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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.

The City of Kent tests the siren system twice per month:

**1 Wednesday at 11:00 am**

**3 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.
### BOARD OF BUILDING APPEALS
Volunteer. Five (5) Vacancies: One (1) Vacancy for a General Contractor; One (1) vacancy for a representative from the General Public, Three (3) vacancies for Alternates. TERM: Three (3) years commencing immediately through 12/31/2023.

### LOAN REVIEW BOARD
Volunteer. One (1) Vacancy available for a Local Attorney. The City’s Loan Review Board is responsible for reviewing loan applications from qualified businesses seeking Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding to assist with needed commercial start-up or production expansion costs. TERM: Five (5) years.

### PORTAGE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (P.A.R.T.A.)
Volunteer. One vacancy. Must be electors of the City for a period of at least three years prior to appointment. PARTA serves Portage County and works to provide transportation systems for the purpose of scheduled mass movement of passengers. TERM: Three years commencing immediately through 12/31/2022.

### EQUALIZATION ASSESSMENT BOARD
Volunteer. Twelve (12) vacancies. Must be elector of the City as well as a property owner. Members of the Board shall hear objections to estimated special assessments for particular projects in the City. Boards for specific projects shall be selected, by lot, from the Assessment Equalization Board. TERM: Three (3) years commencing immediately.

### PARKING ACTION COMMITTEE
Volunteer. Two (2) vacancies. Must be elector of the City. Responsible for administering the policy recommendations of the Parking Management Planning Committee. Composed of the City of Kent Community Development Director; City of Kent Safety Director; City of Kent Service Director; a representative from the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce; and five (5) members of the Business Community, appointed based on: 1. Geographic Basis – (e.g.: East and West Main Streets, North and South Water Streets, Franklin Avenue, side streets…) and 2. Land Use Basis – (e.g.: Church, service, retail, housing and nightclub representation…) TERM: Three (3)- five (5) year terms commencing immediately.

### FAIR HOUSING BOARD
Volunteer. One (1) vacancy. Must be electors of the City. May not hold any elected public office at municipal, county, state or federal level and shall not be employed by the City, but may be employed by the County, State and Federal government. Members hear complaints on alleged violations and/or unlawful housing practices. TERM: Three (3) year term commencing immediately through 12/31/2023.

### STORMWATER DISTRICT REVIEW AND APPEALS BOARD
Volunteer. Two (2) vacancies. The Board will hear appeals regarding disputes brought by owners and non-owners concerning application of the city’s Stormwater Utility Chapter and will have the authority to make adjustments to provide relief due to unique circumstances which reduce the burden of operating, constructing, repairing and maintaining the Stormwater utility system. TERM: Two-year term commencing immediately through 12/31/2021.

**NOTE:** By statutory definition, “elector” means anyone of voting age and a resident of the City. The Kent City Charter Section 8.01 mandates that all appointments to City Boards and Commissions shall be electors of the City, with the exception of the Board of Building Appeals.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED THROUGH AUGUST 26, 2020 AT NOON.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION, CONTACT:
AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL (330) 676-7555 OR EMAIL: councilclerk@kent-ohio.org

Interviews will be scheduled by the Clerk for September 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. during Council Committee Meetings

*Please Note: Publication was prior to our August appointments by Council. Some vacancies may already be filled.*
Another Day at the Office
By Dave Ruller, Kent City Manager

Global pandemic, economic collapse, social distress ... just another day at the office.

There’s no shortage of seemingly insurmountable issues these days and not much relief in sight. I hope by the time you read this, I’ll be wrong but that seems hard to imagine at the moment.

The change in our daily routines has left everyone feeling a bit anchorless, unsure where we’re heading but certain it’s further and further away from life as we knew it. Nothing like a pandemic to make you appreciate the good things that have been happening in Kent before the virus arrived.

In the City offices you can see the frustration in the eyes of employees peering over their masks. It’s the sense of being stuck in neutral waiting for the pandemic to lift so that we can get back to our day jobs, building the community we all wish for our hometown.

City employees are problem solvers – see a pothole, fill it; see a water leak, plug it; see a fire, put it out. We recognize the privilege of making things better in people’s lives – and in some cases even saving their lives. It’s an honor and point of pride to serve.

With Covid-19 keeping parts of City services reduced for public health reasons, there’s the added frustration of being limited at a time when so many in the community could use more help. We’ve done our best to get creative but the dimensions of the problems are so much bigger than Kent that even our best efforts do little to bring the sense of normalcy everyone is longing for.

A colleague in the office said “don’t write about Covid, it’s too depressing” but there have been some bright spots to keep us moving forward. So far, many of our businesses in Kent have proven remarkably resilient, changing on the fly to meet the demands of the new economic reality in order to survive in the shadow of the virus.

The City’s largest employer, Kent State University, has seen this crisis as an opportunity to hit the reset button on many of elements of its operations at a time when higher education was already straining under the weight of mounting costs and diminishing numbers of students. It was a troubling supply and demand curve that doesn’t typically end well which is why it’s encouraging to see the wide range of strategic changes Kent State announced to position themselves to be able to emerge from the crisis in a position of strength.

Kent prides itself on being more of a small business economy than a big box town which is great when it comes to enjoying specialty retail, dining, and after-hours opportunities but those businesses exist in the bullseye of virus exposure, and there’s often very little wiggle room standing between breaking even and going under, so these are high risk times for our favorite small businesses.

