



# The **TREE CITY** Bulletin

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Emergency – Police, Fire, Ambulance .....	9-1-1
After Hours Non-Emergency Concerns .....	330.673.7732
Building Division – Building Permits .....	330.678.8107
Income Tax Division .....	330.678.8103
Clerk of Council .....	330.678.8007
City Manager’s Office .....	330.676.7500
Door-to-door solicitation, special event permits	
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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## Get Involved: Serve on Kent's Boards and Commissions



The City of Kent thrives because its residents step up to take part in local government — and one of the most meaningful ways to make a difference is by serving on a board or commission. These volunteer groups help shape important decisions about zoning, housing, parks, sustainability, and more, bringing community voices into the heart of civic life.

### Why It Matters

Boards and commissions are more than just meetings on the calendar — they are forums where real decisions get made. From the Board of Zoning Appeals to the Sustainability Commission and the Parks and Recreation Board, these bodies review policies, guide long-term plans, and advise City Council on issues that affect daily life in Kent.

Serving gives you a chance to:

- Shape local policy and community priorities.
- Represent your neighbors' interests in city planning.
- Gain leadership experience and deepen your understanding of local government.
- Build connections with fellow residents and civic leaders.

### Who Can Apply?

Most Kent boards and commissions require that members be residents and registered voters, reflecting the community's diverse interests in city decisions. Vacancies occur throughout the year, and there are opportunities in areas such as the Civil Service, Planning, Sustainability, and more. A list of Boards and Commissions can be found on the City's website at [www.kentohio.gov/our-government/boards-and-commissions](http://www.kentohio.gov/our-government/boards-and-commissions). Applications are available on the site as well. Even if specific positions aren't open right now, your application stays on file and may be considered when a seat becomes available. Serving on a board or commission is a rewarding way to give back to your community — and your insight could help guide Kent's future. Consider applying today!

## Yard Waste Transfer Site Info

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

The City of Kent Yard Waste Transfer Site will reopen  
**Tuesday, April 7, 2026** (weather permitting).

### 2026 Hours of Operation

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

During 2026 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 the site is permitted.  
No commercial vehicles permitted.  
Unauthorized equipment prohibited on premises.

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 their 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*).

### 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.**

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

## Kent City Employees: Worth a Second Look

By Dave Ruller, City Manager

Wouldn't it be great if there was a company that worked every day around the clock for you?

A company with employees that spend their days worrying about your home, your neighborhood, and your favorite places in Kent.

A company that was a one-stop shop for everything from vaccines and day care -- to cardiac emergencies and pine bark beetle tree infestation.

A company that invested in local businesses to expand hometown services and products and create more local jobs.

A company with employees working overnight so that everything was ready and waiting for you to start your day.

A company with employees waiting to take your call 24-7, who can coach you through traumatic situations, and get help to you in under 5 minutes.

A company dedicated to worrying about you, trying to anticipate and solve problems before they happen, with employees ready to show up, day or night, when surprises happen.

A company with employees trained to stand between your family and harm.

A company of workers that care enough to leave their families in storms in the middle of the night to protect your family.

A company that measures its success by lives saved, moments enjoyed, and a lifetime of experiences in a place you call home.

The City of Kent is that company.

I know, it's become the national past time to point out everything wrong with "government" but there's far more good that goes on every day in your hometown by City employees than meets the eye.

I understand that folks are one parking or speeding ticket away from hating-on the City, but that's too bad because even those unfortunate moments have a "greater good" behind them – the businesses we've come to love downtown said they wouldn't be downtown if they couldn't be assured that their customers would have places to park; and speeding kills.

I get it, that greater good may not take the sting out of the ticket, but I hope you'll give your City a second look and consider all the areas where we work to bring out the best of Kent, transforming rows of homes into neighborhoods, and neighborhoods into a community.

City services are a mile wide and can be a mile deep in technical know-how; consider that the City runs 2 water production plants, both producing millions of gallons of clean water every day, half of which we drink, the other half we put back into the environment to support aquatic life and recharge our water table.

That's high-tech, life sustaining stuff, with no room for error – and City employees make sure that goes right every day. Best of all, we pick up and deliver our products to your home instantaneously – just turn the faucet or flush the toilet. No waiting for shipping, the City offers instantaneous delivery.

I think we're better than a private company in another important way – the City doesn't do those things to make a buck; we do it to make a difference in the lives of people. What we do is bigger than money; we're in the business of helping people, not making a profit off of them.

City employees are in the "possibilities" business. City services make it possible for people to live healthier lives through trails to walk on, parks to play in, safe drinking water, sanitary waste treatment, and emergency medical care. City Service crews and Police patrols make it possible for businesses to thrive and residents to feel safe in Kent -- making it possible for everyone to enjoy the best of what the Kent lifestyle has to offer.

In the cyber-world of seemingly infinite online distractions, it can be hard to keep track of what's going on, even in your own backyard -- but please know that we work hard to make sure City information has a chance to be seen in your news cycle as much as we can. We've been able to bootstrap our communications by City employees with day jobs who recognized that communication was too important not to spend time working on, so they took the initiative and added it to their daily "to do" list. Three thousand posts later, we're proud to have employees who saw a need and filled it for the benefit of Kent residents.

From the early days of the City Manager's Kent 360 Blog, through today's expanded digital footprints on Facebook and Instagram, the City website, and the trusted Tree City Bulletin, your City information options have come a long way.

A quick tally revealed that we reached 200,000 views for our 2025 communications, and I hope you'll help us build on that number in 2026. Here's a snapshot of your menu of City communications options to see what works best for you. *(Continued on Page 5)*

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Department	Communication Media	Distribution/Posts	2025 Posts Count
City Manager's Office	Tree City Bulletin	Twice per Year	60
	Digital Sign Board	Daily	1,800
	City Web Site Alerts	Monthly	10
	City Web Site News	Weekly	40
	Council Information Updates	Weekly	111
Community Engagement	Facebook/Instagram	Weekly	143
	Rotary In Person	Weekly	40
Kent Fire Department	Facebook	Weekly	50
Service & Engineering	News/Press Releases	As Needed	40
	Public Subscriber Alerts	As Needed	115
	Reverse 911 System Alerts	As Needed	5
Health Department	Facebook/Instagram	Daily	417
Parks & Recreation	Printed/Digital School Flyers	Seasonally	5
	Email/Newsletter Blasts	Monthly	13
	Advertisements	Seasonally	2
	Instagram/Facebook	Daily	148
	Digital Sign	Weekly	60
Police	Facebook/Instagram	Daily	438
	Press Release/Public Alerts	As needed	20
	In Person Engagement	Monthly	15
	Media/Press Events	As needed	2
	School Resource Officer	Daily In Person	200
	Citizen Police Academy	11 weeks, 4 hours	15
	Police Explorer Program	As needed	30
	Kent Safety Ambassadors	As needed	2
	Kent Police & Citizens Assoc.	Monthly events	10
	Budget and Finance	Water/Sewer Bill Notices	monthly
<b>Totals</b>			<b>3,801</b>

## City Website:

[www.kentohio.gov](http://www.kentohio.gov)

## City Facebook Pages:

[www.facebook.com/KPDOhio/](http://www.facebook.com/KPDOhio/)  
[www.facebook.com/p/City-of-Kent-Fire-Department-100069401370693/](http://www.facebook.com/p/City-of-Kent-Fire-Department-100069401370693/)  
[www.facebook.com/KentCityHealthDepartment/](http://www.facebook.com/KentCityHealthDepartment/)  
[www.facebook.com/kentparksandrec/](http://www.facebook.com/kentparksandrec/)

## City Instagram Pages:

[www.instagram.com/kentparksandrec/?hl=en](http://www.instagram.com/kentparksandrec/?hl=en)  
[www.instagram.com/kentcityhealthdepartment/](http://www.instagram.com/kentcityhealthdepartment/)  
[www.instagram.com/cityofkentohio/](http://www.instagram.com/cityofkentohio/)  
[www.instagram.com/kentpd\\_ohio/?hl=en](http://www.instagram.com/kentpd_ohio/?hl=en)  
[www.instagram.com/explore/locations/1024218680/city-of-kent-fire-department/](http://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/1024218680/city-of-kent-fire-department/)

## Pop Up Pantry FREE FOOD

Every Month at:  
201 East Erie Street

- Walk-ups welcome
- Easy bus access



Thanks to our Partners at



To check on dates and  
times call:  
**(330) 678-8109**



## TOBACCO QUIT KITS

Kent City Health Department has tobacco quit kits.

