing on page 23 to reference your street's location by section.

**PLEASE READ THIS ARTICLE CAREFULLY FOR ITEMS THAT ARE ACCEPTABLE AND WILL BE PICKED UP.**

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

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

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

**ALL APPLIANCES SHOULD BE IN A SEPARATE PILE. DOORS SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM FREEZERS AND REFRIGERATORS.  
SCRAP METAL SHOULD BE PLACED WITH APPLIANCES.**

**PLEASE PLACE APPLIANCES ON THE CURB BEFORE 7:00 AM MONDAY OF YOUR DESIGNATED WEEK TO GUARANTEE PICKUP.  
LOOSE ITEMS MUST BE PLACED IN BAGS OR CONTAINERS  
CONTAINERS AND CONTENTS WILL BE PICKED UP  
LOOSE ITEMS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP**

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

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

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

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

The City of Kent will be collecting automobile tires (rims removed) from City of Kent residents ONLY on Wednesday, May 25th and Thursday, May 26th from 3:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. Four tires per household will be accepted. Tires can be dropped off at 641 Middlebury Road, behind the office to the City's Waste Water Reclamation Facility.

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

City personnel will be checking ID's and assisting with tire drop off and loading.

This program is being run entirely by the City of Kent.

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

Once a rejection tag has been placed on items left at the curb, those items will not be picked up at a later date. If you have any questions regarding Spring Cleanup, please call the Service Department at 330-678-8105.

# The TREE CITY Bulletin

## Spring 2022 Brush Collection Program

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

The 2021 Spring Brush Collection Program will commence Monday, May 2nd, 2022.

**ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP IN THE NORTHWEST SECTION MONDAY, MAY 9TH, TO FRIDAY, MAY 13TH, 2022**

**ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP IN THE SOUTHWEST SECTION MONDAY, MAY 2ND, TO FRIDAY, MAY 6TH, 2022**

**ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP IN THE SOUTHEAST SECTION MONDAY, MAY 23RD, TO FRIDAY, MAY 27TH, 2022**

**ITEMS WILL BE PICKED UP IN THE NORTHEAST SECTION MONDAY, MAY 16TH TO FRIDAY, MAY 20TH, 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.**

*See street listing on page 23 to reference your street's location by section.*

Please do not wait until later in the week to place your brush at the curb, as there will not be a second pass in your neighborhood. Chipping crews will spend a maximum of thirty minutes at one residence. Residents that miss the collection or have an excessive amount of brush will be responsible to dispose of their brush on their own. It may be taken to the City Yard Waste Transfer Site located on Plum Street near the entrance to Plum Creek Park, see the City's website for hours and access information.

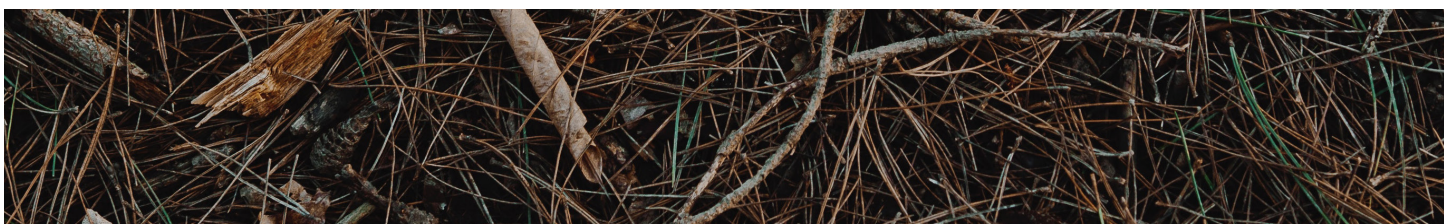
Placement of brush should be on the tree lawn and close to the curb or the edge of pavement with the cut ends facing the street. If possible, leave the brush in longer lengths, brush that is too long may be placed lengthwise. Stacked brush must not block the sidewalk or extend onto or over the roadway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

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

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

Brush is collected at the curb during the months of May and October each year. During the remaining months residents can take brush to the City of Kent Yard Waste Transfer Site on Plum Street near the entrance to Plum Creek Park. Please see page for updated information about the yard waste site and hours of operation.

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



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## NORTHWEST

Adamle Drive  
Admore Drive  
Adrian Drive  
Allen Drive  
Bruce Drive  
Bryce Road & Way  
Catlin Court  
Chestnut Street, N  
Clarkview Circle  
Cottage Gate Drive  
Crestview Circle  
Cuyahoga St (West of Hudson Rd)  
Deleone Drive

Delores Drive  
Earl Avenue  
Edgewater Circle  
Erin Drive  
Evergreen Drive  
Fairchild Avenue  
Fieldstone Drive  
Forest Drive  
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  
Hughes Drive  
Irma Street  
Janet Drive

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

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

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

## SOUTHEAST

Allerton Street  
Artemis Drive  
Athena Drive  
Avondale Street  
Beal Court  
Benjamin Court  
Berkeley Street  
Beryl Drive  
Bowman Drive  
Burnett Road (5439 only)

Cedar Street  
Chadwick Road  
Cherry Street  
Currie Hall Parkway  
DePeyster Street, S  
Dodge Street  
Elm Street, E & W  
Franklin Avenue  
Hall Street, E & W  
Harris Street  
High Street

Ivan Drive  
Joyanne Court  
Lincoln Street, S  
Loop Road  
Mae Street  
Maple Street  
Marigold Lane  
Martinel Road  
Meloy Road  
Mogadore Road  
Morris Road

Oak Street, E & W  
Olympus Drive  
Overholt Road  
Pine Street  
Primrose Lane  
Rellim Drive  
School Street, E & W  
Shaw Drive  
St. Clair Avenue  
Statesman Place  
Summit Street, E & W

Sunnybrook Road  
Valleyview Street  
Vine Street & Court  
Walnut Street  
Water Street, S  
West Street  
Williams Street, E & W  
Willow Street Ext, S

## NORTHEAST

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

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

Highland Avenue  
Holly Drive  
Horning Road  
King Avenue  
Lake Street  
Lincoln Street, N  
Linden Road  
Lock Street  
Luther Avenue  
Main Street, E  
Mantua Street, N (North of Crain)  
Marvin Street  
Mason Avenue  
Miller Avenue  
Needham Avenue  
Oakwood Drive

Orchard Street  
Overlook Drive  
Perry Street  
Pleasant Avenue  
Portage Street  
River Bend Boulevard  
River Edge Drive  
River Park Drive  
Riverside Court  
River Trail Drive  
Roscoe Drive  
Rustic Bridge Drive  
Rustic Knoll Drive  
Sherman Street  
Standing Rock Avenue  
Starr Avenue  
Steele Street

Stinaff Street (East of Hudson Rd)  
Temple Avenue  
Tonkin Street  
University Drive  
Virginia Avenue  
Walter Street  
Water Street, N  
Willow Street, N & S  
Wilson Avenue  
Wolcott Avenue  
Woodhill Drive  
Woodside Drive

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### **We Want To Hear From You...**

Please write your questions, comments or suggestions regarding city government on this form. Return the form either by mail, or drop it off at the City Manager's Office at 301 S. Depeyster, Kent, Ohio 44240. If you provide your name and address, we will respond to you directly. With your permission, the response may be published in a future issue of the Tree City Bulletin. If you prefer to comment anonymously, we may attempt to respond in a future issue.

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**Optional Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