That’s a big reason why City Council supported an initiative organized by Main Street Kent to create a new “Downtown Outdoor Refreshment Area” (DORA) encompassing downtown Kent. This designation allows customers to enjoy their drinks outdoors, walking around downtown, supporting Kent businesses while keeping each other as safe as possible from exposure to Covid-19.

The day before the official launch of the DORA on July 17th, the Main Street Director said it best:

“Boundary signs are up, 96,000 DORA cups and 30,000 DORA wristbands are in hand, press release has been sent, social media is buzzing, decals are delivered, and all participants have everything they need. We’re optimistic that this will help the businesses and the community -- and we’ll do our best to manage the program, keeping communications open and collecting feedback from the businesses along the way. I think the face mask mandate is perfectly timed. Wear a mask to get your beverage, find a spot to sit outside, remove the mask, and enjoy.”

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Main Street Kent Update

Summertime is here, and life is very different these days, but we’re making the most of it at Main Street Kent. The Adopt-A-Spot flowerbeds and planters look beautiful, thanks to our generous sponsors and volunteer gardeners! Many thanks also to the seventy-five Kent community members who donated to our GoFundMe campaign to cover small business sponsorships this year. Our local businesses continue to shift their ways of operating, as things continually change in light of COVID-19. Many people are enjoying the outdoors with patio and sidewalk dining, hiking & biking, the new DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area), and more. We’re doing our best to keep the community updated on these details via social media and our website. If you’re not yet following along, please do so at www.mainstreetkent.org, www.facebook.com/mainstreetkent and www.instagram.com/mainstreetkent. Also, for updates about downtown businesses, things to do and other happenings, subscribe to our every-other-week newsletter at http://www.mainstreetkent.org/newsletter/.

Main Street Kent is dedicated to making Kent a fun, vibrant and thriving place. Our main focus is to do all we can to help our small businesses through this difficult time. As a community, we all must make LOCAL our priority. Please join us! Even if you’re not comfortable or able to go out in public, it is possible to show the love through gift card purchases, curbside pick up and delivery.

We love our one-of-a-kind shops, eateries and entertainment venues in Kent. Help us support them by making downtown Kent your first choice when choosing where to eat, drink and shop. Find out how to get a free “Locals Love Local” ceramic mug during the month of August (while supplies last) by visiting our website: www.mainstreetkent.org/kent-up-close/support-our-locals/

We hope to see you downtown!
For more information about Main Street Kent, email info@mainstreetkent.org or call 330-677-8000.

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In case it’s not obvious, buying local has never been more important. We did a little homework and the City spends roughly $500,000 a year on products and services based in Kent. Every dollar counts and we’ll keep pushing to invest in our hometown businesses as much as we can. Please join us in that effort. It’s been hard to watch some of Kent’s small businesses close their doors but thankfully many shop owners took advantage of the Covid-19 relief funds in order to survive another day.

We reached out to local banks who distributed relief funds and the level of participation by Kent businesses was encouraging:

- 48 large loans totaling $26 million affecting 2,107 jobs
- 361 small loans totaling $13,990,362 affecting 2,507 jobs
- 410 overall loans totaling $39,990,362 affecting 4,614 jobs

Let’s hope the results are equally encouraging.

The pandemic has been a tumultuous time but it also makes this a perfect time to reflect on what matters most to us in Kent, what we can’t wait to get back to doing, and what we aspire for Kent’s future. Hopefully we can use this health crisis as a chance to come up with the priorities that we all think will matter most in the years to come for everyone in Kent.

A group of residents have been volunteering their time for over a year to plan for the roll-out a Community Heart & Soul project in Kent that is intended to set those priorities. The output of the project will feed directly into the City’s update of the Kent Bicentennial Plan which was the source of great projects like the downtown revitalization so your input can be very meaningful.

You can find more information about the Heart & Soul project and how to participate on their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/kentheartandsoul/

Stay well.
Project Spotlight — North Water Street

Building a Better Block

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

Starting this summer we will begin to attempt to build a better block permanently on North Water Street. This project is the culmination of an effort by many in the community that helped create a vision of what North Water Street (aka The Mill District) could become. This vision was put on display temporarily by numerous volunteers during a “Better Block” event on September 29, 2018. For one day, the volunteers created a new street layout, public art and new and exciting destinations along the roadway. If you go to http://kentmilldistrict.com/betterblock you can see images and videos of the event.

Creating a better block at its core also includes making sure that the street is safe and stress free for all who travel on it. The current layout of North Water Street is not safe and stress free for all who travel on it. The extra wide travel lanes causing higher vehicular speeds and generally an abundance of inefficiently used pavement has created an environment that has North Water Street being one of the highest crash corridors in the City and region. Also, with limited or no pedestrian lighting, marked cross walks and pedestrian amenities (shade, seating, etc.) it also is a stressful place to walk. Especially, if you need to cross the street.

So starting in August we will be making the street safer for cars by resurfacing the road, restriping the pavement with normal lane widths, adding parking spots and improving site distance in areas. To help pedestrians we will be installing marked cross walks with curb extensions, pedestrian lighting, adding seating and other streetscape elements. We expect the project to be completed in the spring of 2021. Lastly, approximately 80% of the project’s $1.8 million project budget is funded through a grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Highway Safety Program.