Through the TRL Program the KCHD has been able to invest in cessation Quit Kits. These kits include nicotine replacement therapy (NRT). A quick screening is required to determine nicotine use levels. The whole process only takes a few minutes.



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## Kent Puts You in the Driver's Seat of Your Home Projects

By Joshua Appleman, Construction Clerk

If you are a homeowner handling your own renovations - such as remodeling a kitchen or bathroom, finishing a basement, building a deck, or repairs to existing structures - the City of Kent Customer Self-Service (CSS) Portal at [portal.kentohio.gov](http://portal.kentohio.gov) acts as your personal building project hub. As a homeowner, you now have direct access to your progress throughout the entire building project. This new system also assists with smaller same-day projects, completed by you or your contractor, such as replacing your water heater, furnace, boiler, air conditioner, and electrical panel as well. These projects will require permits which can be submitted and paid for through the new system.



With the Kent Customer Self-Service portal ([portal.kentohio.gov](http://portal.kentohio.gov)), you can enjoy many benefits without ever leaving your home:

- **Work on Your Schedule:** You don't have to rush to Community Development or the Building Department during your lunch break. Apply for permits or upload project sketches at your convenience.
- **Instant Professional Access:** Once approved, you can download your **stamped plans** immediately. No more waiting for mail or driving to pick up paper copies.
- **Clear Progress Tracking:** Eliminate the guesswork. You can see exactly where your application stands in the review process and receive inspection results via email the moment the inspector finishes their report.

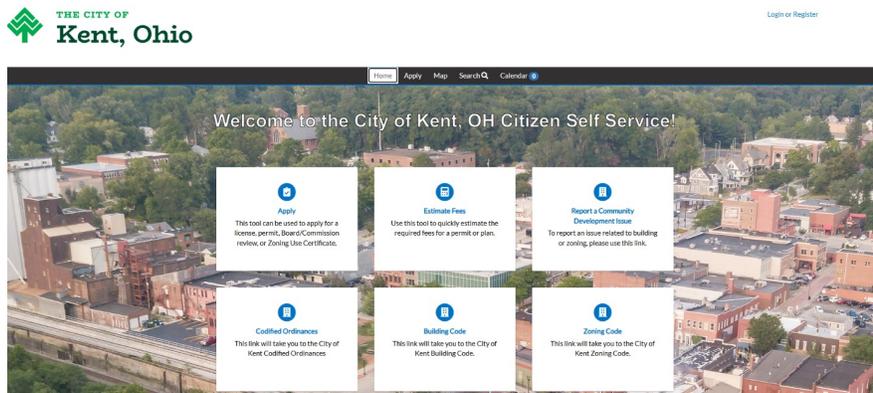
Tackling a home improvement project is exciting, but the permitting process can feel a bit daunting for the first-time DIY homeowner. The City of Kent's new Customer Self-Service (CSS) Portal is designed to take the mystery out of the process. For the more seasoned DIYer, you will also appreciate the transparency and efficiency of managing your project in real time from your user dashboard.

Follow this step-by-step guide to move your project from the "dreaming" phase to "approved" as smoothly as possible.

### Step 1: Register Your Account

Before you can apply for anything, you need a digital identity within the city's system.

- **Visit the Portal:** Go to [portal.kentohio.gov](http://portal.kentohio.gov).
- **Sign Up:** Click on the "Log In or Register" link in the upper right corner, then click on "Create an account" on the next screen. You will need a valid email address.
- **Verify your email:** Check your inbox for a verification email to activate your account.



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## Step 2: Gather Your Project Details

Having your information ready beforehand will save you from “session timeouts.” For a standard home renovation, you typically need:

- **The Project Description:** A clear summary (e.g., “12x16 pressure-treated wood deck” or “Full kitchen remodel including new electrical outlets”).
- **Digital Plans:** These don’t always need to be professional blueprints. For many residential projects, a clear, legible PDF sketch showing dimensions and materials is sufficient.
- **Contractor Info:** If you are doing the work yourself, you will list yourself as the “Owner-Builder.” If you are hiring help, ensure they are registered with the city. You can search for contractors by name when adding contacts to your permit application.

**Pro Tip:** If possible, save your documents as **PDFs**. The portal handles these best, and it ensures that your measurements and scales remain accurate when the city staff reviews them.

## Step 3: Start Your Application

- **Find the Right Permit:** Once logged in, click **Apply** and browse the permit categories (Building, Electrical, Plumbing, etc.). You can also search keywords in the search bar to narrow down the available options. As shown to the right, you can start typing and the options will display for you.
- **Enter the Address:** Start typing your home address and select it from the dropdown menu to ensure the permit is linked to the correct property.
- **Upload Documents:** Use the **Attachments** tab to upload your plans, site maps, or equipment specs (like the manual for a new furnace).

## Application Assistant

Residential

Residential Subordinate/Accessory Structure

Residential Addition

Residential Alteration

Residential Electrical

Residential HVAC

## Step 4: Pay and Track

- **Invoicing:** After you submit, City staff will review the application to determine the fees. You will receive an email notification when your invoice is ready. You can find all your pending invoices under the “My Work” tab with a current balance due for all permits, contractor licenses, and review board fees. You can pay for each permit individually by selecting that permit and adding the fees to your cart or by selecting Pay Now
- **Secure Payment:** Pay your fees directly through the portal using a credit card. You will need to pay your current fees before scheduling inspections. The **Available Actions** section will show you the things you are able to do currently. Once any unpaid fees are paid, you can schedule your inspections as the work progresses.
- **Watch the Progress:** Your “My Work” tab will show a progress donut graph. The progress donut shows the percentage of completion for every step of the entire process. The workflow lists these steps out and provides more detail and the status of each. Red alerts or text will require an action or your attention. Green text displays each of your completed steps. Blue text means a step is still in progress.



**Need Help?** If you aren’t sure which permit category to select or need assistance, call the Community Development Building Department at **(330) 678-8107** before you submit. We are happy to point you in the right direction! When you’re ready, visit [portal.kentohio.gov](http://portal.kentohio.gov) to begin working toward your permit.

Summary Locations Fees Reviews Inspections Attachments Contacts Sub-Records More Info

**Progress**

62% Completed

- Completed
- In Progress
- Not Started

**Fees**

\$50.00

View Details Add to Cart

**Workflow**

- Electrical Underground - Re-Inspection required - 09/04/2025
- Final Electrical - Passed: 09/29/2025
- Invoice Fees - Passed: 09/29/2025
- Invoice Fees - Passed: 09/29/2025
- Confirm Application Completeness - Passed: 01/07/2026
- Building Review (Residential) - Started - Scheduled for 02/19/2026
- Certificate of Completion
- Email service Inspection results

**Available Actions**

Unpaid Fees \$50.00 02/20/2026 Pay Now



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## Spring 2026 Brush Collection Program

The City of Kent's Central Maintenance Division collects brush at the curb twice each year. The 2026 Spring Brush Collection Program will commence **Monday, May 4th, 2026**.

Brush will be collected in the **SOUTHWEST** section  
**Monday, May 4th, to Friday, May 8th, 2026**

Brush will be collected in the **NORTHWEST** section  
**Monday, May 11th, to Friday, May 15th, 2026**

Brush will be collected in the **NORTHEAST** section  
**Monday, May 18th, to Friday, May 22nd, 2026**

Brush will be collected in the **SOUTHEAST** section  
**Tuesday, May 26th, to Friday, May 29th, 2026**

Please see page 11 to reference your street's location.

**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.**

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 for disposing 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 3 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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## 2026 Spring Cleanup

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

Items will be picked up in the **NORTHWEST** section beginning Monday, May 4th and ending on Friday, May 8th  
Items will be picked up in the **NORTHEAST** section beginning Monday, May 11th and ending on Friday, May 15th  
Items will be picked up in the **SOUTHEAST** section beginning Monday, May 18th and ending on Friday, May 22nd  
Items will be picked up in the **SOUTHWEST** section beginning Tuesday, May 26th and ending on Friday, May 29th

See street listing on page 11 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), Propane/Oxygen Pressurized Tanks, 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, mattresses and carpeting placed at the curb must be wrapped in plastic.** Building materials will be collected in small amounts and only if contained for easy handling. Construction materials placed at the curb for pick up 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, weigh less than fifty pounds or placed in sturdy containers (no cardboard boxes) that weigh less than fifty pounds for pickup. Both the container and debris will be taken. Construction materials placed at the curb that have 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 Thursday, May 28th from 7:00am until 7:00pm. Four tires per household will be accepted. Tires can be dropped off at 930 Overholt Road, behind the City's Service Administration Complex on Thursday May 29th only (please note time and location for tire drop). Residents will be required to show proof of residency, a valid driver's license or state ID with your City of Kent address prior to dropping off tires. Residents 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 later.

