## Connected for Climate: Kent's Green Calendar October 2026

**City of Kent's Sustainability Work - Snapshot for October 2026:**

- 144 Unit **Eco-Village** in Kent approved by the City's Planning Commission
- **October Sustainability Month** celebrations
- **Greenhouse Gas Inventory Update** underway

**Kent's Green Calendar - Sustainability Events for October 2026:**

- 10/3/26 – Haymaker Farmers' Market
  Visit the Haymaker Farmers' Market **website** for full market day details.

- 10/7/26 – 11th Annual Democracy Day Public Hearing
  The 11th annual Democracy Day **public hearing** will be held starting at 6pm prior to the Kent City Council Committee meeting. The hearing will be in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 319 S. Water Street in Kent.

- 10/8/26 - Clean Rides for a Cleaner Tomorrow EV Car Show and Presentation
  Kent Environmental Council will host an **Electric Vehicle Showcase** from 5:30pm-6:30pm at the First Christian Church parking lot (335 W. Main St. in Kent) with 10-15 EVs on display. Then, Joe Ortiz, Cleveland Region Coordinator, will pass along information and lecture about the benefits of driving an EV. This event will be held inside the church on the 2nd floor at 6:45pm. This program is part of the KEC's SEEK Presentations - Saving Earth with Environmental Knowledge series. Please join them for a free, informative, and action-oriented evening about solar expansion worldwide.

- 10/9/26 – Lights Out for Wildlife event at Plum Creek Park
  The Lights Out for Wildlife event at Plum Creek Park will be held on Friday, October 9th from 7pm-8:30pm (rain date will be Saturday, October 10th from 7pm-8:30pm). Get in touch with your dark side and join the City of Kent's Sustainability Commission and community partners for educational presentations about light pollution's impacts on bats, migratory birds, and other creatures of the night. Take a night hike through the park, play nocturnal animal bingo, enjoy night sky viewing and bring a flashlight for a special Lights Out experience. View the **event flyer** for more details about this free event.

- 10/10/26 – Haymaker Farmers' Market
  Visit the Haymaker Farmers' Market **website** for full market day details.

- 10/10/26 – Kent Octoberfest (Kent Oktoberfest)
  Main Street Kent's Kent Oktoberfest will be held downtown from 12pm-8pm. Visit the **website** for full details.

- 10/10/26 – The Kent Flea (The Kent Flea October 10th)
  The Kent Flea will have over 90 vendors with gifts galore. Stop by at 409 W. Main St. on October 10th between 10am and 4pm for wood craft, pottery, unique handmade jewelry, lots of sweet treats and too much more to mention. Visit the **webpage** for full details and stay tuned to our Facebook and Instagram pages for pictures.

- 10/11/26 – Join the Kent Community Timebank – Orientation
  JOIN THE KENT COMMUNITY TIMEBANK BY ATTENDING OUR QUICK ORIENTATION! Join one of the most active timebanks in the United States by attending the short orientation for the Kent Community Timebank! This meeting is all you need to do to become a member. You do not need to live in Kent to participate. You are invited! Current KCTB Members are also welcome to attend to refresh their understanding or to give an attestation to the value of the KCTB! You will earn timecredits for attending! Visit the **website** for full details and items to fill out before attending this free event.

- 10/13/26 – Portage Park District's Wild Words Book Club - Plastic Inc.
  Portage Park District's **Wild Words Book Club** discussion from 1pm-2pm. The goal of Wild Words Book Club is to offer a non-hiking option for people to gather and discuss science and nature topics. We read one book a month and meet at various Portage County coffee shops or library locations. This October, the club is reading Plastic, Inc. Plastic is part of every life and there are loads of discussions about where it goes when we're done with it. But have you considered where it came from? The stories in Plastic Inc by Beth Gardiner will reframe for readers a problem many of us think we understand. View more details and register for this free event at:
  **https://www.portagecounty-oh.gov/portage-park-district/events/99581**