But creating a better block is about more than the street, sidewalks, lighting, bricks, etc. It’s about creating a great place where people want to live, work and play. This kind of place is created by the people of the block. They create great destinations. Coffee shops, art galleries, microbreweries, public art and great places to work. What we want the street infrastructure to do is provide the opportunity for Kent residents and business owners the ability to create that great place.
Measuring Up in a Time of Scrutiny

By Lt. Mike Lewis, Kent Police Department

In the weeks since the death of George Floyd, there has been a lot of discussion regarding police reform. Plans for reform have been introduced at the national, state and local levels. President Trump’s “Safe Policing for Safe Communities,” Governor DeWine’s “Plan for Meaningful Law Enforcement Reform,” and questions at the local level from our own community have given us the opportunity to show that Kent PD is already in substantial compliance with a number of police reform recommendations.

Overview of Reform:

In 2015, President Obama's task force on 21st Century Policing released recommendations for improving policing. In 2016, then Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine released mandatory training called Policing in the 21st Century. The timing and similar names was probably not a coincidence, and Kent PD completely complied with the attorney general's mandate.

After a number of high-profile police incidents, Ohio Governor Kasich in 2015 helped create a program called The Ohio Collaborative. The collaborative consists of a board of directors from various aspects of society and not all in law enforcement. The purpose was to create some police reform in the way of recommending policies and specifying what needs to be in those policies. Policies and procedures are not uniform across all police departments and some agencies are very lacking. Ohio Collaborative releases one or two topics each year that they strongly recommend Ohio police departments create a policy on. They immediately selected Use of Force and Recruiting and Hiring in 2016, and in the years since have selected topics like: Investigating Employee Misconduct, Vehicle Pursuits, Bias Free Policing and a few others. Kent PD was already well ahead of the curve and had very detailed policies on all of these subjects. We achieved certification, easily meeting their requirements.

Many citizens are unaware of the incredible disparity in police training and police policies across the country, and even within the state of Ohio. A recent news article shared that the state of Ohio requires more hours of training to be licensed as a barber than certified as a police officer. That is technically true, but every department is different when it comes to the training they provide their officers.

At Kent PD, every officer hired goes through the same rigorous field training program. Whether you are fresh out of the academy or you’ve been state certified and have five years of experience at another Ohio police department, you’re going through the same Kent PD training program and it can last as long as six months. Additionally, all Kent PD officers receive annual in-service training and attend schools or online trainings taught by outside instructors. We have had officers fail out of Kent PD training or resign in training who had already been police officers elsewhere. We have high standards.

Diversity in Our Department:

We agree with many in the community who would rank this as a priority and it has been important to us for a long time. Our recruiting efforts have increased our minority applicants for the past few years. Kent PD has one black officer, one black dispatcher, and six female officers. There are a lot of challenges in recruiting that are not easily overcome. Departments everywhere are struggling not just to find minorities, but anybody who wants to be a police officer. We receive phone calls from agencies that have only a dozen people take their civil service test and they ask us how we managed to get over 100 applicants in 2017 and 2019. It's not easy, and I fear the interest will only decrease, including (or perhaps especially) among minorities.

There are many components to our hiring process and it is challenging. Did you know that the education requirement to be a police officer in Ohio is a GED? That said, departments can set their own individual standard and some require an associate’s degree or even a bachelor’s degree just to apply. Can you imagine what that does to your applicant pool? It severely limits it and statistically speaking there is a racial disparity in education and college degrees. State civil service laws set the rules for bonus points awarded to applicants who have earned degrees, so that is out of our hands. We seek officers from all walks of life and do not require college degrees. However, we value and encourage education and offer up to 100% reimbursement for college education earned while working for this department.

Continuing Professional Training:

Continuing training can be expensive and I’ve stated there are large disparities in police training. We have always been very
Unless state guidelines have changed since I’ve written this article, you should be able purchase an alcoholic beverage at one of our downtown establishments that has a liquor permit and enjoy it while you’ll stroll around our beautiful downtown. This is because a team of downtown stakeholders including Main Street Kent, downtown business leaders and City administration worked as a team to prepare an application to City Council to create a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) and council approved the application during the July 17th full council meeting.

The DORA is a program that was created by the state in 2005 to allow cities in Ohio to enhance a business district by designating it as a DORA and creating another way for residents to enjoy their city and another reason for non-residents to visit the city to generate additional revenue for bars and restaurants along with for the city. Initially a city had to have a population in excess of 50,000 residents and Kent did not qualify but the guidelines were changed in 2017 allowing smaller cities to create one DORA in their community.

Collectively, we have been looking at creating a DORA for about two years now but a couple recent factors related to the COVID-19 pandemic convinced us that now was the time to act. First, with the occupancy levels in bars and restaurants greatly reduced to meet social distancing guidelines, they needed an additional revenue stream to assist in maintaining financial viability. Second, for residents of and visitors to the City who are more sensitive to social distancing, the DORA allows them to spread out throughout the 33.25 acres that the DORA encompasses to make them feel more comfortable.

To help us be responsible in operating the DORA, please be aware of the following rules:

- The DORA is in operation from noon to 10pm, seven days a week with “last DORA call” at 9:30pm.
- You must get a yellow DORA wristband at your first stop and wear it until you have completed your DORA experience. This wristband indicates you are an adult.
- A DORA beverage from one establishment cannot be taken into another establishment. There will be recycling containers at each establishment to facilitate this.
- Do not leave the DORA boundaries with a beverage at any time. The kiosks in downtown will each have a map showing the boundaries plus there will be signs at the entrances/exits of the DORA.

