

The **TREE CITY** Bulletin

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Building Division – Building Permits	330.678.8107
Income Tax Division	330.678.8103
Clerk of Council	330.678.8007
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Community Development Department	330.678.8108
Economic development, housing rehab, zoning	
Engineering Division – Street and Sidewalk construction	330.678.8106
Fire Department - Non-Emergency	330.673.8814
Health Department	330.678.8109
Animal bites, birth/death certificates, food service inspections, pest control	
Parks & Recreation Department	330.673.8897
Police Department - Non-Emergency.....	330.673.7732
24-hour calls, stray animals	
Police Department - Investigations.....	330.673.7733
Police Department - Administration.....	330.673.3221
Republic Services of Ohio Hauling, LLC - Residential Trash and Recycling.....	1.800.247.3644
Portage County Recycling Center.....	330.678.8808
Service Department.....	330.678.8105
Yard Waste Transfer Site, signs, traffic lights, street maintenance, trees, water/sewer problems	
Utility Billing – Water, sewer, storm water 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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Keeping Pace with Community Expectations

Dave Ruller, City Manager

Election season, with community forums and door-to-door-conversations with candidates, provides an opportunity to hear what topics and public needs are most pressing among constituents.

Common themes emerging from the last elections in Kent included improving street conditions in residential neighborhoods, protecting public safety, and enhancing life safety services.

New Council members brought those themes into Council Chambers and went to work with the staff over the last 2 years to analyze, research, and develop strategies to meet those community expectations.

In a series of public meetings, the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Service Director presented service data to show the rising demand placed on existing staff, and shared reports documenting the rising cost of overtime on payroll -- and on employee morale, burnout and retention.

Council had many questions and city staff returned for more rounds of public meetings focused on financial and staff capacity limits related to those high priority services.

In March 2026, staff presented the findings of the "Financial & Staffing Capacity" report that detailed the city's most critical staffing needs in the context of the city's staff and funding limitations. (Full financial report is available on the city's website)

The challenge identified in all that analysis was: how can Kent keep pace with rising resident service expectations, service costs, and competition from neighboring communities competing for the same employees, particularly police and fire employees?

More specifically, how can Kent, with the 2nd lowest median income and highest rate of poverty among peer cities -- combined with some of the highest levels of service calls in the region -- continue to be the community of choice to live and do business in northeast Ohio, yet still be affordable and price sensitive to all taxpayers?

For months, City Council wrestled with how to fill a \$1.2 to \$2 million gap identified in staff shortages needing to be filled to keep pace with community expectations.

The lead funding option became the opportunity to repurpose existing taxes to pay for hiring more fire, police and a dedicated street repair crew.

Here's how that could work: In 2013 Kent voters approved a .25 income tax increase to pay for constructing the new police safety center. Those new funds could only be used to pay for the construction of the new building and related debt, and the building debt was scheduled to be paid off in 2038.

Investments in Kent's economic recovery worked, generating higher than expected job and income tax growth which allows the debt for the police safety center to be paid off 10 years early, at the end of 2026.



Paying off the debt for the police safety center early creates an opportunity to repurpose the .25 building income tax to be used to fund 3 new firefighters, 3 police officers, and create a new year-round street repair crew; while potentially providing seed money for new quality of life projects and programs -- all for the same tax amount that residents are currently paying in income taxes.

**Resident and
Non-Resident
Tax Rate Today**

2.25



**Resident and
Non-Resident
Tax Rate After**

2.25

In June 2026, City Council voted to put the request asking voters to consider approving the re-purposing of the income tax dollars on the November 2026 ballot.

Read more at kentohio.gov.

Not a Tax Increase

Repurpose Existing Taxes to
Add More Fire, Police, and a Dedicated Street Repair Crew

Repurposing the tax would have no change on your current city income tax bill.

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Save the Dates for Ohio Open Doors!

Brought to you by Kent Historical Society & Main Street Kent



History of Music in Kent

Jason Prufer
Chas Madonio
Ryan Brannon



Tuesday, September 15th 7-9PM

North Water Brewing Company: 101 Crain Ave.

A special presentation by three local authors who together have chronicled Kent's pivotal role in the history of Rock music from the 1960s until today.



**Open House
Sept. 16**

KENT
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY
MUSEUM



Wednesday, September 16th 4-7PM

Kent Historical Society: 237 E. Main St.

Cocktails, hor d'oeuvres, and exhibits at the historic Clapp-Woodward House, home of the Kent Historical Society & Museum.



**Kent
State
University
Museum
Tour**

Sept. 17



Thursday, September 17th 5-7PM

Kent State University Museum, 515 Hilltop Dr.

Enjoy free extended hours and see one of the world's most important collections of fashion, textiles and decorative arts.



**HISTORIC
PUB
CRAWL**

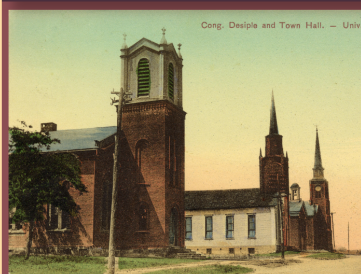
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Friday, September 18th 5-7PM

Over Easy at the Depot: 152 Franklin Ave.

Join us for drinks and history lessons about Franklin Avenue's notable buildings including Ray's, The Loft, Dominick's, and Venice Cafe.