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

## Storm water: What is it and where does it go?

### What is storm water runoff?

Storm water runoff is rainfall or melting snow that flows over the ground surface. It is created when rain falls on roads, driveways, parking lots, rooftops and other paved surfaces that do not allow water to soak into the ground.

Storm water runoff is a leading source of water pollution and excess surface runoff to streams and rivers.

### Where does storm water runoff go?

When storm water cannot sink into the ground, it has nowhere to go but to flow across the surface of the ground.

Most storm water runoff flows either: directly into streams, rivers, ponds, lakes and wetlands or down the nearest storm drain and then into the nearest waterway without any treatment.

### What's the difference between storm drains and sanitary sewers?

City storm drains are separate from sanitary sewers and do not drain into municipal wastewater treatment facilities but carry storm water runoff from a catch basin (a.k.a., storm drain inlet, curb inlet) into streams, rivers, ponds, lakes and wetlands.

The sanitary sewer is a system of underground pipes that carries sewage from bathrooms, sinks, kitchens, and other plumbing components to the wastewater treatment plant where it is filtered, treated and discharged.



### How can storm water runoff be reduced or prevented?

A significant amount of storm water pollution is caused by everyday human activities - washing and maintaining cars, littering, fertilizing and watering lawns, etc. There are many simple, basic steps people can do each day to help reduce and prevent storm water pollution:

- Never dump anything down storm drains or in ditches
- Compost yard waste and sweep grass clippings out of street gutters after mowing
- Pick up after your pet and equip yourself with bags to properly dispose of any waste
- Check your car for leaking fluids and recycle your motor oil
- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep driveways and sidewalks after application
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash that is plumbed to a treatment plant instead of washing your car on a driveway or street
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider installing a rain barrel or rain garden
- Don't litter! Pick up trash you see on the ground (even if it is not yours) and participate in a river or watershed clean-up

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## Street Listing

### NORTHWEST

Adamle Drive	Delores Drive	Kevin Drive	Nottingham Circle	Shorewood Circle
Admore Drive	Earl Avenue	Lakewood Circle	Park Avenue	Stonewater Drive
Adrian Drive	Edgewater Circle	Longcoy Avenue	Pearl Street, N	Stinaff Street (West of Hudson Rd)
Allen Drive	Erin Drive	Lowell Drive	Phillip Drive	Sunset Way Circle & Blvd
Bruce Drive	Evergreen Drive	Majors Lane	Pioneer Avenue	Verona Avenue
Bryce Road & Way	Fairchild Avenue	Mantua Street, N (Main to Crain)	Prospect Street, N	Whetstone Drive
Catlin Court	Fieldstone Drive	McKinney Boulevard	Quay Boulevard	Whitewood Drive
Chestnut Street, N	Forest Drive	Michaels Drive	Randall Drive	Whittier Drive
Clarkview Circle	Gougler Avenue	Nathan Drive	Red Fern Circle	Windward Lane
Cottage Gate Drive	Governors Circle	Naturewood Circle	Robert Drive	Woodard Avenue
Crestview Circle	Harold Street	Newcomer Road (East side only)	Rockwell Street	Wrens Hollow Circle
Cuyahoga St (West of Hudson Rd)	High Ridge Lane	Nicholas Drive	Rollins Circle	
Deleone Drive	Hollister Drive		Roy Marsh Drive	
	Hudson Road		Shady Lakes Drive	

### NORTHEAST

Anna Avenue	Dansel Street	Harvey Street	Oakwood Drive	Steele Street
Anna Avenue	Davey Avenue	Highland Avenue	Orchard Street	Stinaff Street (East of Hudson Rd)
Beechmont Place	Day Street, E & W	Holly Drive	Overlook Drive	Temple Avenue
Beechwold Drive	DePeyster Street, N	Horning Road	Perry Street	Tonkin Street
Birchwood Circle	Dominion Drive	King Avenue	Pleasant Avenue	University Drive
Brady Street	Doramor Street	Lake Street	Portage Street	Virginia Avenue
Burns Court	Edgewood Drive	Lincoln Street, N	River Bend Boulevard	Walter Street
Burr Oak Drive	Elizabeth Court	Linden Road	River Edge Drive	Water Street, N
Carthage Street	Elmwood Drive	Lock Street	River Park Drive	Willow Street, N & S
Cindy Circle	Erie Street, E & W	Luther Avenue	Riverside Court	Wilson Avenue
College Avenue, E & W	Fairview Drive	Main Street, E	River Trail Drive	Wolcott Avenue
College Court	First Ave (1600 block only)	Mantua Street, N (North of Crain)	Roscoe Drive	Woodhill Drive
Columbus Street	Frances Drive	Marvin Street	Rustic Bridge Drive	Woodside Drive
Costley Court	Gatun Street	Mason Avenue	Rustic Knoll Drive	
Crain Avenue	Glad Boulevard	Miller Avenue	Sherman Street	
Cuyahoga St (East of Hudson Rd)	Graham Avenue	Needham Avenue	Standing Rock Avenue	
	Grant Street, E & W		Starr Avenue	

### SOUTHEAST

Allerton Street	Chadwick Road	Joyanne Court	Olympus Drive	Valleyview Street
Artemis Drive	Cherry Street	Lincoln Street, S	Overholt Road	Vine Street & Court
Athena Drive	Currie Hall Parkway	Loop Road	Pine Street	Walnut Street
Avondale Street	DePeyster Street, S	Mae Street	Primrose Lane	Water Street, S
Beal Court	Dodge Street	Maple Street	Rellim Drive	West Street
Benjamin Court	Elm Street, E & W	Marigold Lane	School Street, E & W	Williams Street, E & W
Berkeley Street	Franklin Avenue	Martinel Road	Shaw Drive	Willow Street Ext, S
Beryl Drive	Hall Street, E & W	Meloy Road	St. Clair Avenue	
Bowman Drive	Harris Street	Mogadore Road	Statesman Place	
Burnett Road (5439 only)	High Street	Morris Road	Summit Street, E & W	
Cedar Street	Ivan Drive	Oak Street, E & W	Sunnybrook Road	

### SOUTHWEST

Ada Street	Eton Road	Jessie Avenue	Meadow Drive	Sheri Drive
Akron Boulevard	Francis Street, N & S	Judith Street	Meredith Street	Short Street
Beech Drive	Gale Drive	Laurel Drive	Middlebury Road	Silver Meadows Boulevard
Brentwood Drive	Gardenview Street	Lawrence Court	Munroe Falls-Kent Road	Spaulding Drive
Carol Drive	Garrett Street	Leonard Boulevard	Norwood Street	Stow Street
Chelton Drive	Garth Drive	Longmere Drive	Overbrook Drive	Sunrise Boulevard
Chestnut Street, S	Gill Drive	Louise Street	Parmalee Street	Suzanne Drive
Colleen Drive	Grove Avenue	Lower Drive	Paulus Drive	Tallmadge Avenue
Deidrick Road	Hampton Road	Manchester Avenue	Pearl Street, S	VFW Parkway
Denise Drive	Hughy Drive	Mantua Street, S	Prospect Street, S	Yacavona Drive
Elno Avenue	Irma Street	Main Street, W	River Street	
Emich Drive	Janet Drive	Marilyn Street	Roosevelt Avenue	

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## City of Kent, Ohio named a Bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists



On January 29th, 2026, the League of American Bicyclists honored the efforts of the City of Kent to build better places for people to bike with a Bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) award. The City of Kent joins over 400 communities across the country in the movement for safer streets and better bicycling for everyone. The award recognizes the City of Kent for its commitment to creating transportation and recreational resources that benefit its residents of all ages and abilities while encouraging healthier and more sustainable transportation choices.