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Alcoholic beverages purchased outside of the DORA cannot be consumed within the DORA boundaries unless it is in a private residence.

Some retail and service establishments will welcome DORA drinks inside and others will not. Please look for a window sticker to indicate their preference and please respect their wishes.

More information on the CORA can be found at mainstreetkent.org/DORA.

Council passed the DORA legislation as a 90-day test and will evaluate the results in October to determine if any modifications need to be made or if the DORA should be disbanded. If no substantial negative events have occurred, then council could choose to extend the DORA indefinitely. Currently, there are 25 DORAs in Ohio and we are not aware of any having significant problems and, to our knowledge, none have disbanded.

Again, unless state guidelines have changed since I’ve written this and you enjoy having an occasional alcoholic beverage, please consider patronizing one of local business by purchasing a DORA beverage and appreciating a stroll around our wonderful downtown or relaxing at Dan Smith Park, Hometown Plaza or the gazebo. Also, please take this opportunity to support our other small retail and service businesses in downtown as they are currently suffering from the lack of foot traffic. Also, it may give you a chance to forget about the pandemic at least for a short time.

The State of Ohio required Continuing Professional Training (CPT) for all law enforcement officers for a few consecutive years and helped fund that training, but that has not happened in the past few years.

In 2016, part of that CPT statewide was 8 hours of training called Policing in the 21st Century. This consisted of Use of Force, De-escalation with a Focus on Mental Health, Community-Police Relations and Implicit Bias training. This was done via webinar. In 2017, CPT training included Trauma Informed Policing (6 hours), Practical Application of Force (4 hours), Blue Courage or Procedural Justice (4 hours) and a Legal Update (2 hours). When it comes to training, departments are usually on their own, but Kent PD fairs pretty well.

Body-worn cameras:

The Kent Police Department does not presently have body-worn cameras. We are not at all against the idea, and most officers would be in favor of wearing body cameras. The concern is mostly the significant expense. In 2015 and 2016, Kent Police conducted research and made presentations to a number of community groups to gauge the community’s feelings about purchasing body cameras. There was not a strong push for cameras at that time, and estimates to implement the program were as much as $222,076 with a 5-year contract (Axon).

We are learning even more about body cameras now that they have been around for several years. Results of a study released in 2017 showed that 2,600 police body-worn cameras worn by officers in Washington D.C. had essentially no effect on the number of citizen complaints against police or the number of police use of force incidents. In most cases, body cameras end up being another tool for law enforcement, far more so than exposing illegal behavior of police officers. Of the departments that have discontinued their use of body cameras, every one of them cited cost as the reason. Kent Police recognizes the mutual benefits of body-worn cameras in the transparency as well as the protection for officers against false allegations of misconduct.

We are proud of our department and proud of the fact that we have already successfully satisfied so many recommendations for police reform. However, we do not rest on our achievements and we are always looking to improve and make our community proud of their police department.
New Fire Prevention Officer, New Firefighters in 2020
By Captain Dave Moore, Kent Fire Department

There have been some recent changes at the Kent Fire Department. First of all, please welcome our newest Fire Prevention Officer, Lieutenant Shawn Baynes. Shawn has been a Firefighter and a Paramedic with the Fire Department since 1999, and has been a member of the Portage County Water Rescue Team for more than ten years. Shawn will work with Lt. Jeff Tyler in performing fire safety inspections, building plan reviews, public fire and safety education, and code enforcement. If you have any questions, or need the Fire Prevention Bureau, please call (330) 676-7390 or (330) 676-7389.

Also, we welcomed two new firefighters this summer, Jordan Bedell and Francesco "Frisco" Fioritto. Jordan grew up in Kent, graduating from Kent Roosevelt High School in 2010. He spent the past three years with the Akron Fire Department gaining experience as a Firefighter/Paramedic. Jordan has always wanted to work for his hometown fire department and give back to the community in a meaningful way. Frisco has been a member of the Kirtland Fire Department and has worked at Community Care Ambulance for the past four years. He looks forward to moving to Kent and serving the Kent community. We are glad to add these two gentlemen to the Kent Fire Department family.

Fire Prevention week:
October 4th to 10th

Since 1922, the National Fire Protection Association has sponsored Fire Prevention Week, and in 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed it a national observance, making it the longest running public health observance in our country. Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8th, 1871. This fire killed 300 people, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,400 structures. In the aftermath of this fire though, great strides were made in things like improved building construction techniques, better building materials such as fire-resistant structural steel, masonry and glass, and of course improved fire and building codes.

It has been these improved codes that have saved countless lives and property. This is the real reason we celebrate Fire Prevention week near the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, not to commemorate the tragedy, but to celebrate the innovations made since then which have made all our lives safer not only for those who live in Chicago, but for all who live in this great country.
Sustainability Commission
Putting Your Gardens to Bed
By Al Barber, Portage Master Gardener Volunteer

What should you do in the fall when your flowers have faded and vegetables and fruits have been picked? To answer this question we will turn to some professional and amateur gardeners with many years of experience.