**Historic
Landmark
Building
Tour**

Sept. 19



Saturday, September 19th 11AM-1PM

An exclusive walking tour between the Kent Free Library, Bell Tower Brewing, Franklin Township Hall, and the Unitarian Universalist Church.
(FREE) REGISTRATION REQUIRED!



**Historic
Homes
Tour**

Sept. 20



Sunday, September 20th 2-4PM

An exclusive walking tour between the Masonic Center (once home to Marvin Kent), Wolcott Lilac Gardens, and the Patton House.
(FREE) REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

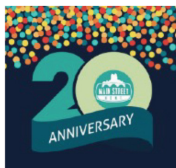


~ Find more info and register for tours by following the QR codes ~
or by visiting MainStreetKent.org/Discover/Ohio-Open-Doors



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Main Street Kent celebrates 20 years of downtown revitalization, beautification, business support, and community connection! Complete with a History of Main Street Kent Tap Talk at North Water Brewing, special fundraising batch of Main Street Kölsch at Bell Tower Brewing, a family-friendly Party at the Hometown Bank Plaza with live music, treats, MSK swag and activities, and finally a ticketed 20th Anniversary Celebration featuring a Taste of Kent by 13 local restaurants at the Rockwell Hall Atrium, we are proud to serve and celebrate our city and community, making Kent a fun, vibrant place where everyone feels welcome. Our work would not be possible without the support of the City of Kent, hundreds of supporters and dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly alongside us. Cheers to many more years ahead!



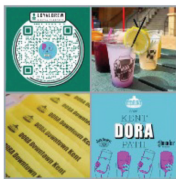
Public Art Check out three new public art installations in downtown Kent! First, there is a new design in the Kent sign, created by local artist Ian Marshall. Second, a colorful 80-foot woven mural by Stephen Tornero has been installed into the fence on N. Water St. next to Maddalena's, repurposing vinyl art pieces from previous art banners. And finally, a new set of vinyl art banners has been installed, thanks to the creativity of Davey & Walls Elementary 4th grade students. "Brighter Together" showcases their self-portraits in 4 locations throughout the downtown bringing vibrant, student artworks to our amazing public art scene. These self-portraits were a part of the March for Art program.



Kent In Good Company Our podcast host Katy Thomas has interviewed over 75 local business owners and organizational leaders to hear their origin stories, find out why they choose to do business in Kent, what are "hidden gems" in Kent, and what they think Kent may be missing. Katy has a wonderful way of connecting with Kent's local business community. Sponsored by Hall-Green Agency, a new season will be launched this fall, so be sure to tune in mainstreetkent.org/discover/in-good-company/.



Kent DORA Path The second annual Kent DORA Path features 23 bars, restaurants and breweries within the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area of Kent. The program began in June and ends Sept. 12, so it's not too late to participate! Pick up or download a passport, get at least 5 stamps, and then you're invited to the party at Laziza Craft Kitchen on Sun., Sept. 20, 4-6pm. 21 and older only. Info at <https://mainstreetkent.org/kent-dora-path/>



Ohio Open Doors Main Street Kent and the Kent Historical Society & Museum present Ohio Open Doors in Kent, OH, Sept. 15-20, 2026. The celebration begins on Tues., Sept. 15 with a special Tap Talks at North Water Brewing Co. featuring three local authors who together have chronicled Kent's pivotal role in the history of Rock 'n Roll music from



the 1960s until today. On Wed., Sept. 16, visit the Kent Historical Society Museum for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and tour exhibits that highlight Kent's journey as a mill town, a canal town, a railroad town, and a college town. On Thur., Sept. 17, tour the Kent State University Museum to view one of the most important collections of fashion, textiles, and decorative arts spanning the mid-1700s to present. Meet up on Fri., Sept. 18 for Happy Hour at the 1875 Erie Depot on Franklin Ave. for a Historic Pub Tour. Sat., Sept. 19 brings a mobile tour of landmark buildings along Gougler Ave. starting at the Carnegie Library and ending at the Unitarian Universalist Church, completed in 1868 on land donated by Marvin Kent. You can tour the home he built on Sun., Sept. 20 during the Historic Homes Tour. You'll also tour the Wolcott Lilac Gardens and the Patton House, both nearby on West Main Street. More information, times for each event, and free tickets/registration are available at <https://mainstreetkent.org/ohio-open-doors/> Sign up now and celebrate a small town with a rich history, world-class museums, and big music.

Kent Rocks Music Festival Kent Rocks is scheduled for Fri., Sept. 11 in downtown Kent, featuring free live music at restaurants, bars, breweries, cafes, Dan Smith Community Park, and Hometown Bank Plaza. Enjoy music from many genres, dinner at one of our awesome local restaurants, and <https://www.kentrocks.com/>

Kent Oktoberfest Get ready for this community favorite on Sat., Oct. 10 on Franklin Ave. and the Hometown Bank Plaza! This year's event will start with the "Wurst 5K Ever" and "Brat Trot" one-mile fun run, then polka, dancing, German food, beer trucks, steinholding contests and more from noon to 8pm. Be sure to visit the MSK website for details as the event approaches.