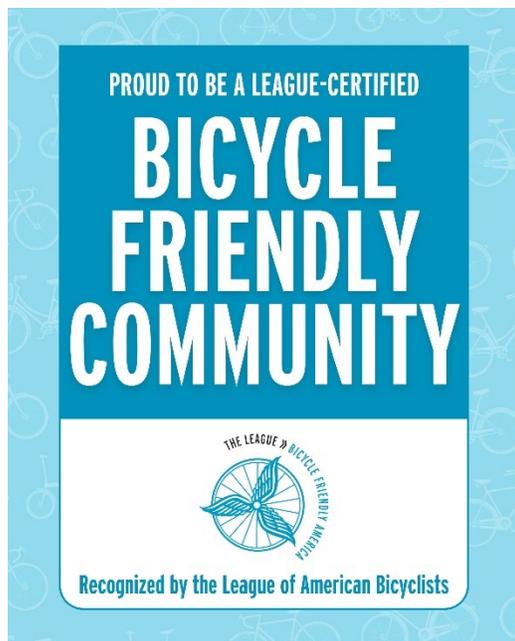
“Building better places to bike is a shared effort,” said Bill Nesper, executive director of the League of American Bicyclists. “The communities recognized here are part of a growing national movement, taking practical steps to support bicycling as a safe, accessible, and valuable part of everyday life.”

The League of American Bicyclists’ Bicycle Friendly America program sets the standard for how communities build and benchmark progress toward making biking better. The League strives to provide continual updates to the application as part of our commitment to help communities raise their standards for safety, equity, and accessibility.



This round of awards includes 79 new and renewing awardees, joining a total of 444 current Bicycle Friendly Communities in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The Bronze BFC award recognizes the City of Kent’s commitment to improving conditions for all people who bike through investments in bike education programs, regular bike events that promote and encourage people to choose biking, pro-bike policies, and bike infrastructure.

Through these and other initiatives, the City of Kent—working alongside valued community partners—is enhancing connections between neighborhoods and key destinations across the region. The goal is to provide residents with more convenient options for getting where they need to go, including safe and sustainable ways to travel without relying on a car. To learn more about the City of Kent’s Bike Master Plan, Bicycle Friendly Community Report Cards, Safe Routes to School program, Active Transportation and Safety Resources, and ways to get involved, visit <https://www.kentohio.gov/business-building-development/engineering/active-transportation/>.



Over 900 communities have applied for recognition by the Bicycle Friendly Community program, which provides a roadmap to making biking better for communities of all shapes and sizes. While the award process considers very visible elements such as bike infrastructure, other essential elements include efforts around adult and youth bike education, encouragement through events like Bike to Work Day, evaluation mechanisms, and enforcement all through the lens of equity. The rigorous application process is an educational tool in itself, and includes an opportunity for local bicyclists and active transportation advocates to provide input on their experiences and perceptions of bicycling in their community.

The five levels of the BFC award – diamond, platinum, gold, silver and bronze, plus an honorable mention category – provide a clear incentive for communities to continuously improve. Awarded communities must renew their status every four years to ensure that they not only maintain existing efforts, but also keep up with changing technology, national safety standards, and community-driven best practices.

To learn more about the BFC program, visit [bikeleague.org/community](http://bikeleague.org/community).

### About the League of American Bicyclists

The League of American Bicyclists leads the national movement to create a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone. With a history dating to 1880, the League is committed to engaging diverse communities and building a powerful, unified voice for change around protecting and promoting bicyclists’ rights. Learn more at [www.bikeleague.org](http://www.bikeleague.org).

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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 Kailyn Cyrus, the City's Zoning and Grants Coordinator, at 330-678-8108 or Kailyn.Cyrus@kentohio.gov or the Community Action Council of Portage County (CAC) by telephone at 330-297-1456, or visit CAC's website at [www.cacportage.net](http://www.cacportage.net) .



## East Main Street Update

Work continues on the East Main Street Improvement Project, which is transforming a three-quarter of a mile portion of the road between Willow Street and Horning Road. The first phase of the project is between Luther Ave. and Horning Rd. and despite the cold and snow this winter, Kenmore Construction has been able to continue with utility work including sewer installation, water mains and electrical conduits.

In order to give the contractor more room to build the center median, a temporary, single lane roundabout was installed in January at the intersection of East Main St. and the relocated Horning Road. That reduced traffic on that section of East Main St. to two lanes from approximately Frances Dr. to the United Methodist Church. Overlook Dr. is also closed at East Main St. with access maintained for residents via Woodhill Dr.

Other traffic pattern changes include Horning Rd., which is closed between Theatre Drive and Loop Road; Theatre Drive is open with access onto the relocated Horning Rd. There is driveway access on Horning Rd. with an access point near the Loop Road intersection.

Looking ahead to the coming months, Horning Rd. is expected to reopen this spring and Midway Drive is expected to be closed this summer between East Main St. and Terrace Drive.

Other planned work includes paving, permanent roundabout construction at Horning Rd., sidewalk and traffic signal installation and street lighting. Keep in mind that scheduled work can change depending on weather and other variables.

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.

The City of Kent and its partners - the project's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), Kent State University, PARTA (Portage Area Regional Transport Authority), AMATS (Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study) and ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) developed this \$25.5 million rehabilitation of East Main Street. The goal is to provide an aesthetically pleasing, less cluttered, stress-free gateway into Kent that meets the current demands of all East Main Street's users, including motorists, transit users, cyclists and pedestrians.

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.



*Photo courtesy of Bob Christy, Kent State University*

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## Celebrating the Kent Fire Department's Heritage

In 2026, the City of Kent marks a monumental milestone: the **150th Anniversary of the Kent Fire Department**. For a century and a half, through service and commitment, our department has been woven into the very fabric of this community.

### From Buckets to High-Tech Rescue

The story of Kent's fire service is one of constant evolution. It began long before the modern sirens we hear today. Our roots stretch back to the horse-drawn apparatus, such as hose carts operated by volunteer Hose Companies, and to the first hook and ladder company in 1870. These earliest volunteers were challenged with more frequent fires and a lack of personnel and equipment. So, new equipment was purchased, and more volunteers were recruited. These efforts resulted in a combination of forces to protect Kent; this reorganization in 1876 is what became known as the Kent Fire Department. These early volunteers laid the foundation of bravery that defines us today.

Over the last 150 years, the tools firefighters use have expanded from axes and wooden ladders to hydraulic tools and Self-contained breathing apparatus. Modern firefighting gear, thermal imaging cameras, and advanced training have allowed us to fight fires in more dangerous conditions and be more effective. We have moved from horse-drawn carriages and hand-pumped water of the 1800s to a modern fleet of trucks capable of fighting large fires and rescuing trapped occupants in high-rise buildings. Today's Kent Fire Department provides a wide array of specialized firefighting, technical rescue, and EMS services. Through safer construction standards and life safety devices like fire alarms, smoke detectors, and sprinkler systems, we don't face fires with the frequency seen in the past. Now, most residents utilize our EMS services, which began operating with trained paramedics in 1976 and is celebrating 50 years of service with the department.

### A Legacy Defined by Service

History is often marked by the fires we've fought. Most recently, the **2022 Mill Fire** served as a stark reminder of the challenges our personnel face. It was a moment that tested our resolve and showed the vital importance of a prepared, professional force and a resilient community. Yet, whether it is a historic blaze or a routine medical call, our core mission remains unchanged since 1876: **to protect the residents of the Kent community with pride, honor, and courage.**

### Join the Celebration

We don't just want to look back at our history; we want to celebrate it with the people we serve. Throughout 2026, we will host several commemorative events, incorporating community-focused activities to share memories, display vintage equipment, and strengthen connections between our stations and your neighborhoods.

As we begin this landmark year, we invite you to look forward to learning more about the stories, the people, and the evolution of the Kent Fire Department. We have been here for you for 150 years, and we are honored to continue that legacy.