- 10/15/26 – Kent State Farmer' Market, Fal FAB Fest and Tool Sharpening
  Kent State University has partnered with Haymaker Farmers' Market to bring a farmers' market to the Kent Campus.
  Dates, Times and Locations (rain or shine)
    - Thursday, Oct 15
      - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
      - Centennial Green, part of FAB Fall Fest

  Full details are available at: **https://www.kent.edu/recwell/farmers-market**
  In addition to many great vendors, this market will feature a tool sharpener, Frank 5 Tool Sharpening, to help bring your dull tools back to life! Frank 5's shop and generator are sustainably powered by wind and solar, and he's offering 20 $5-off coupons at the Flash Activities Board Check-in table, which will cover the cost of small tool sharpening that can be redeemed later, and at the Saturday Haymaker Farmers' Markets as well. Be sure to read the **flyer** for full details of his offerings!

- 10/15/26 – Rooted Kent's Home Repair Basics (Home Repair Basics)
  Led by Jon Farrell and Josh Lehman, Home Repair Basics is a practical, beginner-friendly class that teaches essential home maintenance and simple repair skills. Each session covers useful topics such as fixing common household issues, basic plumbing, electrical safety, drywall repair, painting, and general upkeep to help homeowners save money and gain confidence in caring for their homes. The class is ideal for new homeowners, renters, or anyone looking to learn fundamental skills in a relaxed, step-by-step environment. Tools and materials will be provided during class. No previous experience is necessary. This class will be held Thursday, October 15, 2026 from 6:30pm-8pm at 211 Cherry Street in Kent. Visit the **website** for full details.

- 10/17/26 - Haymaker Farmers' Market
  Visit the Haymaker Farmers' Market **website** for full market day details.

- 10/24/26 – Kent Free Library's Fall Family Fest (Fall Family Fest)
  Join us any time between 2 and 3:30 PM to decorate a pumpkin cookie, make a paper bag scarecrow, snap a family selfie in front of our fall backdrop, and more. Families with children of all ages visit the **webpage** for full details and to register for this free event.

- 10/24/26 – Haymaker Farmers' Market
  Visit the Haymaker Farmers' Market **website** for full market day details.

- 10/26/26 – ESDRI Forum at Kent State: Sustainability in Community
  **ESDRI Forum: Sustainability in Community**
  **Monday, October 26th**
  **6:15 - 8 PM, Reception 8 - 9 PM**
  **Kiva Auditorium at the Kent State University Student Center**
  Join the Environmental Science and Design Research Institute at Kent State University for a forum discussion with three experts whose work shapes sustainability and engagement in Northeast Ohio communities. Julie Morris, Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Kent, Deepa Vedavyas, Director of Resiliency and Sustainability at Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC), and Greg Peckham, President & CEO for the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park will speak on their career pathways and current work and join in a conversation moderated by Kent State University professor Jennifer Mapes, Ph.D. This event will showcase how cities can collaborate to achieve their sustainability goals, how collective action can secure environmentally friendly and affordable resources, and how partnerships among governments, nonprofits, businesses, and residents can support thriving communities and resilient landscapes. Supported by the Kent State Healthy Communities Research Institute and Community Engaged Research Institute. This event is FREE, but registration is encouraged - Please RSVP **here**.

- 10/30/26 – Family Friendly Halloween
  Head to downtown Kent from 5pm-7pm with the kids for some trick-or-treating and family-friendly fun! Several businesses and organizations will be set up at the Hometown Bank Plaza, plus dozens of others will be handing out treats from their storefronts. Visit the **website** for full details.
  Stop for some dinner before, during or after this spooktacular event! Find a great local spot at: **https://mainstreetkent.org/eat-drink-shop/eat-drink/**

- 10/31/26 – Haymaker Farmers' Market
  Visit the Haymaker Farmers' Market **website** for full market day details.