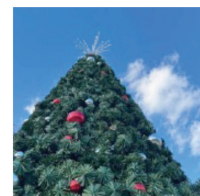
Kent Rainbow Weekend Celebrate our welcoming and affirming city Oct. 16-18 and every day! Kent Rainbow Weekend will feature Safe Space Training, the Rainbow Weekend 5K, Plexus Social Hour, Courageously Queer Storytelling, Kick the Hate kickball tournament, entertainment and more. More info to come!



Family Friendly Halloween Get your costumes and your kids and head downtown Fri., Oct. 30 from 5-7pm for this family-friendly event! Stop at Hometown Bank Plaza then tour the downtown businesses for trick-or-treat.

Small Business Saturday & Festival of Lights

The weekend after Thanksgiving is the official kick off to the holidays. Join us on Sat., Nov. 28 for shopping local businesses, holiday promos and festivities during the day, and the Festival of Lights presented by the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce at night!



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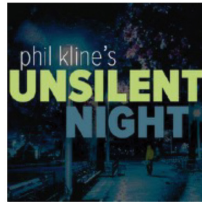
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Cookie Walk Keep your eyes out in November for ticket info for the December 6 Cookie Walk! Explore the downtown district with a commemorative cookie tin, collecting homemade bakery-style holiday cookies from dozens of local businesses. A portion of proceeds benefits Kent Social Services.



Unsilent Night Join us on Dec. 13 for Unsilent Night, an original composition by Phil Kline, written specifically to be heard outdoors in the month of December. It takes the form of a street promenade in which the audience becomes the performer. Each participant gets one of four tracks of music in the form of a cassette, CD, or Mp3. Together all four tracks



comprise Unsilent Night. The fact that the participants play different “parts” simultaneously helps create the special sound of the piece. Participants carry boomboxes, or anything that amplifies music, and simultaneously start playing the music. They then walk a carefully chosen route through the city, creating a unique mobile sound sculpture which is different from every listener’s perspective. Visit <https://www.unsilentnight.com/> for more information.

Calendar of Events Visit and follow our fun-packed calendar at: mainstreetkent.org/events/full-calendar/

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



Birth and Death Records from Vital Statistics

Ashley Beavers
Local Registrar

Do you need a copy of a birth record for:

- School
- Compliant Driver’s License
- New Job
- Newborn

Or a death certificate to help with activities after the death of a loved one?

The Kent City Health Department holds the Vital Records for Portage County. You can obtain Ohio birth certificates from across the state and Ohio death certificates from 1909 – present for those who have died in Portage County. The Kent City Health Department Vital Statistics office is very pleased to announce the Ohio Department of Health Vital Statistics Bureau has been working to modernize a new all electronic Ohio Vital Records System for the State of Ohio, this has now made Ohio death certificates filed in the new system available from any county statewide.

Vital Statistics is open Monday through Friday 8am until 4pm, except for most major holidays. We are happy to help you in person or records can be purchased online from the “Birth and Death Records” page listed under “Living

Here” on the City of Kent website www.kentohio.gov. We recommend selecting tracking for your USPS order. The cost is \$24.00 for each record. We are located on the second floor of the Kent Central Gateway, 201 East Erie Street, Kent, Ohio 44240. The entrance is on the West end of the building. There are both stairs and an elevator to take you to the second floor. There is free 15-minute parking in the deck or \$1.00/hour charge if longer. On street metered parking just outside the building is also accessible.



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Festival of Lights 2026

Saturday, November 28, 2026

Grab your coats, scarves, mittens, and cameras and enjoy the magic of the season with your family and friends at the Festival of Lights sponsored by Axxess Family Services on Saturday, November 28, 2026 (Small Business Saturday), and presented by the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held in traditional fashion by the Main Street Bridge, Hometown Bank Plaza and gazebo at the corner of Main Street and Franklin Avenue in downtown Kent.

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

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

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

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Kent Police Department is excited to announce the selection of a new Chief of Police, Gary D. Stone.

Chief Stone took office on July 13th, becoming the department's 12th chief in its 104-year history. Chief Stone comes to the City of Kent from Lakewood Police Department, where he served 42 years with that agency. He most recently served at the rank of Police Captain, a position he held for 17 years.

This opportunity provided Chief Stone a bit of a homecoming to Kent, a place he holds dear, where he went to college and earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. Continuing education has always been a passion throughout Stone's career, and he earned a Master Degree in Public Administration from Cleveland State University in 2005. Chief Stone's professional education also includes the Police Executive Leadership College, Certified Law Enforcement Executive training, and completion of the prestigious FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia in 2010.

Chief Stone expressed his focus is on "seeing that the needs of the community are consistently met by providing high-quality law enforcement service, and putting the community first." He has mentored numerous officers in the importance of service to the community, and is a results-oriented and dedicated law enforcement officer.

Chief Stone's vast experience will serve Kent well, as he has previously supervised dispatch and communications, records unit, animal control, served as jail administrator, public information officer, and the police department's liaison to the LGBTQ community.

Please welcome Chief Gary Stone to our community!



City of Kent's Climate Action Plan (CAP) – Resources For Receiving Updates On The City's Sustainability Work

Are you interested in learning more about the City's CAP and other sustainability efforts? Be sure to visit the City website's Sustainability Overview page and sign up to receive the Sustainable Kent News e-newsletter!