**Jamie Samels**  
Fire Chief

*Stay tuned for our full event schedule—2026 is going to be a year to remember.*



## Kent Area Chamber of Commerce Update

The Chamber had an amazing year in 2025 with the addition of over sixty new members with a retention rate of year to year of almost 90% meaning our membership this year is ended with over 360-member total which is up over 100 members from 2023. This was done by focusing on our three priority areas:

1. Advocating for business
2. Connecting businesses to resources and each other
3. Engaging members in meaningful programming

The 2025 schedule included over fifty programs that met members' needs rotated to accommodate a variety of availability. Programming is intentional and is designed to move the needle and give our businesses bandwidth back. We continued our quarterly Manufacturing Breakfasts, held our first restaurant and bars meeting, and brought our property owners and contractors together to keep projects hyper local. The Chamber started working more closely than ever with Main Street Kent to provide support to Downtown Businesses through our Downtown Business Meet Ups and worked together to bring the beautiful Hello Kent Mural to life on the side of Laziza.

Most notably, we started Business Ignite which is a program focused on supporting new businesses where we bring in business owners to talk about where they have made mistakes, what they have found useful in their careers, and how new business owners can be successful. Meeting every month, the program creates a collaborative and safe environment to start a new business or grow your existing business.

This year we will be continuing our robust programming and creating opportunities for more connection, support, and education. To learn more about the Chamber or the work we do to support our local businesses visit [www.kentbiz.com](http://www.kentbiz.com) or email Dennis Campbell, Executive Director at [dcampbell@kentbiz.com](mailto:dcampbell@kentbiz.com).

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The Kent Area Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for the 31st Annual Kent Heritage Festival taking place in downtown Kent FRIDAY, July 3, 2026 from 11 AM – 10 PM.

This year's festival will include a classic car show; live music and entertainment on two stages; a children's play and activities area, which will include Kent Police and Fire safety vehicles, patrol cars, and fire trucks to explore, games, and hands-on fun. Come visit the expanded kids' area and enjoy story time on Hometown Bank Plaza. Enjoy 20 food stations, including local food trucks featuring a variety of Kent businesses. Fair food will also be on hand featuring funnel cakes and elephant ears, pierogies, and corn dogs. Information and vendor booths will be on display featuring non-profit organizations, small businesses, and artisans selling their custom, handmade pieces; the popular Kent Jaycees Ducks Down the River will be taking place with help from the Kent Fire Department.

Enjoy our downtown Kent restaurants, breweries, pubs, coffee shops, art galleries, retail shops, DORA, and more will be open and ready to welcome the thousands of people enjoying the festival! Festivities will be capped off with fireworks display at dark. A car show sponsored by Klagen Auto Group will take place on N. Water with Bent Tree Coffee serving as the host of the event. Join us for a day of fun, community and to celebrate America 250.

To register for booth visit: <https://www.kentbiz.com/heritagefestival>

Downtown streets will be closed to vehicular traffic. The event is free and open to the public.



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## 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](http://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.



# FLASHES RECYCLE ELECTRONICS

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## Electronics Drive

**MARCH 4, 11, 18 & 25 • 7:30AM - 3:00PM**

**KSU SURPLUS STORE PARKING LOT**  
475 Terrace Drive

[tinyurl.com/KSUElectronics](http://tinyurl.com/KSUElectronics)  
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**Cribs for Kids**<sup>®</sup>  
Helping every baby sleep safer



## Cribs for Kids!

**Jalessa Caples, Christina Hauff**

Are you an expecting or new parent with an infant under 12 months old? The Kent City Health Department has partnered with the Cribs for Kids program and are distributing **FREE CRIBS** to income eligible families in Kent. Cribs for Kids is a national infant safe sleep initiative that provides free education programs and manufactures safety approved products, such as cribs, to families that otherwise may not be able to afford one.

### What is Infant Safe Sleep and Why Does It Matter?

Every week in Ohio, three babies die in unsafe sleep environments. The leading cause of death for infants 1 month to 1 year is Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUIDs). This includes sleep related deaths and SIDS. Fortunately, reducing the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and sleep-related infant deaths is as easy as following the ABCs: Alone, Back, Crib.

- **Alone** - The crib should be empty of any toys, blankets, pillows, bumpers, and any other soft items that could pose a risk of suffocation.
- **Back** - The baby should be placed on their back for every sleep.
- **Crib** - Use a crib, bassinet or portable play yard with a firm flat mattress and a fitted sheet.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Must not have a safe sleep space (crib/pack 'n play) or the ability to obtain one.
- Must be legal or custodial guardian.
- Must be benefit eligible (WIC, SNAP, Medicaid, etc.).
- Must be at least 32 weeks pregnant or have a child under 1 year of age.
- Must receive safe sleep education and complete required paperwork.

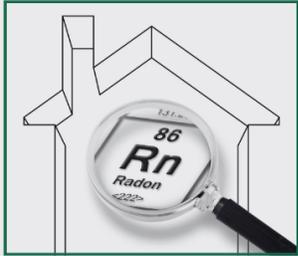
### In order to receive the portable crib (Pack 'N Play):

- Check to make sure you meet the eligibility requirements.
- Contact the Kent City Health Department to submit a pre-approval form.
- Once approved, the KCHD staff will complete the safe sleep assessment and safe sleep education checklist with you.
- Once final approval is gained, KCHD staff will distribute the safe sleep kit and Pack 'N Play to you.

Please feel free to share this information with any new or expecting parents in your life! If you have any questions, contact the Kent City Health Department at (330) 678-8109.



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## Radon and Your Home

**Eric Gorczynski, REHS**

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



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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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](http://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.

## We Live in the Present

Joan Seidel, Health Commissioner

Recently I was preparing a program on public health for a community group and took the opportunity to look through the first set of Health Department meeting minutes. It was a time travel and déjà vu experience that made me so glad these records must be kept. The secretary preserved the newspaper clipping sharing the ordinance that started the Health Department in June of 1872. A further ordinance directed the Health Board to address sanitary conditions in May of 1885. The Board as well as residents had concerns about the pollution of the Cuyahoga River from the meat processing (butchering) whose waste was draining directly into the river. They were also concerned about Polio, Measles, Smallpox and sexually transmitted diseases. The placard from October 15, 1918 closing all business, schools and churches certainly caught my eye as did the mimeographed letter signed by businesses asking the Board to let them re-open.

As one scrolls the headlines, we share many of the same concerns now as then, clean water, noise free environments, and preventing illness to name a few. Although there is a lot more unfounded opinion circulating. Decades ago parents were clamoring for vaccines to protect their children. Now because the vaccines were so effective at eliminating these scourges people are more afraid of the vaccine than the disease. Scientists share concerns of the collective amnesia our world is suffering from in terms of vaccine benefits. We know that when vaccines are not taken there is not enough protection to keep those who cannot receive vaccines safe and the diseases return. Immunologists and Infectious Disease physicians share measles are the gateway or tell-tale disease. When vaccine numbers drop, it is the first to return. We are seeing that happen right now with our status of measles eradication in peril of being lost with each new case identified. The majority of the cases are in the unvaccinated population. Many erroneously believe measles is just a rash, but the numbers of people requiring hospitalization prove otherwise. Today, you do not get admitted to the hospital for observation and isolation, you get admitted because you need medical intervention to save your life. Most who die from measles are those under 5 years of age, adults over 20, pregnant women and those who have compromised immunity. They do not die of a rash but succumb to pneumonia. For those who recover from measles there as still potential complications waiting. Measles interferes with the immune system and can cause decreased immunity to all infectious agents for years after an infection. With more and more people deciding which vaccines to use, when, if at all more complications are likely. Terribly misguided changes in the pediatric vaccine schedule will not just bring us back to the 1950s but to a much earlier time and there will be nothing great about it. Removing Meningitis from the list of routine childhood vaccines is reckless. We do not see Meningitis case often, but when they do occur the effects are devastating.

Will there be a rush of vaccine preventable diseases overnight, no. But if the current trajectory continues there will be increasing numbers of preventable disease outbreaks that will include complications and unfortunately even death. Some have wondered why we can't follow the vaccine schedules of other countries such as Denmark. There are several reasons. Denmark vaccinates based on the diseases they see most, which are a bit different than in the US. Denmark is a much smaller country compared to the US and has a more homogenous population. Being smaller they can do more rigorous screening and follow up. Danes also have access to free universal healthcare so there are no co-pays or out of pocket expense, their citizens can all afford healthcare. They also have 24 weeks of parental leave which allows newborns to have less exposure to disease while being cared for at home. In the US most infants are placed in daycare at about 12 weeks of age when their immune system is not as fully developed.