Rebecca Krans, Michigan State University
Making sure plants receive adequate moisture during fall will help reduce extra stress and possible death of plant tissue during the winter months. Sufficient water is especially important during fall months as this is the reserve that the plant’s roots will rely on for uptake during winter. Harsh winter winds cause additional loss of water from the surface of evergreen needles. If the plant doesn’t have enough reserve water in the ground for the roots to draw up and replace this lost water, then death of plant tissue occurs. With newly planted trees and shrubs, adequate water is even more important to reduce the chance of additional stress through winter. Make sure to thoroughly water in newly planted trees and shrubs; water so that the entire planting hole is moistened.

Beth Young, Ohio State Extension, Butler County
• Soil Testing: If you find out now that your soil needs help you can apply those recommended amendments in the fall and they have all winter to work their way into the soil.
• Fall cultivation: I always try to till my gardens in the fall. Fall tilling disturbs the life cycles of insects by exposing those underground grubs, and pupae to sun, birds and freezing temperatures. Fall tilling keeps your soil loose and friable and is a real help for an easy till in the spring. Winter’s freezes and thaws will break up any churned-up clods.
• Sowing fall cover crops: I sew some of my garden areas in winter rye. Cover crop roots improve soil structure and provide spring compost material that can be mowed and then tilled back into the soil in the spring.
• Fall is a great time to tend to tools: Round up your garden tools, clean the dirt off with a wire brush, if needed. Oil them with vegetable oil to keep them from rusting and store them in the garden shed. Drain and store your hoses, watering cans and sprinklers before the first freeze damages them. Drain or run out all the gasoline from lawn mowers, and tillers. This will prevent water from condensing in the gas tanks over winter.
• Saving seeds and digging up tender bulbs: Remember to save seeds from your favorite non-hybrid plants. Tender bulbs including cannas and gladiolus need to be dug up and stored where they will not freeze. I pack mine in boxes of sawdust and keep them in an area that does not get cold enough to freeze.
• Bring your garden journal up to date: I keep a journal of my garden year so I know what I want to try again and those items that I want to remove from my list. Think about all the joy your garden has given you this year. Reflect on your successes and what you could have done better. Then, close your eyes and dream about those seed catalogues that will be arriving in December and January for next spring!

More tips from local Portage County Master Gardeners……..

Laura Davis
We put leaves a foot deep for our no-till garden. Also, I left my small covered frame—made in an MG session led by Gary Kasper—over the last 2010 cabbage. It’s a great leafy plant right now providing fresh produce for my morning frittata and stir fries.

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News from Utility Billing:

**REMINDER:**
On-Line Payment of your Utility Bill is available!
You can make payments with credit card or e-check at https://kentohio.ezsecure pay.com, without having to pay a convenience fee. An email receipt option will be presented at the end of your transaction. You will need your Utility account number when first registering your on-line payment profile.

When taking vacations, it is a good idea to turn off outside spigots at the inside shut off valve. This prevents vandals from turning on your spigots and letting them run.

Senior/Disabled Citizen Discount
The water and sewer will be discounted by 20% if the income guidelines fall within these ranges, annual household income not to exceed:
Single: $27,950, Married: $31,950 with proof of annual income, and proof of age (62 or older) or disability.

The homeowner would simply need to fill out a form and provide proof of income and age or disability to our office and the discount would be applied to the next bill. Call 330-678-8104 for more information.

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**Putting Your Gardens to Bed**

**Nadine Hawkins**
When cleaning out dead annuals and perennials, be sure to leave some seed heads for the birds in winter. And others just for interest in the winter landscape. When cleaning the vegetable beds, don’t pull up plants with extensive roots, i.e. tomatoes, as you disturb all the microorganisms they have grown around the roots.

**Lynn Vogel**
Well, few people go to bed in the winter without a cover! Laura’s leaf idea is a great way to reduce winter weeds. I use a lot of leaves in my garden. Also, mowing fall leaves to reduce size and bagging them for the winter makes for easy, early, free ‘mulch’ around vegetables the following spring – mixing spring grass clippings with the shredded leaves is even more bang for the buck you didn’t spend. A winter-kill mixed species cover crop is one of the best things I’ve done in my garden for the winter. Depending on your site conditions, it might take a few repeated winter covers to realize a significant improvement.

Yards – mulching fall leaves into the grass is also helpful to reduce weeds. Mulching blades on your mower or they even make mulching mowers.

Flowers – don’t clean up too much. Leaving hollow flower stalks and a little debris at the base is good for the bees that have made their provisioning. Don’t clean up too early in the spring, to give the overwintering bees a chance to emerge. End of the season is a great time for a soil test.

**Judy Novak-Hrdy**
I use shredded leaves on my garden in the fall. I also add fully cooked compost at that time, then let it sit all winter, and dig down in the spring.

**Debbie Barber**
Fall cleanup needs to include preserving habitat for our little friends whom we need for pollination, and to preserve various at-risk species. Just pretend you are a teeny, tiny child and you want to play hide and seek. Where would you hide? Maybe in a hollow stalk of hydrangea, or perhaps under an upside down flower pot. You might get hungry and want that last little seed from your cone flowers or parsley. Or, what about that bucket lying on its side by the shed? Think about how to provide habitat instead of how neat you can make your yard. Spring will come soon enough.