The Sustainability Overview page can be found under the Business, Building & Development section of the City's website. It provides access to the full 2023-2028 Climate Action Plan, as well as CAP implementation timelines, the City's greenhouse gas inventories, sustainability legislation passed by the City, and access to associated plans and studies as they become available to share. As more items are developed out of the CAP and the City's overall sustainability work, they will continue to be added to this website.



Be sure to visit often for the latest information at: <https://www.kentohio.gov/business-building-development/sustainability-overview/>.

Another option for receiving detailed information about the City's sustainability work is to sign up for the Sustainable Kent e-Newsletter, which is sent out quarterly via the City's sustainability email list-serv. While these newsletters are posted to the Sustainability Overview website, signing up for the list-serv allows the City to send not only the e-newsletter, but additional sustainability related information out to the community as needed. To find instructions for how to sign up, please visit: <https://www.kentohio.gov/business-building-development/sustainability-overview/sustainable-kent-e-newsletter/>

If you have any questions (or suggestions), or would like to connect around the City's CAP, feel free to contact the City's Sustainability Coordinator, Julie Morris, at: julie.morris@kentohio.gov.

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Fall Safety Tips from the Fire Department

By Lt. Rob Jacob, Kent Fire Prevention

Fall is right around the corner, and as the weather cools down, it's a good time to make sure your home is ready for the season. Here are some easy steps and tips that can go a long way in keeping you and your family safe.



1. Test Your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms



Checking your alarms only takes a moment. Just press the test button and make sure they activate. If you have a combination smoke/CO detector, both alarms should sound. Replace any low or expired batteries right away. Any detectors 10 years and older should be replaced.

The Kent Fire Prevention Bureau can help you test your detectors and has FREE smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors for residents who need them. Call Kent Fire Prevention at (330) 676 7392, and we'll test what you have or install new detectors for you at no cost whenever we can.

2. Make and Practice a Home Escape Plan

During a fire, seconds matter. Having a clear escape plan and a meeting place near the road helps everyone know where to go and helps us know if anyone is unaccounted for when we arrive. Once you choose your meeting spot, practice the plan with everyone in the home. Once you get out, stay out! Never go back into a building that is on fire or smoky.



3. Fire Safety for Smokers

According to the State Fire Marshal's office, Ohio had 137 fire fatalities in 2020, and smoking was the leading known cause! If you smoke, or know someone who does, share these tips: Never smoke while using oxygen, don't smoke while drowsy, never walk away from a lit cigarette, smoke outside and NEVER in bed, and have an ashtray that won't tip over. Also, about 62% of e-cigarette incidents happen while the device is in a pocket or in use.

4. Burn Ban Reminder: October–November



Each fall, the State Fire Marshal typically enacts a burn ban from October through November from 6 am to 6 pm. During this period, all outdoor open burning is prohibited, including fire pits, brush fires, and yard waste burning. The ban helps reduce the risk of accidental fires during the dry, windy months and ensures better air quality for the community.

If you have questions about the burn ban, call Kent Fire Prevention at (330) 676 7392 or check the Ohio State Fire Marshal website. As always, if you see smoke or fire that appears hazardous, call 911.

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FURNACE & HOT WATER TANK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM *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 please contact Lisa McKay, Assistant Energy Programs Coordinator, Community Action Council of Portage County, at (330) 297-1456 (Ext. 259) or lmckay@cacportage.net. Information can also be obtained by contacting the City's Zoning and Grants Coordinator, Kailyn Cyrus, at (330) 678-8108 or kailyn.cyrus@kentohio.gov.

State Route Makeovers

Jim Bowling, *City Engineer*

Over the next several years significant work will be completed to update State Routes in and around the City to better serve the current needs of our community. These improvements were guided by volunteer citizen advisory committees, have strong partnerships with PARTA, KSU, Kent City School District, Franklin Township, Davey Tree Company and ODOT and are made possible through numerous funding programs. The following is a brief update on each project.

East Main Street Improvement Project:

Work continues on the East Main Street Improvement Project, which is transforming East Main Street between Willow Street and Horning Road. The first phase of the project is between Luther Ave. and Horning Rd. The relocation of the utilities along the corridor continues this summer.

In addition, the installation of curbs, pavement, sidewalks and trails is also occurring on the south side of East Main Street. This summer/fall will see the completion of the south side of Phase 1 and traffic will be shifted to the new pavement while our contractor works on the north side of the road. Significant work on Horning Road and Midway Drive is also being completed this summer. Both Horning Road and Midway Drive will be open to traffic later this summer.

If you regularly travel East Main St. in the project area, please remember to slow down, pay attention to the posted signs, look for pedestrians and cyclists, and use caution when entering and exiting the area.

Construction is estimated to last three years. More information is available on the ***East Main Street website***, where you will also find updates posted throughout the project.

North Mantua Street Improvement Project:

Improvements to North Mantua Street (SR 43) at the northern City Limits will begin in the spring of 2027. These improvements were designed to address concerns about traffic and pedestrian safety, speeding, and vehicular ingress/egress that have existed in this area for more than 20 years. The project also includes the first segment of the Lake Rockwell Trail, a regional facility that will connect the existing Freedom Trail to the existing trail at Hudson/Judson Road. Construction is anticipated to take two years. More information is available on the ***North Mantua Street Improvement Project | City of Kent website***, where you can find more details on the project.