The good news is, while new infectious agents arrive and old ones re-emerge, public health is present, working to monitor, track, educate, and attempt to prevent these diseases that do not have to spread. Public health is here to support evidence-based research not opinion. Public health is about preparedness and understanding best interventions to enact. You can be involved too, learn about these preventable diseases, advocate for your children, grandchildren or neighbors, and share your views with law makers too. If you are unsure who to turn to for reliable information on vaccines, speak with your doctor or look to the American College of Pediatrics (ACP), or the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA). Our future can be bright and vibrant if we follow what has been proven over decades to work.



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## Get it done with CSS: Kent's Customer Self-Service Portal



Joshua Appleman, Construction Clerk

The Community Development Department is excited to announce the launch of the City of Kent's new **Customer Self-Service (CSS) Portal!** This convenient online tool makes it easier than ever for residents, businesses, and contractors to access Community Development services 24/7—from the comfort of home or office. By centralizing permitting, plan review, invoicing, payments, contractor registrations, and inspections at [portal.kentohio.gov](http://portal.kentohio.gov), we are making it significantly easier to get projects off the ground.

CSS Portal Feature	The Benefit to You
<b>24/7 Availability</b>	Access Community Development services anywhere, anytime—no more “business hours” constraints.
<b>Automated Alerts</b>	Real-time email updates on permit status, review determinations, invoices, receipts, and inspection outcomes. Renewal reminders sent annually.
<b>Centralized Records</b>	All your historical project data and approved plans are always stored in one secure place available to you through your portal dashboard.
<b>Faster Processing</b>	Direct digital communication with city staff leads to quicker turnaround times by eliminating the necessity of office visits or the slower distribution of hard copy plans and applications.
<b>Digital Documents</b>	Eliminates all cost of printing hard copy plans in duplicate for reviews and the resulting paper waste, aligning with the sustainability goals of Kent, The Tree City.

### What You Can Do on the Portal

Once registered, users - both residential and commercial - can manage a wide range of services through the CSS Portal, including:

- **Register as a contractor**
- **Apply for permits and review boards**
- **Pay invoices** online securely
- **Request inspections** with just a few clicks
- **Access stamped, approved plans**
- **Submit new plans or revisions** for review

This user-friendly platform brings the Community Development Department's services directly to your fingertips, improving efficiency and reducing the need for in-person visits or paper-based submissions.

### Stay Informed with Automated Notifications

Registered portal users will receive timely email notifications and attachments such as:

- Invoices and receipts for online payments
- Issued permits and contractor registrations
- Contractor renewal notices
- Inspection reports and status updates

With these updates and documents automatically sent to your inbox, you'll always have the most up-to-date information on your projects and approvals.

### Get Started Today

Visit [portal.kentohio.gov](http://portal.kentohio.gov) to register and start managing your permits and projects online. Whether you're a contractor, homeowner, architect, or business owner, this new platform is here to make your experience with the City of Kent Community Development & Building Department smoother and more efficient.

For more information or assistance, please contact the **Community Development Department** at (330) 678-8108 or the **Building Department** at (330) 678-8107.

Together, we're building a more connected and convenient Kent!

# The TREE CITY Bulletin



**Main Street Kent** staff and volunteers are planning events, promotions, programs, beautification and public art projects, as we continue to make downtown Kent a fun, vibrant and thriving community. We look forward to lots of festivities and a beautiful downtown in 2026! This year marks our 20th anniversary as a Main Street community; it's been a rollercoaster ride, and we have great people who help us meet challenges head-on and continue to grow. Twenty years deserves some serious celebration, so we're planning some summertime activities to do just that. Stay tuned!



**March for Art** MSK and Kent City Schools bring you March for Art, a downtown art exhibition and experience for the entire month of March. Artworks created by students of Davey Elementary, Walls Elementary, Stanton Middle School Art Club and Roosevelt High School will be on display at 16 locations. Save the date for **Fri., March 13, 5:30-7:30pm** for a March for Art Celebration at Kent City Hall. All locations will be open for students, families, friends, teachers, faculty and community members to explore and celebrate the arts. Find program details and a map at [mainstreetkent.org/march-for-art-2/](http://mainstreetkent.org/march-for-art-2/)

**Kent In Good Company** - Our Kent in Good Company Podcast host Katy Thomas kicked off our fifth season of the pod in February, interviewing local business owners to hear their origin stories, find out why they chose to do business in Kent, what are "hidden gems" in Kent, and even what they think Kent may be missing. Katy has a wonderful way of connecting with the people of Kent's local business community. With over 50 episodes sponsored by Hall-Green Agency, tune in to your favorite podcast platform [mainstreetkent.org/discover/in-good-company/](http://mainstreetkent.org/discover/in-good-company/)



**American Roots Music Festival** - Presented by Crooked River Arts Council and Wayside Furniture, this annual event will take place on **Fri., May 1**, featuring live music at multiple indoor and outdoor venues in Kent. For a schedule, musician bios and more, visit [kentamericanroots.com/](http://kentamericanroots.com/) Grab some dinner downtown and make a night of it, or stay overnight at the Kent State Hotel for a for a mini "staycation" as spring finally arrives.



**Adopt a Spot and Hanging Flower Baskets** - Spring is our favorite time of year, especially with the planting of Adopt a Spot flower beds and the beautiful hanging flower baskets. Thanks to Smithers-Oasis, many local businesses and community members, we will have a total of 60 baskets this spring! If you would like to see your name on a sign and help keep downtown Kent beautiful, scan the QR code to the left and join us. (Or email [info@mainstreetkent.org](mailto:info@mainstreetkent.org))

**Art & Wine Festival** - MSK's signature event, presented by The River Merchant, will return on **Sat., June 6, 11am - 8pm**, featuring Ohio wineries, local food trucks/vendors, live music in two locations, and an incredible selection of art. Full details will be shared as the event approaches, so stay tuned to MSK social media and website for more info.

**Blues Fest** - This annual event is set for **Sat., July 18**, featuring live music at dozens of venues in Kent. Grab a DORA beverage and work your way around town to experience a great sampling of blues and rock in Kent. Musician bios, schedule and all details will be available at [kentbluesfest.com](http://kentbluesfest.com)

**Calendar of Events** - Visit and follow our fun-packed calendar at: [mainstreetkent.org/events/full-calendar/](http://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](mailto:info@mainstreetkent.org).

## CHaRM

Center for Hard to Recycle Materials

### COLLECTION GUIDELINES

- Portage County Residents ONLY
- ID Required
- NO BUSINESSES
- NO SMOKING
- Drive in, follow instructions please stay in your vehicle.
- Payments can be made by cash or check ONLY
- Electronics (TV's, CRT monitors and printers) make checks to Greenboard IT
- Tires make checks to Portage County Solid Waste Management District

CHaRM services are guided by state law and this is not a trash service.



All prices & hours are subject to change.

### ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS APPLIANCES

- PORTABLE/WINDOW AC UNITS
- COOKTOPS
- MICROWAVES
- DISHWASHERS
- RANGES/STOVES
- WASHER/DRYERS
- REFRIGERATORS
- FREEZERS
- WALL OVENS
- ICE MAKERS
- DEHUMIDIFIERS



### ELECTRONICS

**\$20** TV's & CRT Monitors

**\$10** Printers (cash/check Greenboard IT) NO charge for all other electronics, see list below for acceptable items:

- CELL PHONES
- STEREOS
- VCR/DVD PLAYERS
- ROUTERS
- PC'S
- LAPTOPS
- PHONES
- SCANNERS
- LCD MONITORS
- KEYBOARDS
- PAPER SHREDDERS
- UPS
- HARD DRIVES
- SERVERS
- NETWORKING EQUIPMENT
- MP3 PLAYERS
- CAMERAS
- GAME CONSOLES & ACCESSORIES
- UNUSED PRINTER CARTRIDGES & TONER



### PAPER SHREDDING

Remove all paper clips, binder clips, rubber bands, folders and any kind of binding

### SCRAP TIRES

Passenger tires only

\$0.50 per tire (cash/check)

LIMIT 10 tires per household per year

ALL tires MUST be clean, Tires with rims accepted

NOTE: By Ohio law anyone transporting more than 10 tires on one load must possess an Ohio Transporter's license.

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### AUTOMOTIVE\*

Motor Oil, Antifreeze and Transmission Fluid, MUST be in CLEARLY marked container with lid



### BATTERIES

Lead Acid (car batteries\*) and household batteries (AA, AAA, C, etc)



### SCRAP METAL\*

Ferrous and non-ferrous metal: including wires, pipes, motors, parts etc.