For the full article and resources visit: https://kentenvironment.org/?p=1229
CARES ACT FUNDING
By Kathy Petsko, Grants & Neighborhood Programs Coordinator

The City of Kent received a supplemental allocation of $178,696.00 in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds will be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus. The City has entered into an agreement with the nonprofit agency, Family & Community Services, to provide the following needed services in the Kent community:

- Meal delivery for individuals who are COVID-19 positive or in a CDC designated high-risk group;
- Facilities sanitation for buildings that provide supportive services for those in need, including at Kent Social Services Food Pantry, Miller Emergency Homeless Shelter, Freedom House Veterans Emergency Shelter, and Safer Futures Domestic Violence Shelter;
- The acquisition of Personal Protective Equipment for staff providing direct service delivery in the community for the various supportive service programs;
- Provision of additional perishable goods to support the increased demand at the Kent Social Services Food Pantry due to COVID-19.

CARES funds also have been allocated to the establishment of a Small Business Assistance Program through the City of Kent Community Development Department to aid small businesses that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19.

SAVE THE DATE
KENT CREATIVITY FESTIVAL
By Kathy Petsko, Grants & Neighborhood Programs Coordinator

September 26, 2020, the fourth Saturday of the month, has been tentatively reserved for a scaled-back version of the annual Kent Creativity Festival (KCF). Rather than cancel this year’s KCF due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, Kent State University faculty, City of Kent staff and community partners have been brainstorming to create a version of the KCF that will address public health and safety concerns and still provide an educational, interactive, community arts experience.

Look for more information to come!
Send a tip anonymously to Kent Police

The Kent Police Department is pleased to announce the implementation of a cell phone and web based application which allows citizens to submit anonymous tips to us.

This service is being provided to the public for non-emergency use. It is not meant to be used as a substitute for calling 911 in emergency situations. In the event of an emergency, you should always dial 911. If your situation is not an emergency, but still requires an officer to respond, you may dial our non-emergency phone number at 330-673-7732.

For more information and ways to submit tips anonymously, visit our Tip411 page, https://www.kentohio.org/674/Tip411.

Tips for Discarding your Unwanted Medications

Have you ever wondered what to do with your unused, unwanted or expired medications? Don’t allow your medicine cabinet to become cluttered with unusable, unnecessary medications. There are easy, safe ways to dispose of all kinds of medications.

One option is to mix unused pills, capsules and liquid medications with an undesirable substance such as kitty litter or used coffee grounds. Place the mixture inside of a sealable plastic bag or other container, and throw the sealed container away with your weekly trash.

Another option is to use the 24-hour drop box designated for unwanted medications located behind the Kent Police Department at 301 S. Depeyster Street. This drop box allows residents anonymity when disposing of unwanted/unused medications. The drop box does not accept injectable solutions or needles, nor does it accept illegal substances such as marijuana or methamphetamines. Be sure to scratch off all personal information on your prescription labels before you throw them away to ensure that your health information remains private.

DO NOT flush unused medications unless the label specifically instructs you to do so!

If you are still unsure of how to dispose of your unused medications, ask your local pharmacist.

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Child Immunization Clinics Held Monthly

Is your child fully immunized? Immunizing children on time is the best protection against dangerous childhood diseases. Vaccines protect children against potentially disabling and life-threatening diseases such as hepatitis B, pertussis (whooping cough), diphtheria, tetanus, haemophilus influenzae B, pneumococcal infections (meningitis), measles, mumps, rubella, rotavirus, chicken pox, polio, and human papilloma virus.

The Kent City Health Department works closely with the Portage County Health Department to provide child immunizations every month.

When: Every 3 Wednesday of each month
3:00 - 5:00pm
Where: 414 East Main Street
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY call 330.298.4490
Who: All children, 2 months- age 18 years
Cost: $10 per shot, FREE to those who can’t pay!
Medicaid, Buckeye, Care Source, and United Health accepted

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Kent’s Outreach to those in Need

Family & Community Services provides food, emergency housing and useable clothing at no charge through the following services:

Kent Social Services
1066 S. Water Street – 330.673.6963
KSS is the only hot meal site in Kent. Meals served weekdays 11:30 am to 12:15 pm except Thursday (4 to 5:15 pm) – Sunday 5 to 6 p.m. (except for the third Sunday)
The Lord’s Pantry distributes basic grocery staples once a month to families and individuals who meet federal income eligibility requirements. Call for eligibility and pick-up. Donations accepted include perishable and non-perishable food, personal hygiene products, gift cards and other items. Facebook: Kent Social Services

Miller Community House
1211 Anita Drive - Kent
Miller Community House provides emergency shelter and supportive services to men, women and children. Donations accepted include bedding (twin size), towels, pillows, groceries and gas gift cards. Hours: 24/7 - 365 days a year. Volunteers: YES. Facebook: Miller Community House

Freedom House
1213 Anita Drive - Kent
Freedom House provides emergency shelter and supportive services to male veterans. Donations accepted include bedding (twin size), towels, pillows, groceries and gas gift cards. Hours: 24/7 - 365 days a year.
Volunteers: YES.
Facebook: Freedom House Kent

The Phyllis Zumkehr Portage County Clothing Center
3377 State Route 59 - Ravenna
This facility offers gently used clothing and household items as available at no cost. Donations accepted include men’s, women’s, and children’s clothing, baby items, maternity clothes, uniforms, plus sizes, shoes, bedding, silverware, pots and pans and other kitchen items. NOTE: Clothing and other donated items should be in wearable or workable condition. Hours: M-F 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Tues-Thurs. evenings 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Volunteers: YES

Family & Community Services – 330.297.7027
http://fcsserves.org
Get Outside and Enjoy Your Parks
By Kent Parks and Recreation

Outside spaces remain open. Our parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, skate park, nature trails, walking/bike trails, river access, and ponds all remain open for hiking, biking, skateboarding, sports play, in-river play, fishing, birdwatching and whatever activity you enjoy in the great outdoors. Our parks have always served as places to get away and rejuvenate your mind and spirit. Kent Parks and Recreation has over 350 acres of park land and many locations are an easy walk for residents in our community. We encourage everyone to get outside and enjoy some fresh air, enjoy nature and explore the sights and sounds of the natural world.