SR 59 Alternative Transportation Improvements Project:

Improvements to SR 59 from Horning Road to SR 261 will begin in 2028. These improvements will construct alternative transportation facilities while maintaining the existing five-lanes for vehicular traffic. The facilities to be added include a sidewalk on the north side of SR 59 and a side path along the south side of SR 59. These facilities will be continuous along the entire length of the project and connect to ADA accessible bus stops along this critical PARTA service corridor. The project also includes resurfacing the roadway and replacements/upgrades of the three existing traffic signals.

Construction is anticipated to take two years. More information is available on the ***St. Rt. 59 Alternative Transportation Improvements | City of Kent website***, where you can find more details on the project.

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Radon and Your Home

Eric Gorczynski, REHS

Environmental Technician- Kent City Health Department, City of Kent
Water Reclamation Division



Lanika M. MPH, CHES® - Kent City Health Dept.

Although Radon Action Month is observed each January, awareness and prevention efforts continue throughout the year. The Kent City Health Department will continue highlighting the importance of ongoing attention to radon as part of protecting long-term health in our community.

What Is Radon?

Radon is a naturally occurring, odorless gas that comes from the decay of uranium in rock, soil, and water. It is found across much of the country and can build up inside homes without people knowing it.



In the United States, Radon is usually measured in pCi/L, meaning picocuries per liter of air. The EPA recommends taking action to mitigate indoor radon at 4.0 pCi/L.



Why is Radon a Health Concern?

Radon is the #1 cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and the 2nd leading cause of lung cancer overall. Long-term exposure to radon, even at levels below the EPA action level of 4.0 pCi/L has the potential to increase the risk of lung cancer.

Radon Levels in Our Area

- Portage County is considered a moderate radon risk area, with an average indoor radon level of 2.9 pCi/L.
- The City of Kent is located near the border of Summit County, which is classified as a high-risk zone with average radon levels of 4.0 pCi/L or greater.

Radon levels can vary from home to home depending on factors such as location and the type and condition of a home's foundation. The only way to know your level of exposure is to test for radon.

Where Indoor Radon Levels are Highest



Radon levels are often highest on the **lowest level** of a home. While unfinished basements may seem less concerning, high radon levels in any basement can increase the likelihood of radon being present throughout the rest of the home.

Detecting Radon in Your Home



The Kent City Health Department recommends that residents test their homes for radon. Testing is the only way to know your home has high radon levels.

Getting a Radon Test Kit



The Ohio Department of Health offers free radon test kits. Order online at ohio.radon.com or scan the QR code. If you can't order online, call the ODH Radon Education team at 614-728-0272 for assistance. Radon Test Kits can also be purchased online or in most hardware stores.

Radon Awareness Efforts in Kent

In December 2025, just before Radon Awareness Month, Kent City Health Department staff met with the Kent Environmental Council to provide educational information about radon. During this meeting, participants also collaborated on a plan to conduct home radon sampling and share results publicly to increase awareness of radon levels specific to the City of Kent.

Tobacco Quit Kits No-Cost

The Kent City Health Department's Tobacco Retail Licensing Program (TRL) makes it possible for us to invest in tobacco quit kits for our community.



****Always check with your professional medical provider before using Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT)**

HOW TO GET YOUR QUIT KIT

1. Call the Kent City Health Department at **330-678 8109** to ask about getting a quit kit.
2. Set up a time and date to pick up your quit kit
3. At pickup, take the quick nicotine screening to determine nicotine level for your kit. After that, you are ready to go!

WHAT'S INSIDE A QUIT KIT

Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) patches, gum and lozenges, **plus** tools to help you get through cravings and resources for quitting addictive nicotine and tobacco.

NRT Patches



1 patch per 24 hours. Provides steady level of nicotine all day. Can be used with fast acting NRT like gum. 5 patches per kit

NRT Gum



One kind of fast acting NRT that can be used whenever you have a nicotine craving. 30 pieces per kit (if combination with patch). 50 Pieces (gum only)

NRT Lozenges



Lozenges are another kind of fast-acting NRT you can use whenever you have a nicotine craving. 24 pieces (if combination with patch) 48 pieces (lozenge only)

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KEEP SIDEWALKS FREE OF ICE AND SNOW

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

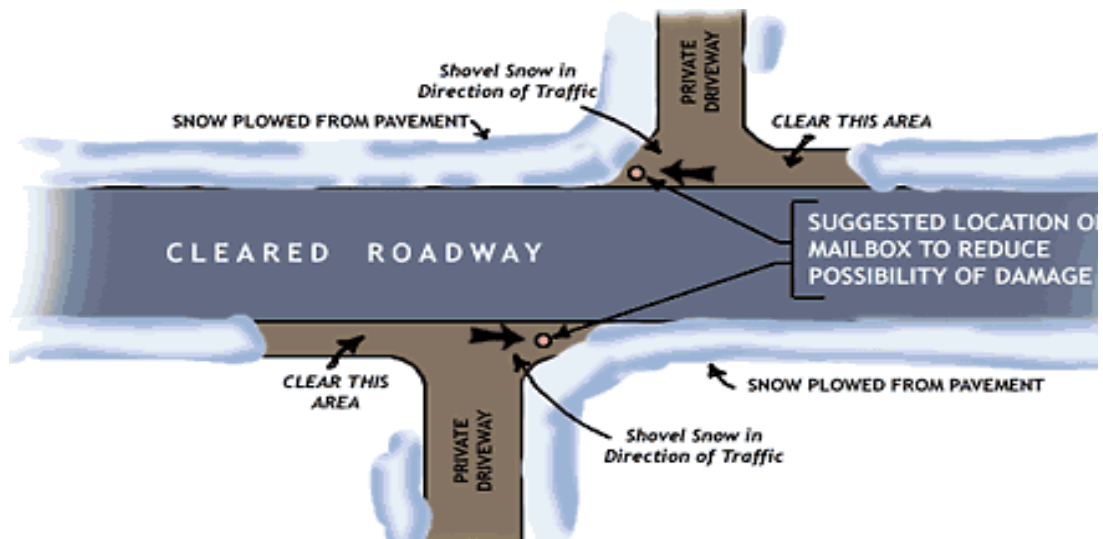
For the safety of all pedestrians, the City asks that everyone make an effort to clear sidewalks of snow and ice as soon as possible after a snowfall. There are many people in our community who must walk daily as a means of travel throughout the City, or as they perform their job functions. Postal carriers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