### COOKING OIL\*

Must be in a CLEARLY marked container with lid



### PLASTIC BAGS\*

Plastic bags, film, ice bags, bubble wrap, etc.



### LATEX PAINT

Latex paint only will be accepted during CHaRM hours



### HHW COLLECTION

The first Monday of every month (excluding federal holidays)



\*Also available at the drop-off 24/7



### HOURS/LOCATION

Monday OR Thursday 10am-2pm  
1st Monday of the month 10am-5pm  
(Excluding Holidays)

3588 Mogadore Rd  
Kent OH 44240  
330-678-8808  
portagerecycles.com

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## YOUTH PROGRAMS



### KPR SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION DATES

Over the phone or in-person only, no online registration available for KPR Summer Camps  
February 6<sup>th</sup> - Registration opens to current KPR Kidz Club & Lil' Learners Preschool Families  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Registration opens to returning 2025 KPR Campers  
April 1<sup>st</sup> - Registration opens to the general public

### KPR Jr. ADVENTURE CAMP

This camp is designed with outdoor adventure in mind! We work with Kent State University's Adventure Center and Cuyahoga Valley National Park to plan an entire summer outdoors for your pre-teen! Campers will go kayaking, paddleboarding, rock wall climbing, fishing and more! All field trip costs are included, and lunch is provided. See website in March for a list of field trips and weekly themes.

**WHEN:** June 8th-Aug 7th  
Camp Closed June 19<sup>th</sup> & Week of June 29<sup>th</sup>  
**DAYS/TIME:** Monday-Friday 9:00AM-4:00 PM  
**WHERE:** Plum Creek Park  
590 Plum St, Kent OH  
**WHO:** Entering 4th-6th graders  
**WEEKLY RATE:** \$175 resident/\$185 non-resident  
\$15 one-time registration fee

### KPR KIDZ CAMP @ KENT REC CENTER

Have your child spend the summer at one of our state licensed childcare centers! Field trips, swimming, a movie, special guests, gardening and volunteer opportunities are included each week. Small groups combine learning and fun in the arts, recreation, reading, nature, team building, STEAM, health and wellness, and leadership activities. All field trip costs are included. Lunch and an afternoon snack are provided. See website in March for a list of field trips and weekly themes.

**WHEN:** June 8th-Aug 7th  
Camp Closed June 19<sup>th</sup> & Week of June 29<sup>th</sup>  
**DAYS/TIME:** Monday-Friday 8:30 AM-4:30 PM  
**WHERE:** Kent Recreation Center  
1115 Franklin Ave, Kent OH  
**WHO:** Entering 1st-6th Grades  
**WEEKLY RATE:** \$178 resident/\$188 non-resident  
\$15 one-time registration fee

### KPR LIL' LEARNERS PRESCHOOL CAMP

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 this summer! Snack is included. See website for themes.

**WHEN:** June 8th-Aug 6th  
Camp Closed June 19<sup>th</sup> & Week of June 29<sup>th</sup>  
**DAYS/TIME:** Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM-12:30 PM  
**WHERE:** Roy Smith Shelter House  
601 Middlebury Rd, Kent OH  
**WHO:** Ages 3-5  
**WEEKLY RATE:** \$81 resident/\$91 non-resident  
\$10 one-time registration fee



### "HAWAIIAN HANGOUT" SPRING BREAK CHILDCARE

Looking for childcare during Kent City School's Spring Break? Join KPR Kidz Club staff for special events like a Luau Party, movie, field trip, inflatable obstacle course, and more!

**WHEN:** March 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>  
**TIME:** 6:30 AM-6:00 PM  
**WHERE:** Kent Recreation Center  
1115 Franklin Ave, Kent OH  
**WHO:** K - 6th Grade  
**DAILY RATE:** \$45 resident/\$47 non-resident  
Additional Field Trip Fee  
**REGISTRATION:** Over the phone or in-person only  
Opens to current KPR Kidz Club Families on 2/16  
Opens to the public on 3/2

### KPR KIDZ CAMP @ DAVEY ELEMENTARY

Have your child spend the summer at one of our state licensed childcare centers located in the Kent City Schools! Field trips, swimming, a movie and special guests are included each week. Small groups combine learning and fun in the arts, recreation, reading nature, team building, STEAM, health and wellness, and leadership activities. All field trip costs are included, and an afternoon snack is provided. See website in March for a list of field trips and weekly themes.

**WHEN:** June 8th-Aug 7th  
Camp Closed June 19<sup>th</sup> & Week of June 29<sup>th</sup>  
**TIME:** Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM  
**WHERE:** Davey Elementary  
196 N Prospect St, Kent OH  
**WHO:** Entering 1st-3rd Grades  
**WEEKLY RATE:** \$156 resident/\$166 non-resident  
\$15 one-time registration fee

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### KPR LIL' LEARNERS PRESCHOOL

KPR's state licensed preschool provides opportunities for children to grow in a healthy, happy, and safe environment with positive guidance, understanding, caring, and nurturing supervision. We use Creative Curriculum, meeting all of the Ohio Pre-K standards. County vouchers now accepted!

**WHEN:** September-May

**DAYS/TIME:** Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM-12:30 PM

**WHERE:** Roy Smith Shelter House  
601 Middlebury Rd, Kent OH

**WHO:** Ages 3 - 5

**PROGRAM RATE:** Weekly Rates Available  
See website for additional details

\$25 one-time registration fee

**REGISTRATION:** Over the phone or in-person

'26-'27 Opens to current KPR Lil' Learners Families 4/17

'26-'27 Opens to the public 5/1

### KPR KIDZ CLUB BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

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:** Kent City Schools School Year

**DAYS/TIME:** Monday-Friday  
6:30-8:30 AM & 3:15-6:00 PM

**WHERE:** Kent Rec Center - 1115 Franklin Ave  
Davey Elementary School - 196 N. Prospect St

**WHO:** K-6<sup>th</sup> Grades in Kent City Schools

**PROGRAM RATE:** Weekly & Daily Rates Available  
See website for additional details

\$10 one-time registration fee

**REGISTRATION:** Over the phone or in-person

'26-'27 Opens to current KPR Kidz Club Families 4/17

'26-'27 Opens to the public 5/1

### BABYSITTER TRAINING

Participants will receive a Babysitter's Training Handbook and a certificate to show their successful passage of the course. Interested in gaining experience working with kids? After completing the class, you can volunteer to assist at our Lil' Learners Preschool Summer Camp and Kid's Night Out program.

**WHEN:** April 25th

**DAYS/TIME:** Saturday, 9:30 AM-1:30 PM

**WHERE:** Kent Free Library  
312 W Main St, Kent OH

**WHO:** Ages 12-15

**PROGRAM RATE:** \$65 per participant

**REGISTRATION:** Phone/Online/In-Person  
Deadline is 4/24 @ 5PM

### 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:** April 11<sup>th</sup> & May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**DAYS/TIME:** Saturdays 5:30-9:30 PM

**WHERE:** Kent Recreation Center  
1115 Franklin Ave, Kent OH

**WHO:** Ages 4 - 11

**PROGRAM RATE:**

- Resident:
  - \$31 first child / \$21 per additional sibling
- Non-Resident:
  - \$33 first child / \$23 per additional sibling

**REGISTRATION:** Phone/Online/In-Person

Deadline is Friday before @ 5 PM

### ON TARGET FENCING

Whether it's your first time, or you are a fencing veteran, we have the program for you. Learn the basics in our beginner class or build advanced skills in our advanced class. All equipment included.

**WHEN:** April 25<sup>th</sup> - June 6<sup>th</sup>

**DAYS/TIME:** Saturdays

Beginners: 2:00-3:30 PM

Advanced: 3:30-5:00 PM

**WHERE:** Kent Rec Center

1115 Franklin Ave, Kent OH

**WHO:** Ages 7+

**PROGRAM RATE:** \$80 resident/ \$90 non-resident

**REGISTRATION:** Phone/Online/In-Person

### PROGRESS WITH CHESS CLASSES

Progress with Chess offers three levels of classes: Beautiful Beginners, Fantastic Foundations, & Championship Challenge. Find the right class for your child to either learn the game or advance their skills to the next level.