Our park and recreation professionals are still working hard to keep the parks safe, clean, accessible and a benefit to our community during these trying times. We are concerned about your health so honor hand washing, social distancing, mask wearing when appropriate and all of the other safety precautions recommended by health officials.

Keep your spirits high and get outside.

Please Note The Important Dates Coming Up:
Trick or Treat in the City of Kent will be Sunday, October 25th from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Remember to turn your front porch lights ON if you plan to participate.

The holiday shopping season is right around the corner. For the fifth year in a row, Mayor Jerry Fiala has declared FREE parking on Friday, November 27th & Thursday, December 24th. Together with the Kent Area Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Kent and College Town Kent, Fiala is promoting SHOP LOCAL...EAT LOCAL! “This is just a small way of giving back, and encouraging people to support Kent’s small businesses and small business owners,” said Fiala. Bring your shopping list and appetite, and park FREE while you SHOP & EAT LOCAL on November 29th & December 24th.

Visit the City of Kent’s new website!
https://www.kentohio.org

PulsePoint empowers everyday citizens to provide lifesaving assistance to victims of sudden cardiac arrest. Download PulsePoint:
https://www.pulsepoint.org/download
SPECIAL EVENTS

VIRTUAL ART IN THE PARK:
Due to pandemic guidelines, the traditional Art in the Park festival: typically held in Fred Fuller Park following Labor Day, will experience a virtual make-over! Visit the KPR webpage to take a tour of our 2020 Art in the Park Artists and their work. KPR employees wish we could see your smiling faces in person, but we hope this virtual event will help to bring our community together during this difficult time. Thank you for your understanding.

WHEN: August 1 - September 13
WHERE: www.kentparksandrec.com/annual-events/art-in-the-park

CHILDREN’S MUSICAL THEATRE OF KENT: Participating children will learn dancing, choreography, singing, instrumental skills, acting and socialization. This theatre program is truly a unique experience for the children performing live on a stage! 4th - 12th grades must audition in October.
WHEN: October 2020 - February 2021
WHERE: The Kent Stage
WHO: 1st - 12th grades
COST: $210 (res), $218 (non res)
DEADLINE: Friday, September 25

KENT P&R FITNESS CENTER

MARCUM’S MARTIAL ARTS: This traditionally structured program teaches students the tools for success, leadership skills, fitness and conditioning, self defense, stress management, conflict management and self defense. 8 week session.
WHEN: Session 5: August 26 - October 14; Session 6: October 21-December 16 (No class on Nov. 25), 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. 8 week sessions.
WHERE: Kent P&R Fitness Center
WHO: 7 years - Adults
COST: $62 (res), $70 (non res)
DEADLINE: The Friday before each session

“ON TARGET” FENCING: Learn fencing from head coach Tom Nagy! Classes will focus on techniques with footwork, skills specific to each class level, and bouting practice. 6 week session.
WHEN: Session 4: September 26 - November 7. Saturdays; Beginners from 2:30-4 p.m. Intermediate 4 -5:30 p.m.
WHERE: Kent P&R Fitness Center
WHO: 8 years to adults
COST: $80 res. / $88 non res.
DEADLINE: Wednesday, September 23

ADULT PROGRAMS

FALL ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES: Tuesday, Friday & Sunday leagues available! 5 weeks plus tournament.
WHEN: Games Mid September - Mid October
WHERE: Kramer Fields (600 Stow St)
WHO: Men & Co-ed
COST: $375/team
DEADLINE: Returning teams “early bird” by Aug 14; Open to public Aug 17

SOCCER LEAGUE: Youth Soccer program offers Recreational, Semi Travel, & Travel leagues.
WHEN: Aug - Oct
WHERE: Kent Soccer Fields & surrounding towns
WHO: 4 - 12 years
COST: $52 - $117
DEADLINE: Travel - Friday, July 10; Rec/Semi-Travel - Friday, July 17

FLAG FOOTBALL: An exciting version of football, with no tackling to worry about! Join in for some fall outdoor fun! Last game is played at the KSU Football Stadium.
WHEN: September 12 - Last week in October
WHERE: Stonewater Field on Stonewater Dr.
WHO: 1st - 6th grades
COST: $77 (res), $85 (non res)
DEADLINE: Friday, August 7

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Please refer to the Kent Parks & Recreation website at www.kentparksandrec.com for the most up to date information regarding cancellations or date changes.
Yard Waste Transfer Site Info
Located at the entrance to Plum Creek Park

Days and Hours of Operation
Please check the City of Kent website for current hours of operation and information on loading and/or delivery of ground yard waste material at https://www.kentohio.org

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
• Unauthorized equipment prohibited on premises

The City of Kent Yard Waste Regulations
Transfer Site is available to all Kent residents and monitored by City staff and video camera to protect against regulation violations and non-resident use. When asked by City of Kent staff, residents using the YWTS shall present proof of residency (drivers license or current water bill). Unauthorized equipment is prohibited on premises.