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

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

Clearing Snow From Your Driveway

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



MAYOR ANNOUNCED METER HOLIDAY'S

(In addition to seasonal holidays)

- 11-27-26 Friday after Thanksgiving
- 12-24-26 Christmas Eve



HOW CAN YOU HELP KEEP CATCH BASINS CLEAN?

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

The best time to inspect the catch basin in front of your house or business is prior to a rain event. When the forecast calls for heavy rainfall or snow and ice, remove debris from the catch basin before a storm. After a storm, maintain the openings to catch basins by clearing away any snow or ice. Pile shoveled snow and ice where it can be absorbed into the ground.

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



The Big Chill Check List

14 Tips To Prevent Your Water Pipes From Freezing

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

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

- Disconnect and drain the garden hose connection. This will help prevent outside faucets and pipes from freezing, leaking or breaking. Shut all valves supplying water to outdoor water supplies.
- Close outside vents, crawl spaces and doors so cold air doesn't seep inside.
- Repair broken windows and seal cracks in the walls.
- Insulate, Insulate, Insulate
- Wrap water lines and meters in commercial insulation.
- Wrap pipes subject to cold or freezing in heat tape available from hardware stores. It must be kept plugged in all winter.

- Locate The Main Shut-off Valve, at the water meter.
- Make sure the valves on either side of the water meter are working properly.
- Place a tag on the main shut-off valve. Make sure everyone in the house knows where it is and how to operate it in an emergency.
- Check The Heat
- If you're going away, keep a minimum amount of heat on in the house. This will help protect the pipes in case the temperature drops.
- If you plan to turn the heat off, drain all the water from the pipes, toilets and water heater. Turn off the power source to the water heater. If your heater operates on gas, turn the heater on "pilot."
- If a sink is located against an outside wall, open the cabinet doors overnight to allow warm air to reach water pipes.
- If you have had problems with frozen pipes in the past, keep a trickle of water running from the highest faucet in your house. During extremely cold periods, this trickle should be the size of a pencil point. You will be billed for the water used but this procedure may help prevent more costly plumbing repairs resulting from broken pipes.

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YOUTH PROGRAMS



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Looking for childcare before or after school? Arts & crafts, snacks, homework help, and social skill building are some of the daily activities that are offered to keep our KPR Kidz busy each day.

WHEN: Aug. 19th - May 28th

TIME: 6:30 - 8:30 AM, 3:15 - 6:00 PM Mon. - Fri.

WHERE: Davey Elementary, Kent Recreation Center

WHO: K-6th graders

COST: \$62/AM resident weekly, \$72/PM non-resident weekly

\$18/AM resident daily, \$25/PM non-resident daily

\$123/AM & PM resident weekly, \$133/AM & PM non-resident weekly

\$34/AM & PM resident daily, \$36/AM & PM non-resident daily

+\$10 one-time Registration Fee



LIL' LEARNERS PRESCHOOL

Your preschooler will have the opportunity to play in Fred Fuller Park, walk the Hike and Bike Trail, create arts and crafts, sing songs, read stories and make their first friendships each week! Snack is included. See website for themes.

WHEN: Sept. 14th - May 20th

TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM Mon. - Thurs.

WHERE: Roy Smith Shelterhouse

WHO: 3 - 5 years old

COST: \$81/Residents, + \$10/Non-resident Fee

+ \$25 one-time registration fee



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KIDS NIGHT OUT

Let your child enjoy a night out at the Kent Rec, while you enjoy a night out on the town! Each session features dinner, gym games, music, arts & crafts, video games, a movie, and more, all centered around that month's theme!

WHEN: Saturdays 9/12, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5, 1/9, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/8

TIME: 5:30 - 9:30 PM

WHERE: Kent Recreation Center

WHO: Ages 4 - 11

COST PER NIGHT:

\$34 1st Child/\$24 Additional Child (residents)

\$36 1st Child/\$26 Additional Child (non-residents)

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SUNDAY CHESS CLASSES (Fall & Winter sessions)

Learn to play, improve on existing skills and be able to play a legal game of chess with friends and family. Kids of all skill sets are welcome!