**WHEN:** April 12<sup>th</sup> - May 17<sup>th</sup>

**DAYS/TIME:** Sundays, Times Vary by Class

**WHERE:** Kent Recreation Center

1115 Franklin Ave, Kent OH

**WHO:** K - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

**PROGRAM RATE:** \$65 or \$225, Varies by Class

**REGISTRATION:** Phone/Online/In-Person

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## ATHLETICS



### SPORTS SUMMER CAMPS

Kent Parks & Rec has partnered with several local coaches to offer a variety of sports camps this summer. For more information on costs, times, and locations, visit our website at [kentparksandrec.com](http://kentparksandrec.com).

- Boys Lacrosse Camp** - 3rd-8th Grade - June 15th-June 19th
- Girls Lacrosse Camp** - 3rd-8th Grade - June 15th-June 19th
- Field Hockey Camp** - 1st-12th Grade - June 22nd-June 26th
- Volleyball Camp** - 3rd-8th Grade - June 22nd-June 26th
- Rugby Camp** - 5th-12th Grade - June 22nd-June 25th
- Soccer Camp** - 3rd-8th Grade - July 20th-July 23rd
- Cheerleading Camp** - 1st-8th Grade - July 22nd-July 24th

### MOXX 3v3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Grab a few friends and sign up to participate in this fun, outdoor, 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Located at Plum Creek Park, this is the premier 3 on 3 tournament for the youth in Kent and the surrounding area.

- WHEN:** July 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>
- DAYS/TIME:** Sundays, games start @ 1:00 PM
- WHERE:** Plum Creek Park  
650 Plum St, Kent OH
- WHO:** 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade
- PROGRAM RATE:** \$60 per team
- REGISTRATION:** Phone/Online/In-Person  
Deadline is 6/25

### ADULT 9v9 SOCCER LEAGUE

Our Adult Soccer League is back this Spring! Grab a group of friends and register as a team or sign up as an individual and we'll place you on a team.

- WHEN:** April 25<sup>th</sup> - June 20<sup>th</sup>
- DAYS/TIME:** Saturdays, Games @ 9:00 or 10:30 AM
- WHERE:** Stonewater Fields  
502 Stonewater Dr, Kent OH
- WHO:** Ages 18+
- PROGRAM RATE:** \$40 per player/\$300 per team
- REGISTRATION:** Phone/Online/In-Person  
Deadline is 3/30

### SUMMER KICKBALL LEAGUE

After the success of last year's Kick the Hate tournament, KPR is offering an Adult Summer Kickball League! Come out and enjoy the beautiful summer days at Kramer Ball Fields with a group of friends and compete against other local teams!

- WHEN:** June 28<sup>th</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup>
- DAYS/TIME:** Sundays, Games @ 1/2/3/4 PM
- WHERE:** Kramer Ball Fields  
600 Stow St, Kent OH
- WHO:** Ages 18+
- PROGRAM RATE:** \$100 per participant
- REGISTRATION:** Phone/Online/In-Person  
Deadline is 6/1

### PITCH, HIT, & RUN

Join other Kent area ballplayers to show off your skills and attempt to earn a chance to move on to the next round. Online registration required for participation.

- WHEN:** April 11th
- DAYS/TIME:** Saturday, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
- WHERE:** Kramer Ball Fields  
600 Stow St, Kent OH
- WHO:** Ages 6-14
- PROGRAM RATE:** FREE
- REGISTRATION:** Online Only

### BOYS YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Kent Parks & Rec is offering a new Boys Youth Volleyball League this spring. Whether your child is trying the sport for the first time or looking to advance their skills, this league is designed to accommodate all skill levels.

- WHEN:** April 6<sup>th</sup>-May 17<sup>th</sup>
- DAYS/TIME:** Practice Times Vary, Games on Sundays
- WHERE:** Kent State MACC Annex  
350 Midway Dr, Kent OH
- WHO:** 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- PROGRAM RATE:** \$95 per participant
- REGISTRATION:** Phone/Online/In-Person  
Deadline is Friday 4/3

### MOXX 101 BASKETBALL CLINIC

Participants will go through drills and games to help build the fundamentals of basketball with practice plans catered to each age group.

- WHEN:** March 30<sup>th</sup> - April 16<sup>th</sup>
- DAYS/TIME:** Mondays & Thursdays  
K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: 6:15-7:15 PM, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 7:30-8:30 PM
- WHERE:** Kent Rec Center  
1115 Franklin Ave, Kent OH
- WHO:** K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- PROGRAM RATE:** \$50 Residents / \$60 Non-residents
- REGISTRATION:** Phone/Online/In-Person  
Deadline is 3/19

### PORTAGE COUNTY OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Think you've got what it takes to be the best tennis player in Portage County? Come out and prove it in the Portage County Open. Tournaments available for both Singles and Doubles that do not overlap so you can take place in both.

- SINGLES:** July 11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>
- DOUBLES:** July 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>
- DAYS/TIME:** Dates and times will vary
- WHERE:** Roosevelt HS Tennis Courts
- WHO:** Ages 16+
- PROGRAM RATE:**  
SINGLES: \$25 per participant  
DOUBLES: \$40 per team
- REGISTRATION:** Phone/Online/In-Person  
Deadline is 7/6 (Singles) & 7/13 (Doubles)

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## ADULT SOFTBALL

### SUMMER ADULT SOFTBALL

Men's and Co-ed leagues offered. Limited spaces available in each league. Visit our website for additional league info. Five weeks of doubleheaders.

**WHEN:** Games start week of June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**DAYS/TIME:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, game times vary  
**WHERE:** Kramer Ball Fields  
600 Stow St, Kent OH  
**WHO:** Ages 18+  
**PROGRAM RATE:** \$250 per team  
**REGISTRATION:** Phone/Online/In-Person  
Deadline is 6/1

### 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. Seven weeks of doubleheaders plus and end of season tournament.

**WHEN:** Games start week of August 7<sup>th</sup>  
**DAYS/TIME:** Days & Times vary by league  
**WHERE:** Kramer Ball Fields & Allerton Fields  
600 Stow St & 1565 Campus Center Dr, Kent OH  
**WHO:** Ages 18+  
**PROGRAM RATE:** \$400 per team  
**REGISTRATION:** Phone/Online/In-Person  
Deadline is 7/20

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### ADULT EGG SCRAMBLE

Collect eggs filled with raffle tickets for your chance to win one of many different prizes. Must be present to be eligible for prizes.

**WHEN:** April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**DAYS/TIME:** Friday, Check In from 5:30-7:00 PM  
**WHERE:** Fred Fuller Park  
601 Middlebury Rd, Kent OH  
**WHO:** Ages 18+  
**PROGRAM RATE:** \$30 per participant  
**REGISTRATION:** Phone/Online/In-Person



### 33rd ANNUAL ART IN THE PARK FESTIVAL

The 33rd anniversary of this two-day event features over 100 artists, food vendors, a silent art auction, two stages of live music, and interactive activities for all ages. Don't forget to make a purchase from one of the many talented artists while you're here!

**WHEN:** September 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>  
**DAYS/TIME:** Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Sunday: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
**WHERE:** Fred Fuller Park  
601 Middlebury Rd, Kent OH  
**WHO:** FREE and Open to the Public



**SCAN TO  
VISIT OUR  
WEBSITE TODAY!**

### KENT ACOUSTIC FEST

Celebrate local Acoustic music in Fred Fuller Park. There is something special about listening to acoustic music surrounded by old oak trees and other community members. Put this event on your calendar!

**WHEN:** July 25th  
**DAYS/TIME:** Saturday, Time TBA  
**WHERE:** Fred Fuller Park  
601 Middlebury Rd, Kent OH  
**WHO:** Open to the Public  
**PROGRAM RATE:** FREE Entry  
More info to come!

### YOUTH EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us for a FREE egg hunt! Every egg has a prize, with several larger, age specific prizes as well. Don't forget a visit from the Easter Bunny, with help from the Kent Fire Department!

**WHEN:** April 4<sup>th</sup>  
**DAYS/TIME:** Saturday, 12:45 PM  
**WHERE:** Fred Fuller Park  
601 Middlebury Rd, Kent OH  
**WHO:** Ages 9 and below  
**PROGRAM RATE:** FREE

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Kent, Ohio 44240**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_



<b>May we publish your questions/comments/suggestions?</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>May we publish your name? (Address will NOT be published)</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>