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

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

Acceptable Materials List
Please review BEFORE attempting to deliver to the site!

Accepted
Brush
Grass
Firewood
Leaves
Weeds
Any type of yard waste

NOT Accepted
NO lumber or wood pallets
NO construction debris
NO trash of any kind
NO plastic bags of any kind
NO logs/stumps
NO full trees
NO large root balls
NO railroad ties

Haymaker Farmers’ Market – Downtown Kent
Please refer to the website (haymakermarket.com) for up to date location, time, and days.

The Haymaker Farmers’ Market is a producers-only market for the Kent-area producers of local foods and farm crafts, bringing the best food to you every week of the year! Fresh produce, baked goods, meats, eggs, cheese, preserves, honey, maple, sweet treats, fresh roasted coffee, body products, food trucks, and much more! Approximately 40 vendors each week with an ever changing seasonal mix of products will have something for everyone. We welcome the Ohio Direction Card as well as credit/debit cards, and offer a weekly $10 Produce Perks match for SNAP customers for the purchase of fresh fruit and vegetables. The Haymaker Farmers’ Market provides a connection between producers of local food and the community by creating a vibrant and sustainable gathering place promoting direct access to fresh and prepared food, agricultural and environmental education and the arts.
Draft Authorization Form for Utility Bill

Save check writing, postage and/or personal trips to City Hall!

3 Simple Steps to Automatic Bill Payment...

1. Clip, complete and sign this form
2. Enclose a VOIED check or saving deposit slip
3. Mail to: City of Kent Utility Department
   930 Overholt Road
   Kent, Ohio 44240

I authorize the City of Kent Utility Billing Division to automatically deduct the monthly payment of my utility bills from my checking/saving account on or about the 15th of the month. If the 15 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, my account will be charged the previous Friday for the amount of my utility bill.

I understand that I control my payments. Should I decide to discontinue this payment service, I agree to notify the City of Kent in writing, at least 10 days prior to the billing date.

I have read the above statements and fully understand that by signing this agreement, I authorize the City of Kent to debit and/or credit my checking/savings account as necessary to reconcile my utility payment.

_________________________________________  ____________________________  ____________________
Signature                                    Date                                Phone Number

Name ___________________________________________  ____________________________
as it appears on your bill

Name ___________________________________________  ____________________________
If other than as it appears on your bill

Mailing Address ________________________________

Account Number ________________________________  ____________________________
as it appears on your bill

Service Address ________________________________  ____________________________
as it appears on your bill

Financial Institution ________________________________

Checking/Saving Account Number ________________________________
Include a voided check when using a checking account, or a deposit slip for savings account only

Office Use Only

Entered (initials) __________  Date _________________
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Fall 2020 Brush Collection Program

The City of Kent’s Central Maintenance Division collects brush at the curb twice each year. The 2020 Fall Brush Collection Program will commence Monday, September 28, 2020.

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Please see pages 22 and 23 to reference your street’s location.

Residents are asked to place brush at the curb or edge of street before Monday of their street’s scheduled week to ensure collection.

Crews will make only one pass down each street during the scheduled week.

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

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

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

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

Brush is collected at the curb during 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 check the City of Kent’s website at www.kentohio.org for the current hours of operation for the Yard Waste Transfer Site or call the Service Department at 330-678-8105.

If you have questions or comments please call the Service Department at 330.678.8105.
Fall 2020 Leaf Collection Program

The 2020 Leaf Collection Program will commence November 2nd, 2020 and end December 11th, 2020.

Leaves will not be picked up during the Spring of 2021.

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.

LOOSE LEAVES
Resident's 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 pick up. 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 22 and page 23. 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 11th 2020.

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

Please remember that the Leaf Collection Program ends December 11th, 2020 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.

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.
City of Kent

Brush & Leaf Collection 2020

NORTHEAST

September 28 - October 2

Anna Avenue
Beechmont Place
Beechwold Drive
Birchwood Circle
Brady Street
Burns Court
Burr Oak Drive
Carthage Street
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
Hornig 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
(Tea of Hudson Rd)
Temple Avenue
Tonkin Street
University Avenue
Virginia Avenue
Walter Street
Water Street, N
Willow Street, N & S
Wilson Avenue
Wolcott Avenue
Woodhill Drive
Woodside Drive

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Brush & Leaf Collection 2020

SOUTHEAST

October 5 - October 9

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
Jayanne 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
City of Kent

Brush & Leaf Collection 2020

October 12 - October 16

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
Longcay 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 Drive
Robert Drive
Rockwell Street
Rollins Circle
Roy Marsh Drive
Shady Lakes Drive
Shorewood Circle
Stonewater Drive
Sunset Street (West of Hudson Rd)
Sunset Way Circle & Blvd
Verona Avenue
Whetstone Drive
Whitwood Drive
Whittier Drive
Windward Lane
Woodard Avenue
Wrens Hollow Circle

City of Kent

Brush & Leaf Collection 2020

October 19 - October 23

SOUTHWEST

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