BEAUTIFUL BEGINNING/FANTASTIC FOUNDATION:

WHEN: Fall session: Sundays, September 20th - November 22nd (10 Classes)

Winter Session: Sundays, January 24th - March 14th, no February 14 (7 Classes)

TIME: 1:00-2:15 PM

WHERE: Kent Recreation Center, 1115 Franklin Avenue, Kent

WHO: Kindergarten - 8th grade

COST: Fall: \$129 | Winter: \$99

CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE:

WHEN: Fall session: September 20th - November 22nd (10 Classes)

Winter Session: January 24th - March 14th, no February 14 (7 Classes)

TIME: 2:30-5:00 PM

WHERE: Kent Recreation Center, 1115 Franklin Avenue, Kent

WHO: Kindergarten - 8th grade

COST: Fall: \$229 | Winter: \$149

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ADULT ATHLETICS

FALL ADULT 9v9 SOCCER

This is an individual registration but men and women are both able to participate. There needs to be a minimum of 3 women on the roster. Visit our website for additional info.

WHEN: Saturdays, Aug. 15 - Oct. 10th

TIME: 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM

WHERE: Stonewater Fields

WHO: Ages 18+

COST: \$40 per player/\$300 per team



ADULT BASKETBALL (Winter)

Limited spaces available. NEW! Registration will be individual instead of by team. Visit our website for additional team info.

WHEN: Registration will open this fall

WHERE: MACC Annex

WHO: Ages 18+

COST: TBD

FALL ADULT SOFTBALL

Men's, Women's and Co-ed leagues offered. Limited spaces available in each league. Visit our website for additional league info.

WHEN: Games begin August 14th

7 weeks of doubleheaders + tournament

WHERE: Kramer Ball Fields & Allerton Fields

WHO: Ages 18+

COST: \$400 Team Fee

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YOUTH ATHLETICS

ON TARGET FENCING

Learn the basics or build advanced skills. This program is open to any skill levels. All equipment included.

WHEN: Session 1 Saturdays Sept. 19th - Oct. 24th
Session 2 Saturdays Nov. 14th - Dec. 19th

BEGINNERS: 2:00 - 3:30 PM

INTERMEDIATE: 3:30 - 5:00 PM

WHERE: Kent Recreation Center

WHO: Ages 7+

COST: \$80 Resident + \$10 Non-Resident Fee

PORTAGE YOUTH BASKETBALL

The Portage Youth Basketball League brings together teams from around Portage County to compete in recreational basketball. The league starts at Kindergarten and runs through 6th Grade.

WHEN: k-1st: Oct.-Dec. | 2nd: Jan.-Mar. | 3rd-6th: Oct.-Mar.

TIME: Saturday Games, practices vary by team.

WHERE: Kent Rec Center & Kent State Rec & Wellness

WHO: Kindergarten - 6th grade

COST: k-1st: \$60/\$70 | 2nd: \$75/\$85 | 3rd-6th: \$100/\$110

YOUTH WRESTLING

Our youth wrestling program is a great chance for your child to get training and learn skills. Not only are there practices but they will also have the chance to attend meets. Make sure to sign up.

WHEN: Practices begin Nov. 2nd

TIME: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 6:00-7:30 PM

WHERE: Practices: Roosevelt Wrestling Room

Meets: GlenOak High School

WHO: Kindergarten - 6th grade

COST: \$100 for returning wrestlers, \$115 for new wrestlers or new singlets | +\$10 for non-residents



SPECIAL EVENTS



ART IN THE PARK

Fred Fuller Park hosts over 100 artists, food vendors, two stages of live music, interactive art activities, and youth specific activities across this two-day event. Entry and parking are free, and the event is open to the public.

WHEN: Sept. 12th & 13th

TIME: Sat. 10:00AM - 6:00PM

Sun. 11:00AM - 5:00PM

WHERE: Fred Fuller Park

WHO: Open to the public

COST: FREE ENTRY

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TREE CITY TURKEY TROT

A fun family event with a 5k run/walk and fun run/walk. There will be a free giveaway for to the first 700 registered and a t-shirt to fun run participants.

WHEN: Thursday, Nov. 26th

WHERE: Roy Smith Shelter House

WHO: Open to anyone

COST: To be determined

CUYAHOGA RIVER CLEAN UP

If spending the morning wading or floating the Cuyahoga River with people who love nature and want to give back to the community sounds appealing, this is the place to be.

WHEN: Aug. 22nd

TIME: 8:00 AM - approx. 1:00 PM

WHERE: John Brown Tannery Park

WHO: Open to anyone

COST: FREE, online waiver required



MISSION

To provide exceptional parks, programs, and experiences for all.

VISION

Our parks and programs improve the health and wellbeing of the whole Kent community and beyond.

Contact Kent Parks & Recreation

Main office:
497 Middlebury Road
Kent, OH 44240

Phone:
330.673.8897

Website:
kentparksandrec.com



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Yard Waste Transfer Site Info

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

2026 Hours of Operation through December 19, 2025 Weather Permitting

- Tuesdays, 9:00am - 1:00pm
- Wednesdays, 5:00pm – 8:00pm through October 28, 2025
- Saturdays, 9:00am – 12:00pm

The last day the site will be open during evening hours is
Wednesday October 28, 2025

Drop-Off Yard Waste Rules

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

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

The Yard Waste Site is closed during the winter months, it will remain open until December 19th, 2025, weather permitting. During winter weather prior to the anticipated winter closing date of December 19th, please call the Service Department at 330-678-8105 to verify that the site is open.

Acceptable Material List

Brush
Grass
Firewood
Leaves
Weeds

Not Accepted

No lumber or wood pallets
No construction debris
No trash of any kind
No logs/stumps
No full trees
No large root balls
No RR ties

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

Christmas trees will be collected during the month of January 2027.

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



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Fall 2025 Brush Collection Program

The City of Kent's Central Maintenance Division collects brush at the curb twice each year. The 2025 Fall Brush Collection Program will commence Monday, September 29, 2025.

RESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO PLACE BRUSH AT THE CURB OR EDGE OF STREET BEFORE MONDAY OF THEIR STREET'S SCHEDULED WEEK TO ENSURE COLLECTION.

**Brush will be collected in the Northeast section
Monday, October 5, 2026 to Friday, October 9, 2026**

**Brush will be collected in the Southeast section
Monday, October 12, 2026 to Friday, October 19, 2026**

**Brush will be collected in the Northwest section
Monday, October 19, 2026 to Friday, October 23, 2026**

**Brush will be collected in the Southwest section
Monday, October 26, 2026 to Friday, October 30, 2026**

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

CREWS WILL MAKE ONLY ONE PASS DOWN EACH STREET DURING THE SCHEDULED WEEK.

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

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

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

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

Brush is collected at the curb during one week in each neighborhood during the Spring and Fall of each year.

During the remaining months residents can take brush to the City of Kent Yard Waste Transfer Site on Plum Street near the entrance to Plum Creek Park. Please check the City of Kent's website at www.kentohio.gov for the current hours of operation for the Yard Waste Transfer Site or call the Service Department at 330-678-8105.



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Fall 2026 Leaf Collection Program

THE 2026 LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM WILL COMMENCE NOVEMBER 9, 2026 AND END DECEMBER 18TH 2026. LEAVES WILL NOT BE PICKED UP DURING THE SPRING OF 2027.

LEAF COLLECTION CREWS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO EACH QUADRANT OF THE CITY TO PICK UP LEAVES ON A CONTINUAL BASIS THROUGHOUT THE SCHEDULED PROGRAM. THE LEAF COLLECTION TRUCK WILL MAKE ONE PASS DOWN EACH STREET IN YOUR QUADRANT AND WILL THEN REPEAT THE SAME ROUTE THROUGHOUT THE SCHEDULED COLLECTION PERIOD. CREWS WILL PICK UP LEAVES THAT THE EQUIPMENT CAN REACH, IF SOME LEAVES ARE LEFT BEHIND PLEASE MOVE THEM FORWARD AS YOU BRING MORE LEAVES TO THE CURB.

LOOSE LEAVES

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

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

BRUSH IS PICKED UP DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER. PLEASE REFER TO THE BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE ON PAGE 21. BRUSH LEFT ON THE CURB DURING THE LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM WILL NOT BE PICKED UP BY CITY CREWS. PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT LEAVES ARE ONLY COLLECTED DURING THE FALL OF EACH YEAR, LEAVES WILL NOT BE COLLECTED BY CITY CREWS IN THE SPRING OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

BAGGED LEAVES

If you prefer to bag your leaves to be picked up during the Fall Leaf Collection Program, please place them on the curb and call the Service Department at 330-678-8105 to request a bagged leaf pickup. The deadline for bagged leaf pickup requests is Friday, December 19th 2025.

LEAF DROP OFF

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

**Please remember that the Leaf Collection Program ends December 18th 2025
and the City will not pick up leaves after this date.**

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



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NORTHWEST

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

Delores Drive
Earl Avenue
Edgewater Circle
Erin Drive
Evergreen Drive
Fairchild Avenue
Fieldstone Drive
Forest Drive
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 Drive
Brentwood Drive
Carol Drive
Chelton Drive
Chestnut Street, S
Colleen Drive
Deidrick Road
Denise Drive
Elno Avenue
Emich Drive

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

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

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

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

SOUTHEAST

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

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

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

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

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

NORTHEAST

Anna Avenue
Beechmont Place
Beechwold Drive
Birchwood Circle
Brady Street
Burns Court
Burr Oak Drive
Carthage Street
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 Drive
Elizabeth Court
Elmwood Drive
Erie Street, E & W
Fairview Drive
First Ave (1600 block only) Frances Drive
Gatun Street
Glad Boulevard
Graham Avenue
Grant Street, E & W
Harvey Street

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

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

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

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DID YOU KNOW....

Kent, Ohio operates under a Council-Manager Government as outlined in the City Charter. In this system, an appointed City Manager handles daily administration, while a 9-member elected City Council—led by a ceremonial Mayor—acts as the legislative and policy-making body.

Roles and Responsibilities

- **City Council:** Consists of 9 members, six ward representatives and three at-large members. They pass legislation, set tax rates, approve the city budget, and appoint the City Manager.
- **The Mayor:** The Mayor (Jack Amrhein) is the ceremonial head of the city and President of the Council. The Mayor can break ties on Council but does not possess veto power.
- **City Manager:** The City Manager (David Ruller) serves as the city's chief executive. He is hired by the City Council to oversee daily operations, manage city departments, hire/fire department heads, and execute the council's legislative policies.

For more information on the Council members currently serving, please visit:
<https://www.kentohio.gov/our-government/council-mayor-and-city-manager/>